



Italian language, culture, and cuisine

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Siena is
HERITAGE

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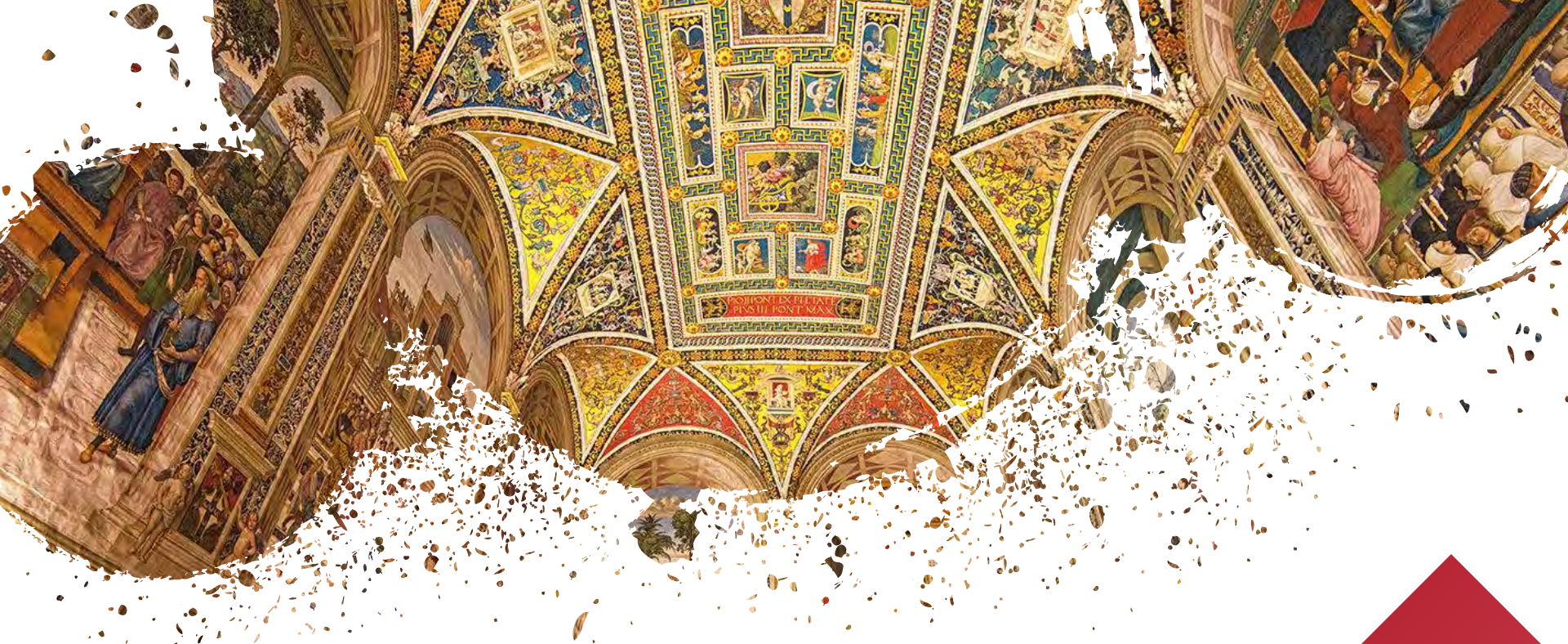
A TREASURE IN TUSCANY

Siena is immersed in breathtaking views of the countryside, traveled over the centuries by **pilgrims, merchants and travelers**. **Cradle of civilization**, the Sienese area is famous in the world for wines and food products. Living a study experience in Siena means **learning through the five senses**.

Siena is 1 hour far away from Florence - 3 hours far away from Rome.

An Italian experience!





SIENA, UNESCO HERITAGE

Defined as “*a masterpiece resulting from inventiveness and dedication in the way architecture is designed and embedded into the urban structure*”, Siena is the Gothic Dream in the heart of Tuscany.

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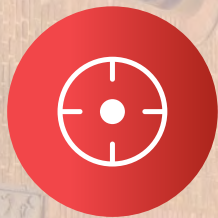






Dante Siena
MISSION & VISION

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MISSION

DA SIENA *statement*

DA SIENA aims to be an **International Italian Piazza**, where students meet new-found friends sharing the same love for Italian language and culture. This can be reached only in a **personalized learning atmosphere**, tailored to each student's needs and wishes.

DA SIENA aims to be a preeminent institution of a multicultural student body by bringing together the best of all cultures and societies in a real **cross-cultural learning environment**.

DA SIENA welcomes also students' applications from colleges, universities and academic institutions with an interest in studying abroad for a semester, quarter, summer, or short terms. The principal aim of the **Admissions Policy of DA Siena** is to offer admission to students, **irrespective of social, racial, religious, and sexual orientation considerations**.



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PREMISES & SERVICES

SOME FIGURES:

25 classrooms

- Historical building
- Center located
- Well-lit classrooms
- Recreation room and piano
- In-house Internet and WI-FI connection

24 hr assistance

- Pre-departure skype sessions
- Staff meets and welcomes on arrivals
- Orientation upon arrival
- Emergency assistance

40 yrs experience

- highly qualified teachers
- Caring and expert administrative staff
- A student's issue is always a Team's issue
- English style organization with an Italian heart



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The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.

— St. Augustine



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COURSES & PROGRAMS

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Starting dates for Absolute Beginners



Starting dates are compulsory for
Absolute Beginners only!



Students with some knowledge of Italian can
start every Monday. **On-line placement test.**

Jan: 10, 24
Feb: 7, 28
Mar: 21
Apr: 4, 11
May: 2, 16 ,30
Jun:13, 20, 27
Jul: 4, 11, 18,
25
Aug: 1, 8, 22
Sep: 5, 19
Oct: 3, 17
Nov: 7, 28
Dic: -

Standard - G8

This popular language course consists of **20 group lessons per week**. Lessons run in the mornings leaving the afternoons free to participate in the **Culture and Social program**. This course is designed for those who are looking for a good combination of studying **and relaxing**.



Combined - C4/C8

These courses are designed for those who wish to make the most of the opportunity to learn the language through a **combination of group and individual lessons**. Just as in the Standard course these courses consists of 20 group lessons per week **plus 4 or 8 individual lessons** per week in the afternoons.



COURSES

Long-term courses

Taking a long-term course is one of the most effective and **economical way to develop fluency in Italian**, the perfect way to make the most of your time abroad! When you study with us for a Trimester or Semester you will be able to take every opportunity to **perfect your Italian** both in the classroom and in the city.

Learn Italian intensively from 12 to 24 weeks.

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PROGRAMS

The Gothic Dream

Students who are looking for a **gap year of new experience**. The world has opened its doors and windows to everyone and this is why we, at the Dante Alighieri in Siena, were inspired to create these Italian cultural programs. **History and art of Siena are unveiled.**



Siena Magnifica

Through our *Siena Magnifica* course you will learn and improve Italian language, learn "hands-on" about the history and art of Siena and also **learn the secrets of Siena cuisine**. The aim of the course is to broaden the students knowledge and appreciation of Siena and its beauty through classroom instruction, **hands-on cooking, on-site lessons with visits to museums and places of particular interest.**



Language & Cooking

The name says it all! This course consists of **Intensive Italian Language classes as well as hands-on cooking classes**. You will be able to make the most of your time during your weekdays in Siena and have **weekends free to explore** on your own the beautiful region of Tuscany or why not even other regions of Italy!

Cooking **COURSES**

Exclusively hands on course

Large professional kitchen

100% Italian Master Chefs

A background photograph of a kitchen where several people are engaged in cooking. In the foreground, a woman in a green shirt and white apron is focused on a task on a wooden cutting board. Behind her, other individuals are also working at the counter. The scene is brightly lit, and the atmosphere appears to be one of a busy, collaborative culinary environment.

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**Spring
cuisine**

2

**Summer
taste**

3

**Intensive
culinary
program**

Be a Chef for a day!

*Single-day culinary
lessons available
from Monday to
Friday*



DAILY PLAN

900
students

The administrative and teaching force at **DANTE ALIGHIERI SIENA** is composed of a highly specialized international team. Professors with experience in teaching **Italian language** are also specialized in different areas of the **Italian culture**. The administrative Staff serves the student community at its best for the **best** result of the study abroad experiences in Italy.

9:10 ~ 1:00 pm

Italian language

Average of 10 students per class studying Italian language.

5:00 ~ 7:00 pm

Social activities

Join our Piazza and enjoy the social activity program speaking Italian.

2:00 ~ 3:40 pm

Italian Culture

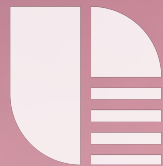
Study Italian culture in the most magnificent class: Siena.

5:30 ~ 9:30 pm

Cooking sessions

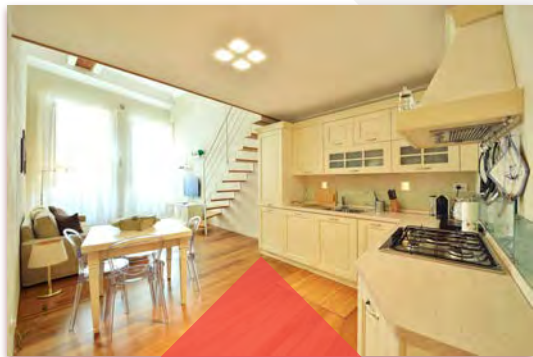
Under the guidance of a chef, cook and taste a complete Italian menu!





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COMFORTABLE ACCOMMODATION

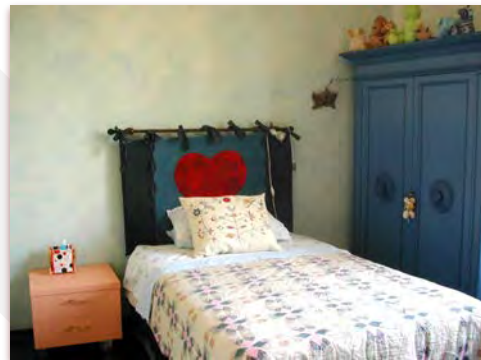
On request **DA Siena** Accommodation Office can forward quotations for villas, self-independent apartments and hotels.

Most popular

ACCOMMODATIONS

Single or double rooms in homestay
or shared apartments

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WHAT PAST STUDENTS SAY

Paul Catchlove

Australia



The best Italian language school!
The staff are amazing and there is a wonderful programme of events organised by the school to complement your studies and make your time as enjoyable as possible!

Brooke Allen

United Kingdom



I had the wonderful opportunity to study at Dante Alighieri in Siena for three months. I can't express the amazing welcome and care given to me during my stay. The staff were fantastic and the studies were challenging and informative. I would recommend this establishment to anyone interested in studying abroad in Italy. It is easily the best experience of my life.

Roni Kroter

Switzerland



The School is very nice. It is a familiar school who tries to show you the live in Siena. So if you like to learn to cook like an Italian, you can learn it on the school. If you like to make some vine tours, they organize it for you they also help me to make some voluntary work for people who need help. They have not to big classes so you can improve faster and more individual. It was a great experience for me. I can really recommend it.

Monica Layton

Argentine



La scuola Dante Alighieri di Siena è veramente eccezionale. Gli insegnanti e il personale di segreteria sono molto simpatici e gli studenti imparano la lingua italiana in forma molto naturale e divertente. Ci sono anche delle attività culturali, come per esempio visite ai musei delle contrade senese.

Dey Sa Ra

Colombia



I studied in this school 10 years ago and again 6 years ago. The teachers team is very professional and kind. I had lots of beautiful days in there and I made great friends. Now I live in Siena and I keep my friendship also with the school. I absolutely recommend this place!!!

Mackenzie Palmer

USA



I spent my fall semester here and I couldn't have asked for a better experience. Everyone is so wonderful and caring. Really great environment at Dante.

Read more on



Percentage of students who booked
homestay in 2018



- **First come first served**
- **Homestays available 73**
- **Double rooms available only for students travelling together**

SINGLE ROOM

First week **270€**

Any extra week **250€**

DOUBLE ROOM

First week **230€**
per person

Any extra week **200€**
per person

HOMESTAY SOLUTIONS



Carefully selected

DA SIENA Accommodation Office carefully selects and monitors the homestays.



Meals included

Continental breakfasts and dinners are included in the cost.



Neverending lessons

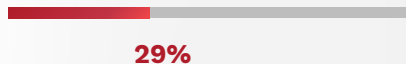
Living in a homestay means being able to talk the Italian language for as long as you want.



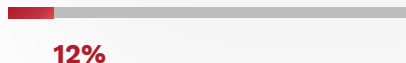
Culture experience

Living with native Italians means getting a cultural first-hand experience about Siena, Italian heritage, and food.

Percentage of students who booked shared apartments in 2018



Private apartments, Villas, hotels



- **First come first served**
- **Homestays available 73**
- **Double rooms Available for students travelling together only**

SINGLE ROOM

First week **210€**

Any extra week **140€**

DOUBLE ROOM

First week **150€**
per person

Any extra week **130€**
per person

SHARED APARTMENT SOLUTIONS



Be independent

This kind of accommodation is suitable for those who want to live more independently.



Cooking facilities

All the shared apartments are provided with furnished kitchen and you can cook your meals at home.



Walk to school

All shared apartments are walking distance to **DA SIENA** and the city center.



Utilities included

Utilities (i.e. electricity, heating, water, etc.) are included above: no extra costs and no bad surprises!



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SOCIAL LIFE

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SOCIAL *activities*



*Attending an
International Piazza
means
living together afterschool!*

- Walks, run, bike rides in or outside city;
- Pizza and gelato parties;
- A rich program of enjoyable cultural and fun activities for students' free time.





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**LIVE WITH YOUR
ITALIAN TEACHER**

Home Tuition program

CURA DI VETRALLA, Viterbo

and the “Tuscia” area



ALL INCLUSIVE PROGRAM

Choosing a *Home tuition program* is probably the best way to improve your Italian quickly, effectively and enjoyably.

ACCOMMODATION

Full- board **INCLUDED**, with continental breakfast, lunch and dinner in a small private apartment with a private bathroom and kitchenette.



This Italian immersion program in **Cura di Vetralla** offers a wonderful opportunity to improve your knowledge of the Italian language and culture in the comfort of a welcoming Italian home. The lessons will be designed specifically for you according to your needs, age, level of Italian, and personal interests. You will find yourself totally immersed in a typical Italian-speaking environment and learn in a relaxed atmosphere, with the undivided attention of your professor.





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ITALIAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM IN ISCHIA

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BLUE WEEK PROGRAM

On the island of Ischia



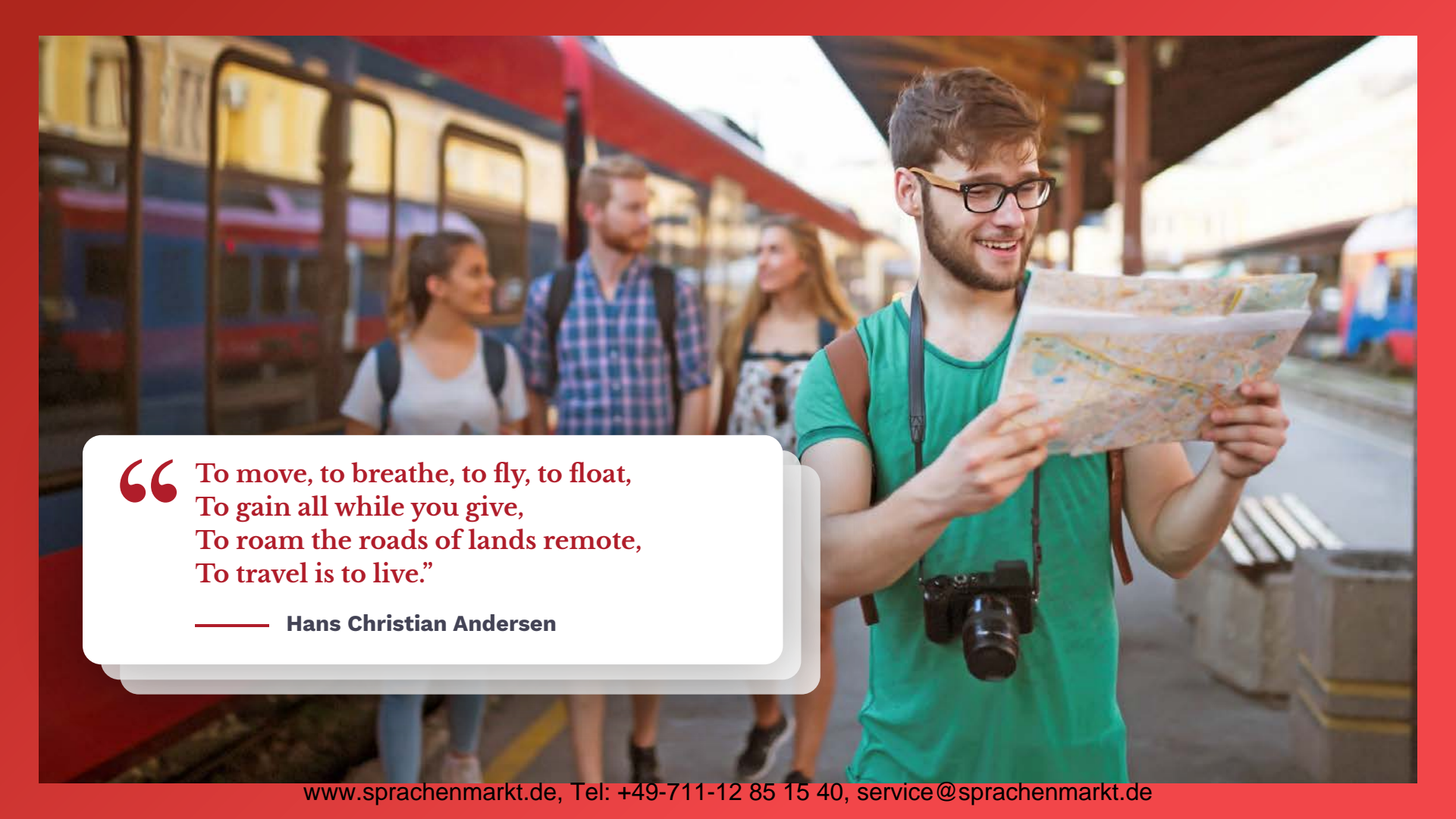
Dr. Eduardo Cocciardo: Program Coordinator

Besides being a teacher of Italian language and culture, Eduardo Cocciardo is also writer, actor, theatre and film director.

After graduating at the *Università di Siena* he has studied with the likes of Lello Arena and Dario Fo. He is the author of numerous comedies and short movies.

Along with his cooperation with DA Siena, Eduardo also teaches acting, dramaturgy and creative writing at the *Accademia dei Ragazzi* in Forio d'Ischia. He will hold his lessons in the open air and will also accompany you on fascinating historical and cultural tours, telling you about the secrets of the place, its long history and its amazing legends.





“ To move, to breathe, to fly, to float,
To gain all while you give,
To roam the roads of lands remote,
To travel is to live.”

— Hans Christian Andersen



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TESTIMONIALS



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A different language
is a different vision of life.

— Federico Fellini



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We're here for you!



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