

## CENTRO FIORENZA

Italian Language and Culture Courses

Florence and the Island of Elba



# A SCHOOL WITH A VIEW

**SINCE 1982** 



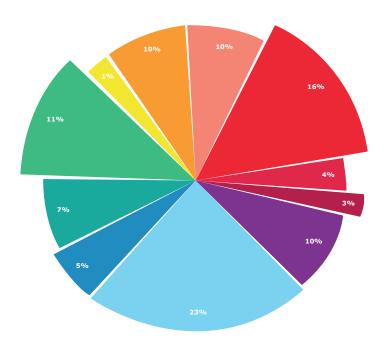
### THE SCHOOL

Founded in 1982 the CENTRO FIORENZA has its premises in **Palazzo Guicciardini** (XVII century) in the center of the historic city. From windows overlooking the river Arno one can enjoy a delightful view of Florence and the famous Ponte Vecchio. The 10 classrooms, all air- conditioned are spacious, bright and comfortably furnished. Students at CENTRO FIORENZA do not feel like "foreign tourists", but rather part of a lively international family. The medium size of the school, with about 100 students during the peak months and with the class limited to 10 students, permits our teaching staff a personalized control of each student.



## **Countries of origin/ Nationalities**

## **Our Students**



- South Korea: 1%
- Australia: 3%
- Japan: 5%
- Great Britain: 7%
- Switzerland: 10%
- Sweden: 10%
- The Netherlands: 10%
- Germany: 11%
- **Austria: 16%** 
  - USA: 23%
- Others: 4%

#### **Gender:**

Female students 72% Male students 28%







## Welcome to Florence...

(UNESCO World Heritage Town)

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"...and there emerged Florence, a magic city where people thought and did the most extraordinary things..."

(E.M.Forster "A room with a view")

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## ...and to the Island of Elba

A Green Garden set in a Blue Sea

Centro Fiorenza's branch on the Island of Elba, opened in 1984, keeps all the characteristics of friendliness and professional standards that distinguish the school in Florence. To get the most out of Elba's mild climate, classes are usually held outdoors, in secluded and shady spots. The school is located in Marciana Marina, the most exclusive place on Elba, a fishermen's village where one can still find and breathe the atmosphere of the past. The colorful tiny streets, the arts and crafts shops, restaurants and bars are nice temptations after a day on the beach. The village offers sand and pebble beaches with transparent water, diving and sailing possibilities.

## GENERAL ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

In accordance with the Common European Framework, we offer training in 12 levels of knowledge of the Italian language, ranging from "complete beginner" "to proficient".

#### **GROUP COURSES**

- 20 LESSONS/WEEK (Basic)
- 24 LESSONS/WEEK (Intensive)
- 30 LESSONS/WEEK (Super-Intensive)

Lessons last 50 minutes each and are held from Monday to Friday. Class-sizes are limited to 10 students (average 6/8).

**DURATION: 1 - 48 WEEKS** 

#### **COMBINED COURSE**

20 GROUP LESSONS + 5 or 10 INDIVIDUAL LESSONS/WEEK

This combination of group and individual lessons is ideal for those who wish to get the maximum profit from their study.

**DURATION: 1 - 48 WEEKS** 





#### **EXAMINATION COURSE**

- 24 GROUP LESSONS/WEEK FOR 8 WEEKS followed by
- 20 GROUP LESSONS + 5 INDIVIDUAL LESSONS/WEEK FOR 4 WEEKS

This "package" gives students the opportunity to prepare, in a relatively short time, to sit for the various official Italian examinations like CILS, CELI, PLIDA, IT.

**DURATION: 12 WEEKS** 

### **ONE-TO-ONE TUITION**• 10 - 50 LESSONS/WEEK

For many years important international companies and embassies have been sending their managerial and staff members for language training. These demanding and flexible programs are individually tailored and supervised by our director of studies.

Each lesson lasts 50 minutes. DURATION: 1 OR MORE WEEKS



## SPECIAL COURSES



#### **ITALIAN & ITALIAN CULTURE**

#### • 20 ITALIAN LESSONS + 4 CULTURE LESSONS/WEEK

This course offers the opportunity to study the Italian language and to get to know the various aspects of Italian history and culture.

An intermediate level B1 of Italian is required.

**DURATION: 1 - 12 WEEKS.** 

#### **COURSE FOR LIFELONG LEARNERS**

#### • 15 ITALIAN LESSONS/WEEK + CULTURE PROGRAM

Centro Fiorenza's special course for Lifelong Learners has an intense and interesting program in the classroom and throughout the city, focusing not only on the Italian language but also on Italy's rich culture and history. An elementary level of Italian is advisable.

**DURATION: 1 - 2 WEEKS** 

#### **ITALIAN & BUSINESS ITALIAN**

#### 20 ITALIAN LANGUAGE LESSONS + 4 BUSINESS ITALIAN LESSONS/WEEK

The study of the general Italian language is enriched with the deepening and immediate use of the vocabulary in relation to the banking system, to insurance, transportation, business correspondence, international trade, e-commerce and much more.

An intermediate level B1 of Italian is required.

**DURATION: 1 - 12 WEEKS** 

#### **CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS**

CENTRO FIORENZA has been accredited by the "Università per Stranieri di Siena" and is an official examination center for the CILS certification. Centro Fiorenza also prepares students for other Certificates issued by different Italian Universities as the CELI examination (Università per Stranieri di Perugia) or IT examination (Università di Roma Tre) or other institutions. Centro Fiorenza issues a certificate of attendance to all students who have regularly attended classes. The certificate describes the type of the Italian language course, the number of hours attended, duration of stay and final level attained.



#### **ITALIAN & PHOTOGRAPHY**

### • 20 ITALIAN LESSONS/WEEK + PHOTOGRAPHY COURSE (6 PRIVATE LESSONS/ WEEK)

In conjunction with the study of the Italian language, Centro Fiorenza gives the possibility to learn how to photograph or improve photography techniques swiftly with individual lessons, given by professional teachers. No previous experiences are needed.

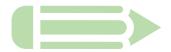


#### **ITALIAN & ITALIAN COOKING**

#### • 20 ITALIAN LESSONS + 1 COOKING EVENING/WEEK

Yes, for Italians, eating and drinking well is deeply rooted in their culture. This is why amid the rich choice of cultural programs offered at Centro Fiorenza one of the most popular is our "Italian & Italian Cooking".

**DURATION: 1,2 OR MORE WEEKS.** 



#### **ITALIAN & DRAWING**

• 20 ITALIAN LESSONS/WEEK + DRAWING COURSE (6 PRIVATE LESSONS/ WEEK)

In conjunction with the study of the Italian language, this drawing course is offered as a way of enriching and deepening one's experience in Florence. Beginners and those with drawing experience are welcome.







## Accommodation Florence

The following options are available:

- **Homestay**: single or double rooms with breakfast or halfboard (breakfast and dinner).
- Shared Student Apartments: single or double rooms with kitchen and bathroom to share with other students.
- Independent Apartment: (standard category) Small fully furnished studios for 1 or 2 persons
- **Residence**: Air-conditioned one-room studios for 1 or 2 persons
- Hotels: The school can book rooms for students in hotels of 3 or 4 stars. Prices on request.



### **Accommodation Elba**

Different types of accommodation have been selected to make participants feel as comfortable as possible during their stay.

- Hotels: Single or double rooms, in hotels of different categories.
- Apartments: A rich choice of apartments in Marciana Marina or nearby is available.

For more details please check the price-list or contact our secretary's office.



## **Free time**

**LEISURE ACTIVITIES** 

For each course the school organizes guided visits to museums, monuments and places of special historic and artistic interest; Pizza-evenings, get together in coffeehouses or bookstores for conversations, cinema at school or outdoor movies during the summer, a way to learn Italian and the Italian way-of-life through a rich selection of famous Italian films; concerts of classical, jazz and rock music, ballets, opera and theatre, and the famous Maggio Musicale Fiorentino at the Opera di Firenze. Excursions on the weeks-ends to find out more about the many famous places near Florence - Siena, Pisa, Lucca, Volterra, S.Gimignano and the beautiful Chianti hills, as well as day trips to Venice, Rome, Cinque Terre, the Opera in Verona, etc. are organized in cooperation with a tour operator.





#### **CONTACT US**



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