



IDEA VERONA

ITALIAN + CULTURE



LEARN ITALIAN AND ENJOY A
WONDERFUL STAY!

Let us entertain You!



Idea Verona is an Italian language school for foreigners that wish to have a short or long stay with us. We specialize in living the Italian language through culture: encouraging conversation in various, interesting and interactive situations outside the classroom.

Since opening in 1998, we have become experts in personalized visits, tours and appointments. Our addressbook includes some of the most exclusive places in Italy. We are proud to say we live the Italian culture in first person and do so passionately. Our mission is to share this experience and “savoir-faire” with You and the rest of the world.

Verona is a lovely small city and is an excellent choice for young students since the city is safe, friendly and easy to move about. The city is the ideal base experiencing Italy and the Italian culture in an exclusive but yet reasonable way.

Welcome to Idea Verona!

Anna Sbampato

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Founder & Director

Parliamo Italiano!



LIVING THE LANGUAGE THROUGH CULTURE AND CONVERSATION, MEETING NEW PEOPLE AND PLACES

A language is not only grammar, phonetics and syntax. To learn Italian the best key is conversation and conversation is at its very best not in the classroom but out and about, enjoying the Italian lifestyle, food culture, art history, sports and the many wonderful cities and sites all over Italy. Idea Verona has a vast range of activities, excursions and trips. With us, you can truly live the Italian language!

Our lovely Professor Andrea will take you around Verona and Venice, Padua and Mantua and anywhere in between in order to seek out the very most special art passions you might have. Those very particular stories in between the lines are his favourites to share with you and your group during a full day out or more. As a matter of fact, you could spend a lifetime in Verona and keep discovering new places and stories...

Language Courses



Groups are formed by taking into account the individual student's characteristics and current knowledge of Italian, as well as the six levels of European Community Principle General Language Level:

- Base A1: Breakthrough
- Elementary A2: Waystage
- Pre-intermediate B1: Threshold
- Intermediate B2: Vantage
- Upper-intermediate C1: Effective operational proficiency
- Advanced C2: Mastery

An initial welcome language test (oral and written) plus an individual assessment including individual motivation and analysis of needs and skills are part of establishing the plan of study. Individual lessons are arranged if desired/needed.

The language courses are in the morning and after lunch, if one desires to study full-time, we offer a wide range of conversational courses in- and outside of the classroom. We strongly believe it is easier to understand and learn a new language through living the culture. All our instructors have an advanced teaching degree and are highly qualified and specialized in teaching Italian as a foreign language. Our teaching method is dynamic; students are involved and encouraged to participate throughout the lessons. The approach involves both speaking and writing as well as reviewing daily lessons.

Idea Verona collaborates with the Chamber of Commerce of Verona (Verona Innovation), the Chamber of Commerce Italy-China, the Regional Institute for Education and Cooperative Studies, AIL Diploma of Florence, CILS of the University of Siena, CELI of the University of Perugia, ESU of the University of Verona, the University of Illinois USA (accrediting their degrees at our school), CSN the Swedish National Agency of Higher Studies and Bildungsurlaub.

Plida Certificate



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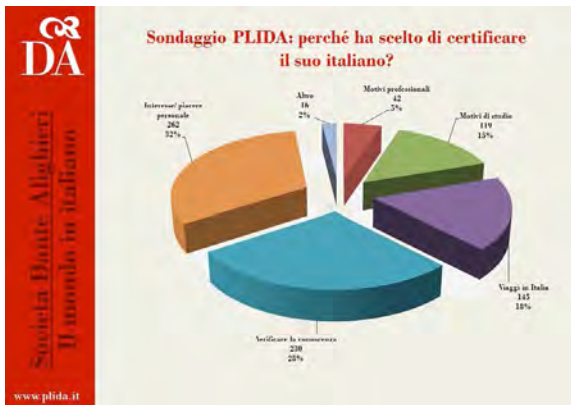
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The school IDEA VERONA is PLIDA Certification Center (Dante Alighieri Italian Language Project) with authorization no. 111392 granted by the Headquarters of the Dante Alighieri Society. The PLIDA certificate attests to the competence of Italian as a foreign language according to the six proposed levels in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages of the Council of Europe (A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2).

The Dante Alighieri Society, founded in 1889 by a group of important Italian intellectuals, aims to **“protect and promote the Italian language and culture in the world, reviving the spiritual ties of compatriots abroad with the mother country and nurturing love and reverence for Italian culture among foreigners.”**

The PLIDA certificate has the following advantages:

- one may indicate more clearly their level of Italian knowledge on their resumes;
- one may enrol in an Italian university without taking the Italian exam (level B2 or C1);
- one may apply for long stay permission (minimum level A2)

PP – PREPARAZIONE ESAMI PLIDA

- Corso a frequenza quotidiana. Lezioni di gruppo. Numero minimo iscritti: 4 studenti per livello
- Preparazione Esami Plida - codice PP
- Intended Audience: For everyone, 16+ years
- Linguistic Levels Expected: A1 - A2 - B1 - B2 - C1 - C2

The exam is divided into tests that verify language skills in the four basic abilities: Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking.

The City of Verona!



ENJOY ONE OF THE MOST ROMANTIC CITIES IN THE WORLD: SHAKESPEARE'S ROMEO AND JULIET ONCE LIVED WITHIN THE CITY WALLS OF VERONA

Verona is situated in the northeast of Italy, right in the middle between Venice and Milan. The climate is mild but the city offers a very strategic positioning which make moving around Italy very comfortable and easy.

It is one of the main tourist destinations in northern Italy, owing to its artistic heritage, several annual fairs, shows, and operas, such as the lyrical season in the Arena, the ancient amphitheatre built by the Romans. The city has been awarded World Heritage Site status by UNESCO because of its urban structure and architecture.

“Two households both alike in dignity, in fair Verona where we lay our scene. From forth the fatal loins of these two foes, a pair of star-cross’d lovers take their life.”

William Shakespeare

A Language Course to remember!



Cucinare e Mangiare!



Throughout the years, Idea Verona has created a network of many small companies and artisans within the gastronomic field. We usually pick a city or a local place and then organise a factory visit or outlet combined with a museum tour and then go for a meal at a local Ristorante, Trattoria or Osteria. Often the place where, for example olive oil is made, one can find great country-side places to eat and we know them all.

Our cooking classes are famous. We organize them in professional kitchens and in private Italian homes. The dishes are always typical and courses range in difficulty according to the group or person. Learn to make Tortellini and visit Valeggio sul Mincio where they are the most delicious! Learn to make a Risotto and visit the Rice Harvest Fair, just outside of Verona!

We go from simple “poor” dishes to 5 course meals and usually do the foodshopping together before the action. Enjoy!

Appresca!



Verona is full of Frescos in most streets you walk through; all you have to do is look up! We organize visits to Museums and Palaces that have particular and beautiful Fresco walls. We have a wonderful Fresco class with our Art Professor Monica. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to learn first-hand what this ancient art is all about and perhaps discover a new passion of Yours!

Opera & Concerts!



Idea Verona has a strong bond with the Opera scene in Verona. Our sister-project OperAverona organizes events, think-tanks and workshops for professional Opera singers and Conductors each year. We can tell you the Opera stories and show you the magical places where they are performed. With us you can live and breath Opera day and night!

Verona has in its favour outdoor Arena a fantastic season of not only Opera but some of the most famous artist/singers/groups in the world come here to perform in the summer.

Be inspired.

Moda!



Come with us and enjoy a day in some of the best local factory outlets of Europe. These places are quite hidden since many of the family-run factories do not and cannot advertise who they are producing for: some of the most famous fashion designer brands on earth!

We make visits to several great local fashion museums and can organize courses or seminars with well known professionals within the fashion industry system: fashion designers, illustrators, fabric designers, shoemakers, visual merchandisers, creative directors and fashion photographers.

Example of Weekly Course

Sunday Arrival

Monday

09.00-13.15: Italian course at the school*
13.15-14.30: Lunch
14.30-16.30: Guided Verona Art & History Tour
Dinner at Quattro Cuochi; local dishes in a modern take

Tuesday

09.00-13.15: Italian course at the school*
13.15-14.30: Lunch
14.30-16.30: Cooking Class: Make handmade torellini!
Dinner at "Romeo's Restaurant": try a lovely italian Risotto

Wednesday

09.00-13.15: Italian course at the school*
13.15-14.30: Lunch
14.30-16.30: Romeo & Juliet's Verona: Shakespeare in Love!
Dinner at the typical Verona "Tigelle"

Thursday

09.00-13.15: Italian course at the school*
13.15-14.30: Lunch
14.30-16.30: Cooking Class: Make a typical Italian Desert!
Early dinner at one of Verona's famous Osteria La Cadrega
Concert/Ballet/Opera at the Theatre

Friday

09.00-13.15: Italian course at the school*
13.15-14.30: Lunch
14.30-19.30: Visit the Hot Springs of Lazise
Dinner at the local pizzeria

Saturday

Daytrip skiing in the Alps
Typical lunch and dinner in the Tyrol

Sunday

Daytrip to Venice
Typical lunch and dinner in Venice

Monday Departure

*There is a morning break between 11.00-11.15

Activities in Verona!

Culture

Wide range of art course
Daytrips to the Garda Lake
Discover the Dolomiti Apls
Art tour of Verona
Discover the Italian Food culture
Visit Olive oil producers
Historical Hostel Tour of Verona
Shakespeare in Verona
Daytrip to Florence
Daytrip to Mantova
Daytrip to Milan
Daytrip to Venice
Daytrip to Padua
Daytrip to Trento
Visit Maranello: the Ferrari Museum
Theatre/Opera and Concert Evenings
Tour of the Valpolicella region
Weekend trip to Rome
.....AND MUCH MORE!

Sport

Biking
Trekking/Hiking
Climbing (in- and outdoors)
Rafting
Horseback riding
Canoeing
Running
Triathlon
Swimming
American Football
Soccer
Baseball
Skiing
Virgin Gym
.....AND MUCH MORE!

FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

Accommodation!



We put the needs of our students first and actual availability into account. The cost varies depending on the length of stay, time of year and the characteristics of the accommodations. The apartments are close to the school and the city centre and are almost all within walking distance (5 to 20 minute walk), and in any case are well served by public transport. The structures and host families are all selected and known personally by the Director of the school Anna Sbampato, which over the years has verified the reliability and quality of reception.

Living with an Italian Family

Students living with host families have the opportunity to experience everyday life in an Italian family. It is the best method to completely immerse oneself in the linguistic environment and allows one to make new friends. All bills are included, except telephone. Breakfast and dinner is included as well.

Sharing an apartment with other students

Shared apartments with other Italian and foreign students, including kitchen and bathroom (linens and towels provided) All bills are included, except telephone.

Living alone in a small apartment

Furnished and self-contained studio or two room flat, always includes room, kitchen and bathroom (linens and towels provided). All bills are included, except telephone.

Hotels and B&Bs

We can offer a great range of hotel accommodations, selecting the best opportunity from its own list of hotels located near the school, either for shorter or longer periods and with budgets from low to high.

Prices range depending on type of accommodation, time of year and length of stay. The school offers this service free of charge for its students. For a price specification, please contact us.

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