



Italian Language and Culture

Lucca and Bologna

2026



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Start dates 2026

<i>LUCCA</i>		<i>BOLOGNA</i>	
<i>January</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>January</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>January</i>	
<i>February</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>February</i>	
<i>March</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>March</i>	
<i>April</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>April</i>	
<i>May</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>June</i>	
<i>July</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>August</i>	
<i>September</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>October</i>	
<i>November</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>November</i>	
<i>November</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>December</i>	

Bread Wine and Language:

March 9, March 23, April 7, April 20, May 4, May 18, June 1, June 29, September 7, September 21, October 5, October 19.

Walking & Talking:

March 9, March 23, April 20, May 4, May 18, September 21, October 5, October 19.

Italian Language and Culture Course

20 hrs/week Italian language group course in the morning, Monday to Friday, 9:00 am (9.15 in Lucca) - 1:00 pm with a coffee break at 11:00 am + afternoon activities: lectures, excursions and guided visits. Classes are held in small groups up to a maximum of 12 students. On your arrival, we will test your knowledge of Italian in order for you to join the right class. Art, cultural, and gastronomic afternoon activities are held twice a week and included in the course fee. Tickets for museums/monuments, food and beverages will be charged as extras.

Weeks	Lucca	Bologna
1	€280.00	€300.00
2	€480.00	€530.00
3	€650.00	€670.00
4	€780.00	€850.00
5	€950.00	€1040.00
6	€1140.00	€1245.00
7	€1330.00	€1455.00
8	€1480.00	€1585.00
9	€1620.00	€1685.00
10	€1700.00	€1815.00
11	€1760.00	€1930.00
12	€1.800.00	€1980.00

Italian Language and Culture Course - Long Term

20 hrs/week Italian language group course in the morning, Monday to Friday, 9:00 am (9.15 in Lucca) - 1:00 pm with a coffee break at 11:00 am + afternoon activities: lectures, excursions and guided visits. Classes are held in small groups up to a maximum of 12 students. On your arrival, we will test your knowledge of Italian in order for you to join the right class. Art, cultural, and gastronomic afternoon activities are held twice a week and included in the course fee. Tickets for museums/monuments, food and beverages will be charged as extras.

For long term courses (+12 weeks) we require the payment of the entire fee in advance.

Enrolment terms to obtain a study Visa

Please check with the Embassy/Consulate the requirements for a Visa application; fill out the enrolment form and send the payment for the whole period of study as well as the copy of the passport. We will send you an enrollment certificate to be provided to the Italian Embassy or Consulate in order to obtain your study Visa. Once you have your visa and arrive in Italy, we will help you get a temporary residence permit.

Should the Italian Consulate withhold your Visa, we will refund the amount paid minus €250 for expenses. (The letter stating the refusal of the Visa must be submitted to the school). The study Visa will enable you to prolong your stay up to a maximum of three years, enrolling in the same type of course and at the same school through which you obtained your initial Visa and allows you to work on a regular part-time contract up to a maximum of 4 hours a day

Weeks	Lucca	Bologna
24	€3120.00	€3690.00
36	€4320.00	€5526.00
48	€5280.00	€7356.00

Italian Language and Culture Course – Combined Intensive Course

20 hrs./week group Course in the morning, 9:00 am (9.15 in Lucca)-1:00 pm, Monday to Friday with a coffee break at 11:00 am + 5 or 10 hrs./week one-to-one classes in the afternoon + optional afternoon cultural activities (lectures, excursions and guided visits to the main monuments, museums, churches, historical buildings and places of interest). Starting dates: every week (every 2 weeks for absolute beginners). Classes are held in small groups. The maximum number of students per class is 12.

On average there are 6 or 7 students in each class. Art, cultural, and gastronomic afternoon activities are held twice a week and included in the course fee. Tickets for museums/monuments, food and beverages will be charged as extras. On your arrival, we will test your knowledge of Italian in order for you to join the right class.

Weeks	Hours in group	One-to-One Hours	Lucca	Bologna
1	20	5	€445.00	€525.00
1	20	10	€620.00	€750.00
2	20	5	€800.00	€980.00
2	20	10	€1,150.00	€1390.00
3	20	5	€1,125.00	€1330.00
3	20	10	€1,650.00	€1960.00
4	20	5	€1,450.00	€1730.00
4	20	10	€2,150.00	€2550.00

Individual Intensive Course

This course is conceived for students who have little time to learn Italian but still would like to make a significant improvement in speaking and understanding it.

Our tailor-made classes are carefully designed considering the student's Italian language proficiency, interests and – upon request – job requirements.

Structured lessons for 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 hours/day + optional afternoon activities.

The 6 and 8-hours course is divided into 2 parts and held by two different teachers: 9.00 am (9.15 in Lucca) – 1.00 pm (first part) and 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm or 2.00 pm – 6.00 pm (second part), with a coffee break at 11.00 am. Upon request, the 8-hours course includes a conversational lunch with one of the teachers.

We also provide flexible schedules and prices for individual intensive lessons at students' homes.

We offer complete flexibility in course length, intensity, and content.

Students can start on any working date of the year, on any day of the week, and stay for as long as they wish.

Hrs/day	1 Week			2 Weeks			3 Weeks		
	Hours	Lucca	Bologna	Hours	Lucca	Bologna	Hours	Lucca	Bologna
2	10	€380.00	€450.00	20	€720.00	€880.00	30	€1080.00	€1290
3	15	€540.00	€675.00	30	€1290.00	€1290.00	45	€1620.00	/
4	20	€720.00	€880.00	40	€1,440.00	€1700.00	60	€2160.00	/
6	30	€1080.00	€1290.00	60	€2,160.00	/	90	€3240.00	/
8*	40	€1740.00		80	€3480.00		120	€5280.00	

*Lucca Price includes lunch with teacher

Hrs/day	4 Weeks		
	Hours	Lucca	Bologna
2	40	€1440.00	€1700.00
3	60	€2160.00	/



Special Programs

Italian and Cooking with Mamma Lucca

This course offers a unique chance to combine learning with cooking: you will practise the Italian language in the morning and enjoy cooking typical Tuscan dinners with a very special tutor: an Italian “mamma”! A great opportunity to improve the language in a pleasantly authentic context. This program can easily be combined with one or more additional weeks in the frame of the Standard Course at very affordable prices.

The course includes:

20 hrs/week group course Monday to Friday 9.15 – 13.00, optional afternoon activities, 4 cooking classes including dinner, homestay accommodation in a single room, breakfast included.

On your arrival, we will test your knowledge of Italian in order for you to join the right class.



1 week-language program including accommodation (single room with breakfast):€ 860

Bread Wine and Language – one week program Lucca

20 hrs/week group course + wine tour, guided wine tastings, olive oil tasting , cooking lesson and dinner. Language lessons (20 hrs/week) are from Monday to Friday, 9.15 to 13.00 with a coffee break (20') around 11.00.

Price of the course: € 670

Special price for one additional week: Italian Language and Culture €180

This program is aimed at those who would like to combine the language Standard Course with other aspects of the Italian way of life: food, wine and, last but not least, the Tuscan countryside while having fun and making new friends. "Bread, Wine and Language" has a duration of one week and is held in Lucca. It can be easily combined, at very advantageous prices, with one or more additional weeks of the Standard Course.

Wine tastings will be held by a professional AIS Sommelier.

An Example of afternoon program

Monday

A brief explanation of our programme of activities followed by... **A Taste of Lucca:** A food and wine lovers' walking tour of the town, introducing not only the historic centre within the city walls but also the traditional ingredients and specialties of the area and the individual specialist food and wine shops that still flourish in the town.



Tuesday

Understanding Extra Virgin Olive Oil. How to choose olive oil, the cornerstone of the Italian diet and how to taste it properly. Enjoying extra virgin olive oil with food.

Wednesday.

A landscape of vineyards and olive trees. The hills above Lucca are home to the noted Colline Lucchesi DOC wines. During our visit to this beautiful wine producing area, we follow the fascinating process of how wine is made from vineyard to glass and explore the art and science of grape growing and winemaking. We enjoy a comparative tasting of both red and white wines. **The pleasures of wine.** Using the senses: Look, smell, taste - enjoy! We look at how to use the information on the label to choose wine, then learn how to maximise enjoyment of the wine using three senses. First we enjoy the colour and texture of the wine in the glass. Next we savour the scent in all its complexity. Finally we taste, enjoying and exploring the unique flavour of each wine. We will be able to use these techniques to the full during our guided wine tasting.

Thursday

The enjoyment of food: **Flavours, textures, techniques.** A cooking class based on the rich seasonal variety of Tuscan cuisine. We prepare and taste traditional dishes based on local ingredients. **Dinner.**

Friday - Free afternoon to enjoy the city

Walking and Talking one week program Lucca

20 hrs/week group course + 4 excursions + private and public transportation.

Language lessons (20 hrs/week) are from Monday to Friday, 9.15 to 13.00 with a coffee break (20') around 11.00.

Price of the course: € 670

Special price for one additional week: Italian Language and Culture €180

The program is designed for those who love walking and combines the Italian Language and Culture Course in the morning with outdoor afternoon activities to discover the countless features of the Tuscan landscape. Even in the limited space of an afternoon, the peculiar geographical position of Lucca offers the opportunity to experience a hidden and lesser known but fascinating area of the region, off the beaten tracks.

An example of afternoon program

Monday La città: An urban walk "The City from the Walls"

This walk will help you get to know Lucca and the surrounding areas from the viewpoint of the Renaissance walls that encircles the city. The impressive green belt surrounding the historical center proposes a special way to admire the ever-changing scenery of the beautiful view of hills in the distance, or the city below with its unique charm of an ancient history and a modern daily life.



Tuesday La collina: A walk through the olive groves and vineyards that surround the historical homes of the old nobility of Lucca. When you think about Tuscany, you probably visualize medieval villages, old churches, green cypress-lined roads and even hidden corners, set within a picturesque landscape of green fields, vineyards, silvery-green olive trees and rolling down hills. Well the good news is that it genuinely exists!

Wednesday Il mare: A walk down by the sea



This walk starts in the Natural Park along the beautiful tuscan coastline where you will walk through the shaded paths snaking through copses of oak, alder, pine and junipers trees and explore the moorlands and the dunes, before finally reaching the sandy beaches of the Tyrrhenian Sea.

Thursday La montagna: A walk through the mountains. This walk will take you through the mountains north of Lucca, known as Garfagnana, the "green lungs of Tuscany." From the peaks you can enjoy amazing views that range from the Apenines and the Apuan Alps, to the gentle rolling hills and the medieval villages.

Friday Free afternoon to enjoy the city

Teacher Refresher Course – Lucca

20 hours/week teaching practice and work in peer with a teacher trainer + 10 hours of Tuition on Methodology (one-to-one)

The seminar has a duration of one week according to the following schedule:

Teaching practice + work in peer with a teacher trainer - 20 lessons, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm: this part of the course gives the opportunity to observe the teacher's experience with the class and the different teaching techniques, possibly at different levels.

Tuition on methodology (one-to-one) - 10 lessons, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm: this is a feedback session, which will support the teaching practice with the class. The work will be done in pairs, in groups and individually.

Further afternoon activities in the frame of the Italian Language and Culture Course are optional and highly recommended. The activities are lectures, excursions and guided tours that take place on average twice a week, for a total of about 4 hours.

Course fee: € 640

Language Course for school groups - Lucca

Language courses for closed groups combining language training (15 or 20 lessons per week) and a full program of afternoon activities and trips

Lucca: € 160 per student/week (15 hrs)

Bologna: on request

From €430 a week (course + accommodation double/triple room with half board)

Small class sizes 10 - 15 for accelerated progress.

Class size: max. 15

15 hours of lessons per week - Lessons on 5 mornings a week



Italian Language & Photography Workshop - Lucca

Italian Language and culture (20 hrs/week) in the morning + Photography workshop in the afternoon – 3 meetings of 2 hours each, 6 total hours of photoclasse

1 week € 570

2 weeks– 40 hrs Italian Language and Culture group class in the morning + optional afternoon activities. Photography Workshop in the afternoon – 4 meetings of 2 hours each, + 1 half -day outdoor photo workshop **€ 1050**

3 weeks – 60 hrs Italian Language and Culture group class in the morning + optional afternoon activities. Photography Workshop in the afternoon – 6 meetings of 2 hours each, + 2 half-day outdoor photo workshops, 20 total hours of photoclasse **€ 1400**

4 weeks– 80 hrs Italian Language and Culture group class in the morning + optional afternoon activities. Photography Workshop in the afternoon – 8 meetings of 2 hours each + 3 half-day outdoor photo workshops, 28 total hours of photoclasse **€ 1750**

Main Subjects: travel, street, architecture, landscape, portrait, portrait set, fashion, sport. Tips and tricks. The photography workshop includes both a theoretical and a practical section.

Participants will be asked to create their own personal portfolio.

At the end of the course, they will receive a certificate of attendance.

No specific professional training is required, unless on the basis of special needs and programs that must be agreed in advance.



Accommodation

We know that an important part of your stay is a comfortable and friendly accommodation. We want you to be happy where you are living, so that you can study well and enjoy your stay. This is why, on request, Koinè Center offers a **free of charge accommodation booking service** for the duration of your Italian language course.

Accommodation is at students' disposal from the Sunday before the beginning of your Italian course until the Saturday morning following the end of the course. Should you choose the homestay (with families or single persons or shared apartment), we will be pleased to confirm your booking asap and then send the accommodation details at least 7 days before the course starting date. We highly recommend this type of arrangement, as it provides further opportunities for practising the Italian language outside the school and an unique insight into the Italian way of life. Your "host" can be a single, an older couple or a young couple with children.

Homestay with kitchen facilities			Homestay with Breakfast		
	single room	double room (per person)		single room	double room (per person)
1 week	€190 (€200)	€150 (€160)	1 week	€240 (€240)	€200 (€210)
2 weeks	€320 (€400)	€230 (€280)	2 weeks	€450 (€480)	€390 (€420)
3 weeks	€435 (€600)	€300 (€360)	3 weeks	€600 (€680)	€500 (€570)
4 weeks	€520 (€780)	€350 (€440)	4 weeks	€800 (€900)	€670 (€700)

Homestay with half board		
	single room	double room (per person)
1 week	€300 (€300)	€270 (€280)
2 weeks	€650 (€660)	€520 (€540)
3 weeks	€900 (€960)	€800 (€810)
4 weeks	€1200 (€1230)	€1080 (€1080)

1 week=6 nights
2 weeks =13 nights
3 weeks= 20 nights
4 weeks= 27 nights

Price in () refers to Bologna

Holiday Apartments, B&B and Hotels: On request

Transfer (one way):

From	To	
Bologna Airport	Bologna -Accommodation Bologna	€70
Pisa Airport	Lucca - Accommodation Lucca	€70

General Conditions

The course deposit or course fee paid to the Agency are non-refundable and non-transferable from person to person.

Cancellation must be communicated to the school in writing at least 30 days before the course starting date. In this case only, and in no other circumstances, the advance payment/deposit/course fees (less a Euro 50 administration charge) may be used as a credit for future courses.

If the student fails to attend classes or decides not to attend classes or to shorten the course, she/he is not entitled to any refund.

On no account can the tuition fee paid for group classes be transferred to individual tuition after the beginning of the course.

No lessons will take place on public holidays. Individual lessons falling on public holidays may be rearranged by prior agreement with the course administrator.

Beginners should commence their course on course starting date. Non-beginners can start on dates other than the course starting dates listed.

Bank details: Bank name: UniCredit - Lucca Piazza San Michele

Account Holder: KOINE CENTRO DI FORMAZIONE LINGUISTICA E DI INCONTRI CULTURALI

Via dei Tabacchi 5, 55100 Lucca - Italia

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Parking

Lucca has several parking areas both outside and inside the city walls. Most of them are paid park lots, but outside the old city center you may also find some free ones. If you intend to get to Lucca by car then, you shouldn't find any difficulty in finding a free spot, except when there are events that always attract thousands of people, like the Comics & Games held annually in late October, for which we highly recommend to use public transports. If you need more information and want to see a detailed map of all the parking lots, take a look at the site <http://www.metrosl.it/>

Lucca restricted area (ZTL Lucca) covers all the historic center. Inside the restricted area, there is a Pedestrian Area, too. In Lucca Restricted Area (Lucca ZTL), only four wheel vehicles can't enter without any authorization, therefore motorcycles and scooters can enter without any problem.



Please be aware that: If you got in Lucca Restricted Area without any authorization you can't avoid a fine except you can prove it was impossible to notice before.

Holidays and Closure Days

The school is closed on the following public holidays 2026

06/01/2026

06/04/2026

01/05/2026

02/06/2026

10/08/2026-23/08/2026(Bologna)

08/12/2026

19/12/2026-10/01/2027 (Lucca and Bologna)

School address: Lucca: Via dei Tabacchi, 5