

The Learning Traveller

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Florence 50 Plus Language Learning Holiday



Location

Florence, the capital of Tuscany, is located in the northwestern region of Italy, two hours by train from Rome. With a population of less than half a million, Florence is a walk-able city with all of the major landmarks—from the Uffizi Gallery to the *Ponte Vecchio*—only 20-40 minutes apart on foot. A map is advisable, however, to avoid walking in circles.

Florence simply cannot be rushed. The lovely old city was made for leisurely strolls along the Arno River, over one of the many bridges (including the *Ponte Vecchio*) or along the countless narrow streets surrounding the Uffizi, the Duomo, or any of the many

piazas. Florence is flourishing with famous and important museums and galleries, from the *Galleria dell'Accademia*—which includes Michelangelo's *David*—to the Science Museum, containing some of Galileo's original scientific instruments, to the Uffizi Gallery, undoubtedly the finest art gallery in the world.

Program

Our partner school is located in a beautiful 19th century building only a short walk from the main train station, *Santa Maria Novella*. The school has 17 classrooms, free wireless internet, and a lovely enclosed garden patio.

This Italian language learning program offers the perfect mix of small but challenging Italian language classes, excursions to several places of interest around Tuscany, visits to historical and artistic centers, special lectures on cultural subjects, and cooking lessons (la cucina Italiana!) There are also excursions to several famous Italian sites, such as Siena and San Gimignano, Pisa or Lucca, and Cinque Terre.

Lessons

The Florence 50 Plus Language Learning Holiday provides 15 lessons in week 1 and 12 lessons in week 2. The classes are divided into three lessons per day with each lesson 45 minutes in length. Students will have a level placement test on the first day and will then be placed in the appropriate level; elementary, intermediate, or advanced. The course focuses on a communicative approach, but also covers all areas of language comprehension - vocabulary, grammar, listening, reading, and writing.



Accommodation

The Florence 50 Plus Language Learning Holiday offers homestay family or apartment accommodation. The school can also help arrange a hotel.

- **Homestay:** This option is ideal for participants who want to experience Italian daily life and to practice their Italian language skills in an informal atmosphere. You will stay in single or double rooms with local host families. Host families are of all ages and social backgrounds, but they all have one thing in common: their hospitality and friendliness!
- **Apartment:** This option is suitable for those who want the privacy and independence of their own furnished apartment. The school provides studios or small apartments for one or two people. Apartments are equipped with cooking facilities and a bathroom.



Sample Weekly Schedule

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Morning	Orientation	Lessons Visit to <i>Sant' Ambrogio</i> food market	Lessons Visit to <i>Uffizi</i> Gallery	Lessons Visit to handicraft workshop	Lessons Visit to the church of <i>Santa Croce</i>	Excursion to Siena and San Gimignano
Afternoon	Lecture on Italian Cooking	Cooking lesson	Free time	Excursion to Pisa or Lucca	Shopping at the outlet	
Evening	Welcome dinner	Free time		Free time	Free time	

Sample Prices (\$US)

	2 weeks
Course Only	\$1,620
Course + Homestay Accommodation (single room; no meals)	\$2,220
Course + Independent Apartment (no meals)	\$3,040

Please consult our website for more accommodation/meal options. For \$CDN pricing please contact us.

Additional costs:

- Travel to and from Florence
- Optional Airport Pick-up: \$80/person
- Comprehensive medical and travel insurance
- Meals & groceries (except for homestay accommodation which includes breakfast and/or dinner daily)
- Course only bookings are subject to a \$150 enrolment fee
- Souvenirs and essentials
- Entrance fees and transportation costs for optional or independently organized activities and excursions
- Entry visa if required