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arte cultura e dolce vita

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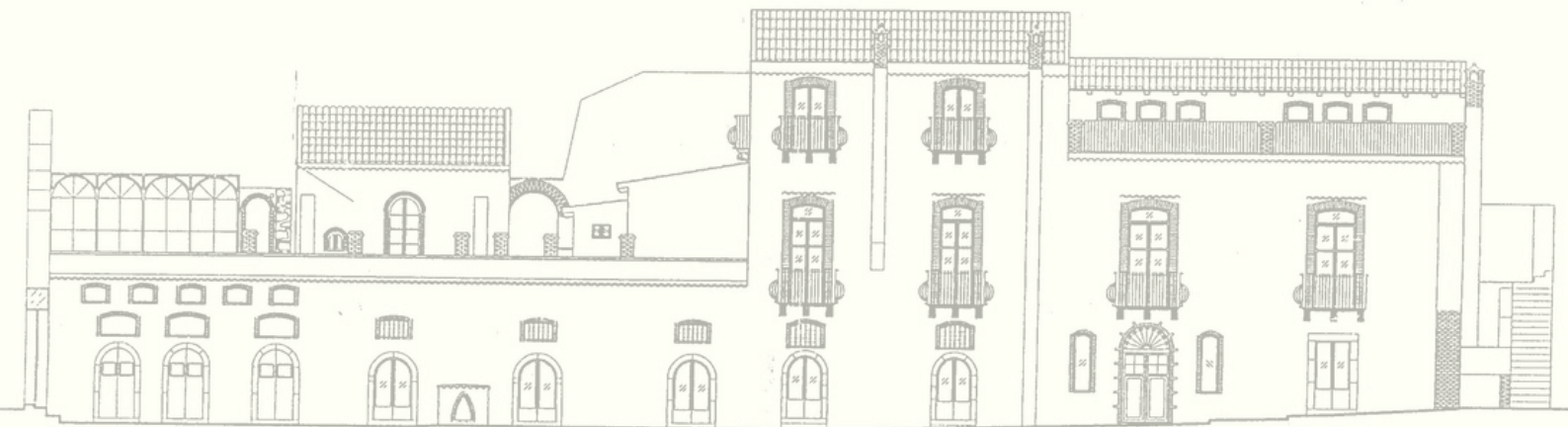
Our house

Classes are held in the nationally registered architectural treasure, "Casa Silva", an historic villa, just 200 meters from the Greek Theatre.

Built in the early 19th century the campus grounds are a botanical garden filled with citrus trees, Mediterranean plants, centuries old plums, monkey puzzle trees as well as many other exotic plants and trees. The gardens of Babilonia provide a relaxing environment to join classmates for a coffee or lunch from the cafeteria.

The Center for Italian Studies BABILONIA hosts book presentations by authors, a cine-forum, art exhibitions in its 2'000 square metres of botanical garden.

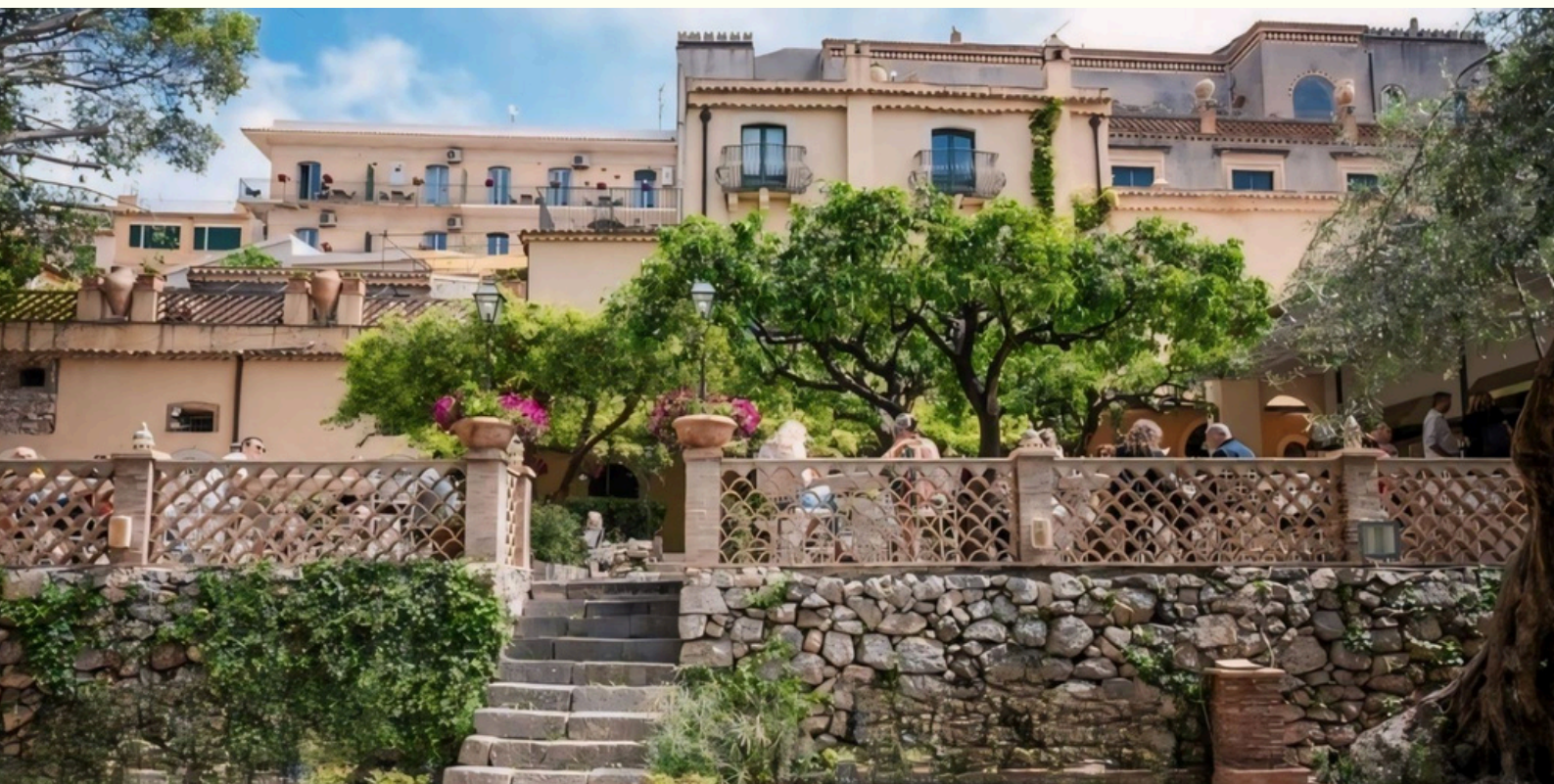
Students from around the world enrol in courses at Babilonia enhancing the academic and social environment. The study abroad experience is enriched by students making both local and international friends.



Our school

Since 1992, Babilonia has been operating in the cultural tourism sector, distinguishing itself as one of the most renowned and recognized centers in the country. Our mission is to promote global openness through education. For over 32 years, we have been offering personalized courses that allow our students to learn quickly and effectively.

Join our community in the splendid setting of Taormina, the pearl of the Mediterranean and an ideal place to immerse yourself in the Italian language and culture. Over the years, we have welcomed more than 28,000 students from around the world, guiding them on a learning journey that extends beyond just the Italian language.



FOUNDED IN 1992

The first Italian school from Rome... to the South!



IALC

member of the International Association of Language Centres

CA FOSCARI UNIVERSITY VENICE

ITALS Master traineeships location

UNIVERSITY FOR FOREIGNERS IN PERUGIA

CELI and DILS examination centre

ASILS

member of the Association of Schools of Italian as a Foreign Language

MIUR

The school has recognition from the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research.

EDUITALIA

member of the Edutitalia Association

IN SWEDEN

C.S.N. AGENCY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Swedish students can get loans to study at our school

IN GERMANY

BILDUNGSURLAUB

German workers and employees can apply for and be granted educational leave to study at our school.

IN U.S.A.

US university students can earn academic credits for their courses



Our Team...



THE HEART AND SOUL OF OUR SCHOOL



Our academic office and cultural tourism office are eager to collaborate with agencies, institutions, organizations, and students to develop your study program in a collaborative and tailored manner.





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Italian cuisine professor



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Manager of sustainable agriculture



FABIO CAPUANA
Pastry chef professor



TAREQ SARDER
Grounds maintenance



CHRISTIAN GALEANO
Grounds manager



VANESSA BENTIVEGNA
Dining services



EMANUELA PEPE
Dining services



ELENA RANAURO
Barista & dining services

Academic offerings

Choose your course

• Language courses:

- B-Intensive
- B-Combo
- B-Super intensive
- B-Semi intensive
- B-Private 1to1
- B-Private 2to1
- B-Group online
- B-Private online

• Culture courses:

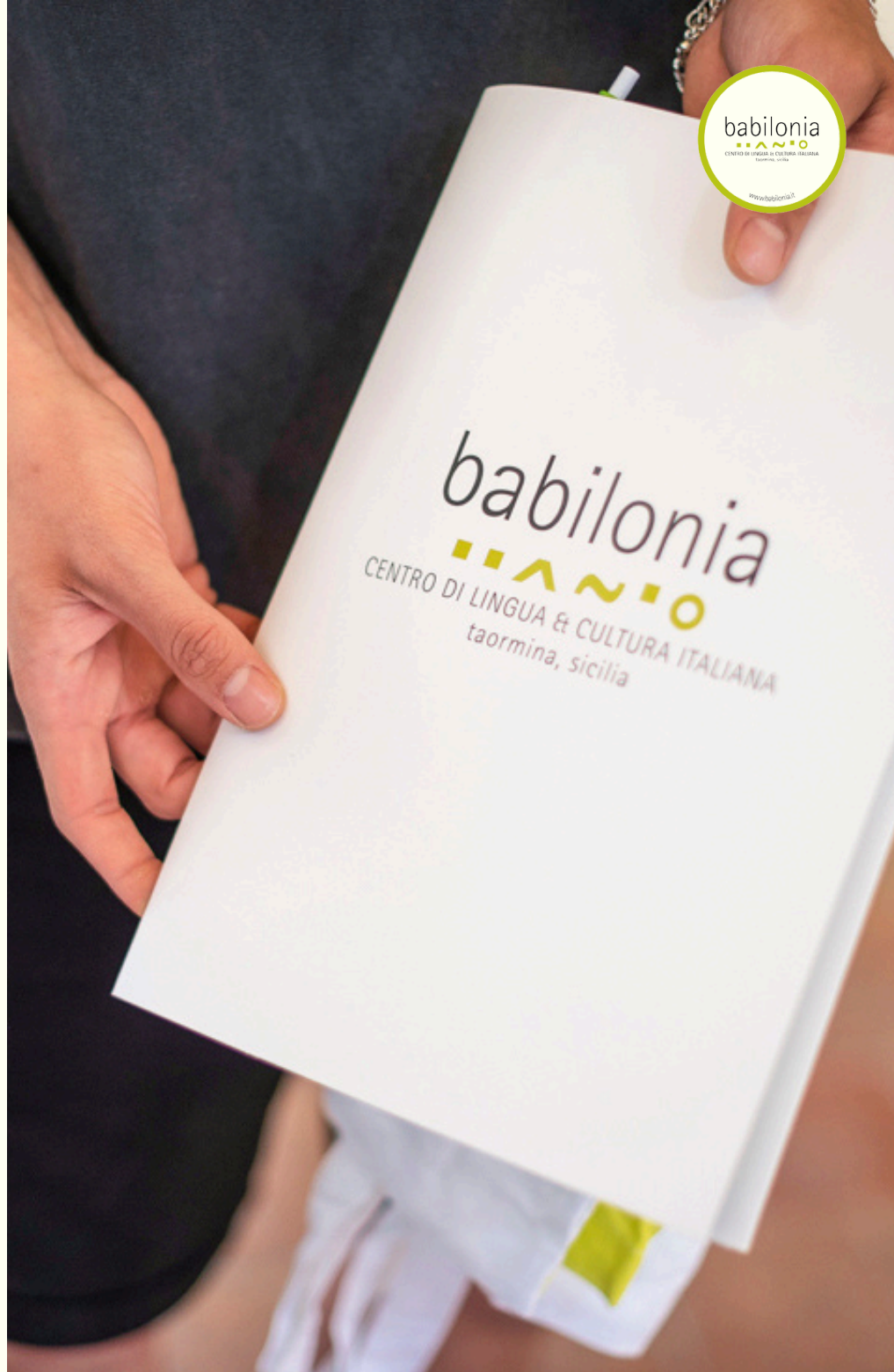
- B-History and Architecture (Prof.a E.Aucello)
- B-Italian literature (Prof. S.Sciotto)
- B-Theatre
- B-Cinema (Prof. S.Sciotto)
- B-Cinema of the Mediterranean (Prof. S.Sciotto)
- B-Made in Italy
- B-Fine arts (Prof.a E.Aucello)
- B-Philosophy (Prof.a F.La Fiora)
- B-Sicilian culture (Prof.a M.Esposito)
- B-Italian Culture (Prof.a C.Caltabiano)
- B-Sicilian Cuisine (Chef A.Spartà)
- B-Mediterranean Cuisine (Chef A. Bifera)
- B-International Cuisine (Chef F.Capuana)
- B-Enology and Viticulture (Dott. F.Arria)
- B-Business & management (Dott.a M.Miano)
- B-Sicilian history (Prof. S.Sciotto)
- B-Geology and vulcanology (Prof. G.Celano)
- B-Feminist literature (Prof.a A.Tomarchio)
- B-Sicilian dialect (Prof. G.Rosalia)
- B-Sustainable agriculture (Prof. F.Sangari)
- B-Sicilian Sustainable food system
- B-Agricultural science and technology (Prof. F.Sangari)
- B-Sicilian myths and legends (Prof.a M.Furnari)

• Business & Executive courses:

- B-Sales
- B-Professional
- B-Economic investment
- B-Office work
- B-Hospitality
- B-Tourism
- B-Banking and finances
- B-Fashion

Special courses

- B-Junior program
- B-50+ Island of the sun
- B-Italiano + Business
- B-Italiano + smart working
- B-Italiano + internship
- B-Italiano + internship Babilonia
- B-Italiano + volunteering (Legambiente)
- B-Italiano + work program
- B-Professor AP
- B-Study Abroad Program
- Babilonia coast to coast
- Babilonia island to island
- Babilonia l'italiano a tavola



Long term courses

- B-Language year abroad
- B-Semester abroad

Exam prep

- B-Esame CELI
- B-Esame DILS



COURSE LEVELS

(QCER)

- C2 Bilingual
- C1 Advanced
- B2 Pre-advanced
- B1 Intermediate
- A2 Elementary
- A1 Beginner



| Level | Listening | Reading | Speaking | Writing |
|-----------|---|--|---|---|
| C2 | Has no difficulty in understanding any kind of spoken language, delivered at fast native speed. | Can understand a wide range of long and complex texts. | Has a good command of idiomatic expressions. | Can write clear, smoothly flowing, complex texts in a logical structure. |
| C1 | Can understand enough to follow complex topics, though he/she may need to confirm details. | Can understand in detail lengthy complex texts, provided he/she can reread difficult sections. | Can express him/herself fluently and spontaneously. | Can express him/herself with clarity and precision. |
| B2 | Idiomatic usage influences the ability to understand. | Has a broad active reading vocabulary, but may experience some difficulty with low-frequency idioms. | Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction. | Can express news and views effectively in writing. |
| B1 | Can understand the main points of clear standard speech on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure. | Can read straightforward factual texts on subjects related to his/her field and interest. | Can exploit a wide range of simple language to deal with most situations. | Can write personal letters and notes asking for or conveying simple information of immediate relevance. |
| A2 | Can understand enough provided speech is clearly and slowly articulated. | Can understand short, simple texts containing the highest frequency vocabulary. | Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information. | Can write short, simple formulaic notes relating to matters in areas of immediate need. |
| A1 | Can follow speech which is very slow and carefully articulated, with long pauses for him/her to assimilate meaning. | Can understand very short, simple texts a single phrase at a time, picking up familiar names, words and basic phrases. | Can interact in a simple way but communication is totally dependent on repetition at a slower rate of speech. | Can ask for or pass on personal details in written form. |

Language courses...

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ITALIANO

COME
SI DICE
..... IN ITALIANO?

CHE
SIGNIFICA?

SCUSA,
NON HO
CAPITO,
PUOI RIPETERE?



All of our teachers, as well as having a degree, have also gained certification in “Teaching Italian as a Foreign Language” at a second level (DILS II) from the University per Stranieri di Perugia which is a specific certification guaranteeing essential teaching knowledge and competences to carry out precise methodologies in an efficient way with a contextual comprehension of the profession.

The learning progress and the analysis of the students’ acquisition processes are constantly monitored by the teachers during a weekly didactic meeting in which the teachers share what has happened in the lessons, the activities and didactic exercises carried out, in order to guarantee to each student a correct development of the learning and acquisition phases, and a level suitable to his/her own linguistic ability.

The didactic material is composed of authentic texts (newspapers, magazine articles, movie dialogues, radio, cinema, TV, letters, etc.) and own material produced by the teachers of Babilonia.

The maximum number of students is 14 per class, although the average number is 4-6 students per class. This reduced number of students favors the development and active communication on the part of the students and gives each student more opportunities to shine.

During the course, there is a weekly rotation of teachers to give students the opportunity to hear different voices, rhythms and intonations, and to interact with different personalities and styles in the course of their language learning.



SCHEDULE:

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| 08:30 – 09:25 | private courses (1-1 o 2-1) |
| 09:30 – 11:00 | group courses: global approach |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | <i>coffee break</i> |
| 11:30 – 13:00 | group courses: analytical approach |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | <i>lunch break</i> |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | reserved for super intensive courses |
| 14:00 – 14:55 | reserved for private, combo, and culture courses |
| 15:00 – 15:55 | reserved for private, combo, and culture courses |
| 16:00 – 16:55 | reserved for private, combo, and culture courses |

The school reserves the right to change this schedule according to its organizational needs. There may be the possibility of organizing some classes for group courses in the afternoon as well (14:00 – 15:30: global approach / 16:00 – 17:30: analytical approach).



SEMI - INTENSIVE

2 lessons of 45 minutes



INTENSIVE

4 lessons of 45 minutes



SUPER-INTENSIVE

6 lessons of 45 minutes



COMBO

4 lessons of 45 minutes + 1 private lesson



PRIVATE LESSONS 1-1

55 minutes a lesson



PRIVATE LESSONS 2-1

55 minutes a lesson



Our prices list:



| # weeks | SEMI INTENSIVE | INTENSIVE | SUPER INTENSIVE | COMBO |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| 1 | € 250 | € 330 | € 500 | €505 |
| 2 | € 500 | € 660 | €1000 | €1010 |
| 3 | € 700 | € 860 | €1370 | €1385 |
| 4 | € 900 | € 1060 | €1740 | €1760 |
| 5 | € 1075 | € 1235 | €2085 | €2110 |
| 6 | € 1250 | € 1410 | €2430 | €2460 |
| 7 | € 1425 | € 1585 | €2775 | €2810 |
| 8 | € 1600 | € 1760 | €3120 | €3160 |
| <i>extra week</i> | € 100 | € 150 | €350 | €355 |

| PRIVATE COURSES <i>1 lesson = 55 minutes</i> | 1 h. | 10 h. per week | 15 h. per week | 20 h. per week |
|---|------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| one-to-one | € 38 | € 380 | € 570 | € 760 |
| two-to-one | € 52 | € 520 | € 780 | € 1040 |

Culture courses...



COURSE STRUCTURE

2 weeks - 5 days each week - 2 hours each day

Explore the evolution of architecture and visual arts through the centuries, focusing on how history and culture have shaped buildings and monuments that define national and regional identities

€ 950

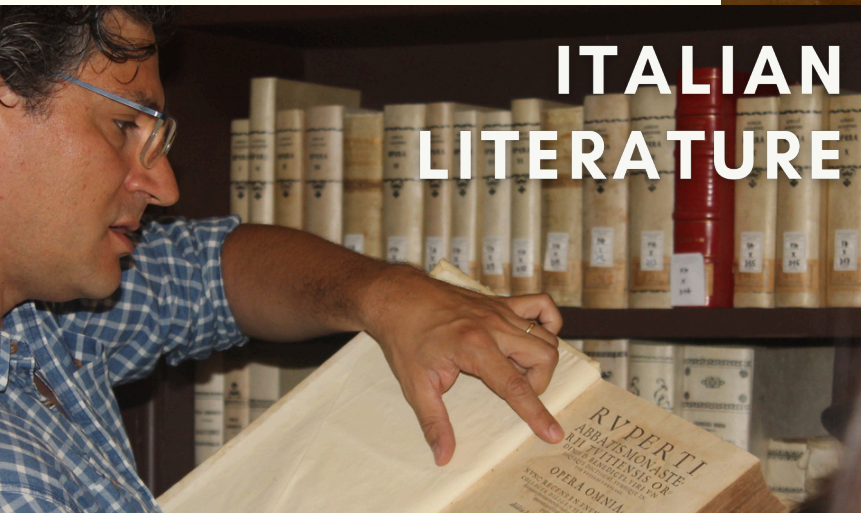
HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE

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ITALIAN LITERATURE

COURSE STRUCTURE

2 weeks - 5 days each week - 2 hours each day

Dive into Italy's literary tradition, analyzing works by major authors from the Middle Ages to today. Discover how literature has expressed and shaped Italian culture, history, and social transformations.

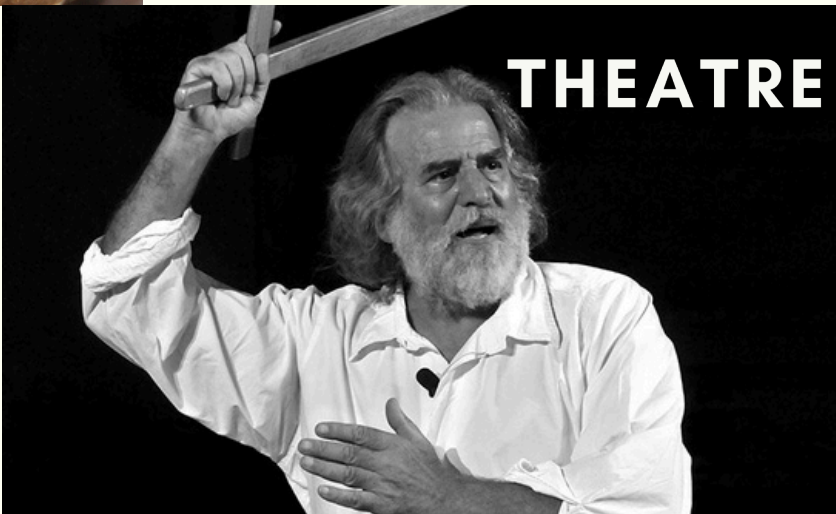
€ 950

COURSE STRUCTURE

2 weeks - 5 days each week - 2 hours each day

Study the art of Italian and European theater, from the commedia dell'arte to modern dramas, with insights into the major playwrights and theatrical movements that have influenced the international stage.

€ 950



THEATRE



CINEMA

COURSE STRUCTURE

2 weeks - 5 days each week - 2 hours each day

Explore the history and trends of cinema, focusing on the influential directors and cinematic movements in Italy and beyond that have revolutionized the art of filmmaking.

€ 950

COURSE STRUCTURE

2 weeks - 5 days each week - 2 hours each day

Delve into Mediterranean cinema, a unique mosaic of stories and styles reflecting the cultures and challenges of this region, examining themes like identity, migration, and cultural diversity.

€ 950

CINEMA OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

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MADE IN ITALY

COURSE STRUCTURE

2 weeks - 5 days each week - 2 hours each day

Analyze the concept of "Made in Italy," representing Italian excellence in design, fashion, art, and craftsmanship, exploring how quality and creativity have made Italy a global icon.

€ 950



COURSE STRUCTURE

2 weeks - 5 days each week - 2 hours each day

Discover visual arts across the ages, from Renaissance techniques to contemporary expressions, exploring the evolution of aesthetics and the role of art in society.

€ 950

FINE ARTS



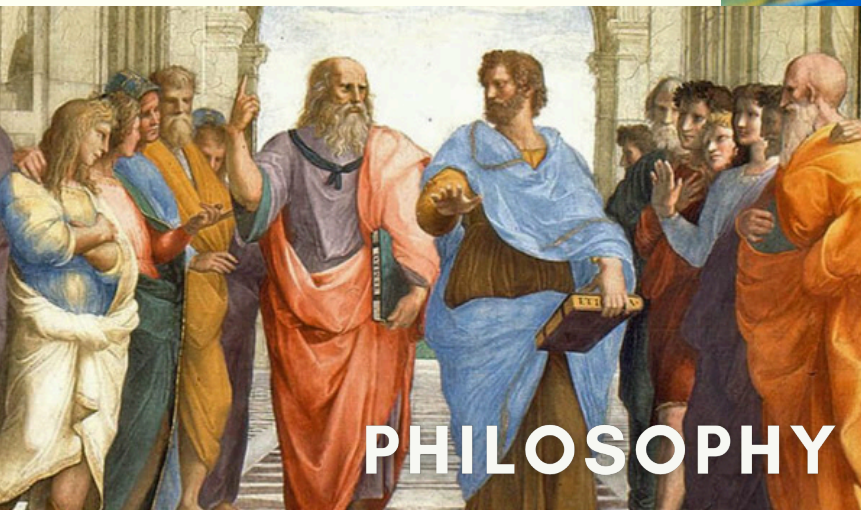
PHILOSOPHY

COURSE STRUCTURE

2 weeks - 5 days each week - 2 hours each day

Address the major themes of Western and Eastern philosophy, analyzing thinkers and schools of thought that have shaped human thought and influenced worldviews.

€ 950



COURSE STRUCTURE

2 weeks - 5 days each week - 2 hours each day

Delve into the traditions, festivals, and cultural heritage of Sicily, a region unique in its history and identity, rich with diverse and captivating influences.

€ 950



SICILIAN CULTURE

ITALIAN CULTURE



COURSE STRUCTURE

2 weeks - 5 days each week - 2 hours each day

A journey through Italian culture covering every aspect of art, music, fashion, and design, exploring the historical influences that have made Italy famous worldwide.

€ 950

COURSE STRUCTURE

2 weeks - 5 days each week - 2 hours each day

Discover the myths and legends of Sicily, ancient tales of gods, heroes, and magical creatures that reflect the rich cultural heritage of the island.

€ 950



SICILIAN MYTHS AND LEGENDS

MEDITERRANEAN CUISINE



COURSE STRUCTURE

2 weeks - 5 days each week - 6 hours each day
(Practical and theoretical)

Analyze Mediterranean cuisine, a model of health and sustainability, exploring ingredients, culinary traditions, and practices that unite various Mediterranean countries.

€ 950

COURSE STRUCTURE

2 weeks - 5 days each week - 6 hours each day
(Practical and theoretical)

Explore culinary traditions from different continents, learning to recognize flavors and cooking techniques from around the world for a global perspective on the culinary arts.

€ 950



INTERNATIONAL CUISINE

ENOLOGY AND VITICULTURE



COURSE STRUCTURE

2 weeks - 5 days each week - 2 hours each day

Discover the world of wine, from viticulture techniques to tasting, with insights into Italian varieties and the characteristics of different wine regions.

€ 950

COURSE STRUCTURE

2 weeks - 5 days each week - 2 hours each day

A course on the principles of business and management, with a focus on marketing, organizational techniques, and innovation for success in the contemporary world.

€ 950



BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

SICILIAN HISTORY



COURSE STRUCTURE

2 weeks - 5 days each week - 2 hours each day

Explore the rich history of Sicily, a land of conquest and cultural fusion, from ancient Mediterranean civilizations to the present day, discovering how historical events have shaped Sicilian identity.

€ 950

COURSE STRUCTURE

2 weeks - 5 days each week - 2 hours each day

Study the geological structure of Sicily and its active volcanoes, such as Mount Etna and Stromboli, to understand natural phenomena and their impact on the environment and humanity.

€ 950



GEOLOGY AND VULCANOLOGY

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IN SCIENZE UMANE E LETTERE

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FEMINIST LITERATURE

COURSE STRUCTURE

2 weeks - 5 days each week - 2 hours each day

An analysis of some of the most significant pieces of Italian literature written by female authors. Women who, through sublime pages, address the theme of identity and of their own role in a changing society.

€ 950

COURSE STRUCTURE

2 weeks - 5 days each week - 2 hours each day

Immerse yourself in the Sicilian dialect, discovering its linguistic and cultural particularities and its value as an authentic expression of local identity.

€ 950



SICILIAN DIALECT

COURSE STRUCTURE

2 weeks - 5 days each week - 2 hours each day

Explore the principles of sustainable agriculture, an innovative and environmentally friendly approach that values biodiversity and reduces environmental impact.

€ 950



SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

COURSE STRUCTURE

2 weeks - 5 days each week - 2 hours each day

Analyze the Sicilian food system, focusing on sustainable practices and traditions that promote biodiversity and environmental respect.

€ 950



SICILIAN SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEM



AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

COURSE STRUCTURE

2 weeks - 5 days each week - 2 hours each day

Study modern agricultural technologies and scientific methods that are transforming the agricultural sector, improving productivity, and reducing environmental impact.

€ 950



COURSE STRUCTURE

2 weeks - 5 days each week - 6 hours each day
(Practical and theoretical)

Discover the flavors and secrets of Sicilian cuisine, with a focus on local ingredients, traditional techniques, and cultural influences that make this culinary tradition unique.

€ 950



SICILIAN CUISINE





Business & Executive courses...



COURSE & STRUCTURE



The Business & Executive programs are designed for professionals who wish to deepen their knowledge of business and corporate practices, with a specific focus on Italy.

2 weeks - 2 days each week - 3 hours each day

COURSES:

- B-Sales
- B-Professional
- B-Economic investment
- B-Office work
- B-Hospitality
- B-Tourism
- B-Banking and finances
- B-Fashion



The program offers the opportunity to engage with an Italian colleague who will share their professional experience, skills, and insights into business practices, market trends, and the challenges that characterize the Italian economic landscape. This meeting represents a valuable opportunity to exchange information and discuss common topics, such as strategic management, marketing, innovation, or leadership.

Your Italian colleague, with solid experience in the business field, will be available to provide you with specific insights on how the Italian market addresses global challenges, including an analysis of cultural and operational differences that may impact business practices. You will also gain a deeper understanding of the realities of Italian small and medium-sized enterprises, a crucial sector for the country's economy, while exploring the opportunities and trends shaping business on a global scale.

Through this direct and interactive dialogue, the program offers not only an excellent opportunity for professional growth but also the chance to build strong connections with an Italian professional who could become a strategic partner, mentor, or key contact for future collaborations.

In summary, the program allows you to refine your professional skills, engage with an Italian expert in your field, and broaden your perspective on business opportunities in Italy and the European context, creating a valuable network for your career and future entrepreneurial ventures.

€ 1250



Pathway programme...



SICULORUM GYMNASIUM

University Majors we collaborate with:

Beni archeologici: territori, insediamenti, cultura materiale
Beni culturali
Biotecnologie
Chimica
Chimica e tecnologia farmaceutiche
Discipline delle arti, della musica e dello spettacolo
Economia
Economia aziendale
Economia, banca e finanza
Farmacia
Filosofia
Fisica
Giurisprudenza
Infermieristica
Infermieristica pediatrica
Informatica
Ingegneria biomedica
Ingegneria civile
Ingegneria elettronica e informatica
Ingegneria gestionale
Ingegneria industriale
Lettere
Lingue e culture europee, euroamericane e orientali
Lingue, letterature straniere e tecniche della mediazione
Linguistica
Management d'impresa
Management delle imprese per l'economia sostenibile
Marine biology and blue biotechnologies
Matematica
Mediazione linguistica e interculturale
Medicina e chirurgia
Medicina veterinaria
Medicine and surgery
Ostetricia
Scienze ambientali marine e terrestri
Scienze biologiche
Scienze del turismo, della cultura e dell'impresa
Scienze dell'educazione e della formazione
Scienze della formazione e della comunicazione
Scienze della formazione primaria
Scienze e lingue per la comunicazione
Scienze e tecnologie agrarie per la transizione ecologica
Scienze e tecnologie alimentari
Scienze e tecnologie per la ristorazione e distribuzione degli alimenti mediterranei
Scienze gastronomiche
Scienze geologiche
Scienze politiche e delle relazioni internazionali
Storia, politica e relazioni internazionali
Transnational and european legal studies

Reason for study italian pre university preparation:



This course is designed for those who wish to acquire a solid knowledge of the Italian language and prepare for the university entrance exam.

The course structure is balanced, dedicating 50% of the lessons to in-depth Italian language study and the remaining 50% to specific preparation for the university exam.

In the first part of the program, students develop essential language skills, with a focus on grammar, vocabulary, reading and listening comprehension, and expressive ability. These modules will provide students with the linguistic foundation and confidence necessary to navigate an academic setting in Italy.

The second part of the course is dedicated to preparing for the university entrance exam. This section includes practical exercises on test formats, exam simulations, and targeted sessions on response strategies. Students will have the opportunity to improve their time management skills, logical reasoning, and problem-solving for typical exam questions.

With a targeted approach and a balanced program, the course helps students achieve two fundamental goals: to gain an advanced level of Italian language proficiency and to prepare comprehensively and strategically for the university entrance exam.



Our offer:

- Minimum level B1;
- 50% of the hours for achieving level B2;
- 50% of the hours to admissions exam preparation.

Individual Course:

Duration: 4 weeks, 40 hours

- 10 hours per week > 2 hours per day
- € 1960

Duration: 8 weeks, 80 hours

- 10 hours per week > 2 hours per day
- € 3920

Duration: 12 weeks, 120 hours

- 10 hours per week > 2 hours per day
- € 5880

Duration: 16 weeks, 160 hours

- 10 hours per week > 2 hours per day
- € 7840



Group Course:

For courses intended for two or more students, we invite you to contact our office. An academic tutor will be assigned in our office to customize your course, tailoring it to your schedule and specific needs. Don't hesitate to write to us or give us a call, we're here to help!





club 50+
The Island of the sun



FIRST WEEK SCHEDULE:



Monday, first week

- Welcome at Babilonia
- Oral test - go to assigned classroom
- Group courses global approach
- Coffee break
- Group courses on linguistic analysis
- Lunch together!
- Presentation of the program "The Island of the Sun"
- Guided tour of Taormina: "Art and History in the Open Air!"

Tuesday, first week

- Group courses global approach
- Coffee break
- Group courses on linguistic analysis
- Lunch break
- Seminar on the History of Sicily

Wednesday, first week

- Group courses global approach
- Coffee break
- Group courses on linguistic analysis
- Lunch break
- Hiking on Mount Etna: "Between Geology and Mythology!"

Thursday, first week

- Group courses global approach
- Coffee break
- Group courses on linguistic analysis
- Lunch break
- Cooking lesson on a typical Sicilian dish

Friday, first week

- Group courses global approach
- Coffee break
- Group courses on linguistic analysis
- Lunch break
- Free afternoon

Saturday, first week

- free day

Sunday, first week

- Excursion to Syracuse: Neapolis and Ortigia



SECOND WEEK SCHEDULE:



Monday, second week

- Group courses global approach
- Coffee break
- Group courses on linguistic analysis
- Lunch break

Tuesday, second week

- Group courses global approach
- Coffee break
- Group courses on linguistic analysis
- Lunch break
- Seminar on Sicilian Writers in Italian Literature

Wednesday, second week

- Group courses global approach
- Coffee break
- Group courses on linguistic analysis
- Lunch break
- Excursion to Savoca and Forza d'Agrò: "In the Footsteps of The Godfather"

Thursday, second week

- Group courses global approach
- Coffee break
- Group courses on linguistic analysis
- Lunch break
- Tasting of Sicilian wines and cheeses

Friday, second week

- Group courses global approach
- Coffee break
- Group courses on linguistic analysis
- Lunch break

€ 1320

for both weeks





“L’Italiano a tavola”





Monday

- 9:30 - 11:00 Italian language group course (global approach)
- 11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break in the garden
- 11:30 - 13:00 Group courses on linguistic analysis
- 13:00 - Lunch break
- Guided tour of Taormina: "Open-Air Art and History!"

Tuesday

- 9:30 - 11:00 Italian language group course (global approach)
- 11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break in the garden
- 11:30 - 13:00 Group courses on linguistic analysis
- 13:00 - Lunch break
- 16:00 - 19:00 Course on basic techniques and work management

Wednesday

- 9:30 - 11:00 Italian language group course (global approach)
- 11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break in the garden
- 11:30 - 13:00 Group courses on linguistic analysis
- 13:00 - Lunch break
- 16:00 - 19:00 Introduction to culinary arts with the chef (bread, pasta, and appetizers)

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babilonia



Thursday

- 9:30 - 11:00 Italian language group course (global approach)
- 11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break in the garden
- 11:30 - 13:00 Group courses on linguistic analysis
- 13:00 - Lunch break
- 16:00 - 19:00 Preparation of main courses, second courses, and desserts

Friday

- 9:30 - 11:00 Italian language global course (global approach)
- 11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break in the garden
- 11:30 - 13:00 Group courses on linguistic analysis
- 13:00 - Lunch break
- 19:30 - 22:30 Kitchen service with the brigade

Saturday

- Group excursion + lunch at a traditional trattoria

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

Welcome Lunch

- 15h of Italian language lessons
- 1 group excursion
- 12h of Italian cooking classes
- Educational materials
- Dedicated tutor
- Handbook on basic cooking techniques
- Handbook of traditional Sicilian recipes

€ 615
per week



- Sponsored by the Association of Etnean Chefs and Pastry Chefs
- The course can be customized up to 24 weeks for the academic year



**“Babilonia
coast to coast”**



PROGRAMME:

Day 1: Monday, Taormina

- Welcome reception at our Babilonia School
- Presentation of the tour 'Babilonia: Coast-to-Coast'
- The 'Survival Italian' course begins
- Welcome lunch
- Guided walking tour of Taormina



Day 2: Tuesday, Taormina/Giardini Naxos

- 'Survival Italian' course continues
- Free time to practise your newly-acquired communicative skills
- Boat ride tour from Giardini Naxos Port

Day 3: Wednesday, Taormina/Etna

- Full day excursion to Mount Etna

Day 4: Thursday, Syracuse

- Depart for the south-east city of Syracuse
- Guided tour of the UNESCO-listed Syracuse
- Lunch break. Enjoy an authentic Italian meal among Syracuse's historical surroundings
- Guided tour around Syracuse continues

Day 5: Friday, Syracuse/Noto

- Depart for Plemmirio Nature Reserve,
- Guided tour exploring the diverse ecosystem of the greenspace and seabed
- Lunch break in the open air
- Head for the Capital of the Baroque (Noto). Walk around the town with our Tour Guide, indulge yourself at Caffè Sicilia.

Day 6: Saturday, Agrigento

- Depart for Agrigento to marvel at Scala dei Turchi and the Greek temples and ruins
- Depart for Palermo

Day 7: Sunday, Palermo

- Full day guided tour around the city which will culminate with sightseeing at the Duomo Monreale

Day 8: Monday, Palermo

- Boat trip from Palermo. Cruise the Mediterranean waters north of Palermo
- Parting dinner at a typical Sicilian restaurant

Day 9: Tuesday

- Transfer to Catania Airport for your flight home



€ 2450* per person

*The price is based on a minimum group size of 5 people.



FOOD CULTURE PROGRAMME



FLORENCE • TAORMINA • POLLENZO

The Programme



“Gastronomy” is the study of everything related to food, meant as a cultural and scientific value. Gastronomy has to do with all living things, whether plant, animal or human. It is passion and love for life.

The Food Culture programme has been created as an amazing collaboration between Linguaviva Educational Group, Babilonia School in Taormina, and the University of Gastronomical Sciences of Pollenzo.

Gastronomy, as the Italian language, is culture, and our shared mission has always been the promotion abroad of the Italian culture in all its aspects.

The whole idea behind the programme is to offer an amazing and wide experience in the field of Italian gastronomy through a travel across Sicily, Tuscany and Piedmont, with an innovative approach different from traditional similar programmes.

Beside the study of the Italian language, fundamental to understand properly every aspect of local culture, the course will focus on many different aspects of the Italian food landscape. From cooking to local producers, from wine to other Italian excellences, from sensory analysis to sustainability, intercultural food exchange and agricultural innovation.

It is meant to be a fantastic travel across Italy inside the world of food processes, from production to consumption.

Through the programme the students will learn about the Italian gastronomical world, about food, about the people who daily works with it, produce it, and helps to make it internationally renowned. But also about the importance of sustainability and the role that food has as one of the original and most important community-forming links between people, locally and internationally.



Key Features

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| Duration | 3 weeks |
| Dates | Spring session: 13.04 – 04.05.2025 Fall session: 28.09 – 19.10.2025 |
| Number of Participants | Minimum 10 students |
| Location | The Programme will take place between Sicily, Tuscany and Piedmont |
| Tuition: | 7.200 € |

The tuition fee includes:

- Italian Lessons in Taormina and Florence
- Cooking Classes in Taormina and Florence
- Gastronomical Classes at University of Pollenzo
- Workshops, Visits, Tastings, Tickets and Transportations
- Lunches in Pollenzo and Surroundings
- Accommodation in Taormina (Shared Flat Single Room)
- Accommodation in Florence (Homestay Half Board)
- Accommodation in Pollenzo (Bra) (Hotel Room)
- Flight from Taormina (Catania Airport) to Florence
- Transfer from Florence to Pollenzo (by Private Bus)
- Transfer Services from/to Airports
- Italian placement test
- Textbooks and Learning materials



Babilonia Language and Culture Center - TAORMINA

The first part will focus on the study of Italian language, necessary to better understand the whole Italian food culture, and Italian cooking with a very practical approach. A full immersion on Italian and Sicilian culture through the study of language, history and cooking.

Programme:

- Italian Classes in the Morning Everyday (15 Lessons)
- 4 Cooking Classes (3 Hours Each)
- Guided Visit of Taormina
- Full Day Excursion to Etna Volcano with traditional Sicilian Lunch

ITALIAN LESSONS

15 Italian language lessons, from Monday to Friday from 9.30 to 13.00 Work covers all aspects of the language with a particular emphasis on developing communicative skills in speaking and writing. Immerse yourself in the beauty and art of the Italian language through interactive and captivating lessons.



COOKING CLASSES

12 hours of Italian cooking classes.

Students will learn the traditional techniques and secrets of Sicilian cooking.

At the beginning of the course they will receive learning materials to use during the lessons.

Classes will have a practical approach and students will even experiment a real dinner service in a restaurant!

Sample Weekly Programme – First Week

| | | WEEK 1 - TAORMINA | | | | | | |
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| | | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
| MORNING | | Italian Classes | Italian Classes | Italian Classes | Italian Classes | Italian Classes | Full Day Excursion on Etna | Departure To Florence (from Catania airport) |
| AFTERNOON | | Guided Tour of Taormina | Cooking Classes | Cooking Classes | Cooking Classes | Evening Service at the Restaurant | | |



WEEK 2

Linguaviva Educational Group - FLORENCE

The second part, based in Florence, will still offer to the students a focus on the study of Italian language. Besides that, on the gastronomical side, the programme will focus on Italian food excellences, with daily visits to local producers, lessons and tastings of some of the most famous Italian products like wine, oil and saffron.

Programme:

- Italian Classes in the Morning or Afternoon Everyday (20 Lessons)
- 2 Cooking Classes (3 Hours Each) with Focus on Tuscan Cooking
- Guided Visit of Florence
- Guided Visit to a Local Oil Producer with Oil Lesson, Oil Tasting and Lunch
- Guided Visit to a Local Saffron Producer with a Lesson on Saffron Production and a Tasting
- Full Day Excursion to a Local Wine Producer with Vineyard Tour, Wine Tasting and Lunch

ITALIAN LESSONS 20 Italian language lessons per

week, 45' each,

from Monday to Friday from 9.00 to 12.30

On the first school day at Linguaviva participants will take a written and oral placement test following which they will be placed in the appropriate group for their language level. Work covers all aspects of the language with a particular emphasis on developing communicative skills in speaking and writing.



COOKING CLASSES AND VISITS During the 6 hours of

Italian cooking classes with a focus on traditional Tuscan cooking, students will learn the traditional techniques and secrets of local cooking.

At the beginning of every class they will receive learning materials to use during the lessons.

The visit to different local producers will let the students experience some of the most excellent and famous gastronomical products and learn about them and their production.

Sample Weekly Programme – Second Week

| | | WEEK 2 - FLORENCE | | | | | | |
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| | | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
| MORNING | | Italian Classes | Visit to an Olive Oil Producer | Italian Classes | Visit to a Saffron Producer | Italian Classes | Full Day Visit to a Wine Producer | Departure To Pollenzo (by private bus) |
| AFTERNOON | | Guided Tour of Florence | Italian Classes | Cooking Classes | Italian Classes | Cooking Classes | | |



WEEK 3

University of Gastronomical Sciences - POLLENZO

For the third part students will move to Pollenzo, in the prestigious area of the Langhe, in Piedmont, home of one of the most famous wine productions in Italy, and they will attend Pollenzo's University of Gastronomical Sciences.

The University of Pollenzo, founded by Carlo Petrini, the founder of Slow Food, represents the excellence in the field of gastronomical sciences, as well as the first institution in Italy to create, 20 years ago, this path of studies.

During their staying at the University they will approach the world of gastronomy on many of its different aspects, through theoretical studies, sensory analysis and first-hand experience.

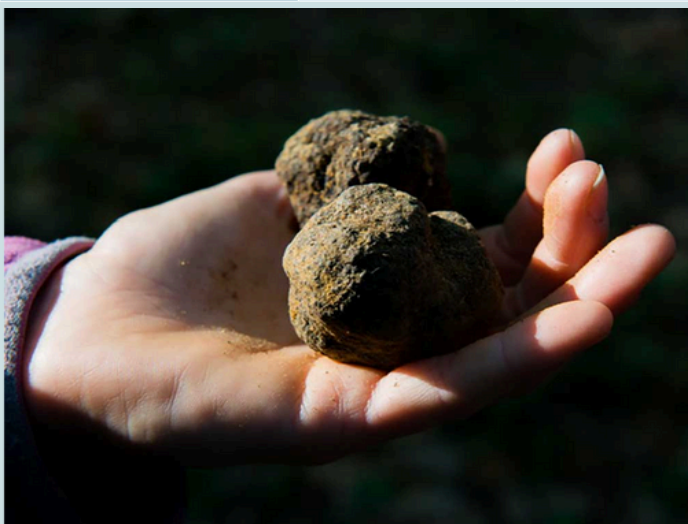
Programme:

- Daily Classes and Seminars about Different Aspects of Food Culture (Sensory Analysis, Food Psychology, Cooking Activities, Workshops)
- Guided Visit to Bra and Local Producers
- Foraging Session and Wild Plants Collection + Cooking Session and Convivial Lunch
- Truffle Hunting + Truffle Tasting
- Wine Focus + Visit to a Local Wine Producer and Vineyard, Wine tasting
- Visit to a Local Cheese Producer + Cheese Tasting
- Visit to a Local farm and Local Cattle + Tasting
- Visit to a Cured Meat Company + Cold Cuts Tasting
- Full Day Visit to Torino Including: Visit to a Chocolate and Pastry Producer, Lunch with Gourmet Pizza Tasting, Visit to Lavazza Coffee Museum



Sample Weekly Programme – Third Week

| | | WEEK 3 - POLLENZO | | | | | | |
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| | | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
| MORNING | | Tour of the University + Seminary on Biodiversity and Sustainability | Sensory Analysis + Sensorial Training on Chocolate | Foraging Session + Cooking Lesson on Wild Herbs | Focus on Wine | Visit to a Local Cheese Producer + Visit to a Cattle Farm | Full Day Excursion to Torino | Departure To the airport |
| AFTERNOON | | Visit to Bra and Local Producers | Food Psychology Lesson + Workshop | Truffle Hunting + Truffle Tasting | Visit to a Local Winery + Wine Tasting | Visit to a Cured meat Company + Tasting | | |





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Social and cultural activities...



SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

PEPPE CELANO

Giuseppe Celano is the activities coordinator:

- The list of socio-cultural activities will be given to you upon your arrival and you will find it posted on the notice board in the office;
- Afternoon socio-cultural activities are included in the course price (excluding excursions)
- When you are interested in participating in an activity, don't forget to sign the sheets posted on the notice board by 11:30 a.m. on the day of the activity itself;
- If by 11:30 a.m. on the day of the activity we do not have at least 2 enrolled students, the activity will be canceled;
- For excursions, it is necessary to sign up directly in the office (administration)
- The activities and experiences vary based on current events, anniversaries, and seasonality.



EXAMPLE OF ACTIVITY PROGRAMME:

Monday

- h.13:00 Lunch together;
- h.16:00 Guided tour of Taormina;

Tuesday

- h.16:00 Movie: **Benvenuti al Sud**;
(Movie in Italian with Italian subtitles);

Wednesday

- h.16:00 Games with Sicilian playing cards;

Thursday

- h.16:00 Lecture on sicilian traditions;

Saturday

- h.08:00 Excursion: The Marinello Lakes and the northeastern coast of Sicily.



Student lifestyle in Sicily...



Taormina



Taormina is full of history and culture. Nestled on the summit of Mt. Tauro, Taormina boasts amazing views of the turquoise Ionian Sea and Homer's mythical Mount Etna. Its narrow medieval streets are peppered with buildings representing the many civilizations which have been inhabitants since its early Greek beginnings.

The Greeks, fathers of Italian and European culture, established the first colony in Italy here in the Bay of Naxos. The town is a treasure chest of history. Walking along its main street, Corso Umberto, a maze of narrow staircased streets and small beautiful piazzas, you find a Theatre and Gymnasium of the Greek Age, Odeon and Baths of the Roman Age, traces of the Byzantine occupation and beautiful buildings in which the Arab and Norman cultures melt together in a memorable sense of beauty.



Sicilia

Sicily is a hidden gem of the Mediterranean. Boasting beautiful stone and sandy beaches, warm turquoise water, snow-capped volcano Mount Etna, and rich agricultural land, Sicily is absolutely unique. Consequently, every major European dynasty has left their footprint, leaving behind a trail of historic, artistic, architectural, and cultural remains visible on every corner in every town on this Mediterranean island.

Taste the cuisine: Sicily is a culinary paradise, where every dish tells the story and passion of the land. From the intense flavors of freshly fried arancini to the irresistible aroma of pasta alla norma, every bite is a journey through authentic flavors and fresh local products. Savour the delicious cannoli, filled with ricotta and garnished with candied orange peel, and indulge in the fresh seafood dishes that capture the essence of the Mediterranean.





Have fun with the locals: The true soul of Sicily lies within its people—warm, hospitable, and full of zest for life. Enjoy the cultural festivals, dance to the rhythm of the traditional *tarantella* dance, and discover the joy of sharing stories and laughter with the locals. From the wise elders recounting millennia-old legends to the energetic youth leading you through the streets of fun, every encounter is an opportunity to immerse yourself in the authentic culture of Sicily.

Head to the beach: The breathtaking beaches of Sicily are not to be missed for those seeking relaxation and the sweet sound of waves crashing on the shore. Lay your towel on the golden sand or immerse yourself in the crystal-clear waters of the Isola Bella Nature Reserve. From tranquil bays to fun-filled beaches, there is a slice of paradise for everyone along the Sicilian coast.



Explore and learn

Explore the cultural richness of Sicily with our experts. Through an educational and engaging approach, you will have the opportunity to immerse yourself in millennia-old traditions, uncover the secrets of art and local history, and learn from the unique experiences that only Sicily can offer. Under the careful guidance of our instructors, every moment will become an opportunity to enrich your knowledge and nourish your passion for Sicilian culture.

Experiences

Trekking: Hiking through natural trails and scenic routes.

Diving: Underwater dives to explore the rich biodiversity of the coast.

Paragliding: Activity with a lightweight parachute, offering a panoramic view from above.

Helicopter tours: Aerial tours providing a unique and breathtaking perspective of the island.

Skiing: Skiing on the slopes of Europe's highest active volcano, Mount Etna.

Hiking: Walking excursions through natural and mountainous landscapes.

Mountain biking: Descending bike routes on the slopes of the volcano.

Horse riding: Horseback rides to explore Sicily and its breathtaking scenery.

Boat tour: Boat tours to admire the coasts, marine caves, and hidden beaches.

Rafting: Exciting adventures along rivers and rapids.





Italian course plus...



COURSE STRUCTURE

2 days each week - 3 hours each day

PARTNERED WITH

I Giardini di Babilonia restaurant
in association with AIC - Associazione Italiana
Cuochi

€ 180

COOKING CLASS



COURSE STRUCTURE

2 days a week - 1,5 hours a day
(3 white + 2 red + 1 dessert wine + Sicilian culinary
specialty)

PARTNERED WITH

I Giardini di Babilonia restaurant
in association with AIBES Associazione Italiana
Barman e Sostenitori

€ 180



FOOD & WINE COURSE

COURSE STRUCTURE

1 afternoon/ 1 dive
equipment included

PARTNERED WITH

Blue Sea Diving

€ 145



MEDITERRANEAN DIVING FOR BEGINNERS

MEDITERRANEAN DIVING FOR FUN



COURSE STRUCTURE

2 afternoons a week
equipment included

PARTNERED WITH

Blue Sea Diving

€ 215

COURSE STRUCTURE

2 afternoons

PARTNER

Giuseppe Celano

€ 350



TREKKING



CERAMICA

COURSE STRUCTURE

2 sections a week - 1,5 hours per section

PARTNERED WITH

Ceramiche Mirisciotti
Laboratorio Kerameion

€ 285

STRUCTURE

full day excursion organized and led by Babilonia

In Agrigento, don't miss the Valley of the Temples, one of the most extraordinary archaeological sites in Sicily, with magnificently preserved Doric temples. Just a few kilometers away, discover the Scala dei Turchi, a spectacular white cliff that plunges into the sea. Two natural and historical wonders that will captivate you with their unique beauty.

€ 97



AGRIGENTO



CATANIA

STRUCTURE

full day excursion organized and led by Babilonia

In Catania, visit the medieval Castello Ursino, the lively Fish Market, the UNESCO-listed Benedictine Monastery, and the stunning Duomo, a masterpiece of Baroque architecture. A perfect blend of history and culture.

€ 80

STRUCTURE

full day excursion organized and led by Babilonia

In Caltagirone, admire the famous ceramic decorations and the beautiful Staircase of Santa Maria del Monte. In Piazza Armerina, don't miss the Villa Romana del Casale, a UNESCO site known for its exceptional Roman mosaics. Two charming towns rich in history and art.

€ 90



AEOLIAN ISLANDS

STRUCTURE

full day excursion organized and led by Babilonia

In the Aeolian Islands, visit the island of Vulcano with its famous mud baths and active crater, or explore Lipari, known for its charming streets, ancient ruins, and stunning views. Both islands offer unique natural beauty and rich history.

€ 119

STRUCTURE

half day excursion organized and led by Babilonia

Visit the Alcantara Gorges, a breathtaking natural wonder with crystal-clear waters and dramatic basalt rock formations. Perfect for hiking, swimming, and immersing yourself in the beauty of Sicily's landscapes.

€ 65



ALCANTARA GORGES



MOUNT ETNA

STRUCTURE

half day excursion organized and led by Babilonia

Explore Mount Etna, Europe's highest active volcano, offering stunning views, hiking trails, and the chance to witness its volcanic activity. A must-see for nature lovers and adventure seekers.

€ 60

STRUCTURE

full day excursion organized and led by Babilonia

In Syracuse, visit the Neapolis Archaeological Park, home to the impressive Greek Theatre and the Ear of Dionysius. Then, wander through Ortigia, the island's historic center, renowned for its Baroque architecture and charming streets.

€ 80



STRUCTURE

full day excursion organized and led by Babilonia

In Palermo, explore the magnificent Palermo Cathedral, the historic Norman Palace, and the stunning Palatine Chapel. Don't miss the vibrant markets, such as Vucciria and Ballarò, offering a taste of the city's rich culture and history.

€ 118

STRUCTURE

half day excursion organized and led by Babilonia

In Savoca, visit the iconic Church of San Nicolo and enjoy the charming medieval streets, made famous by "The Godfather." Nearby, explore Forza d'Agrò, a picturesque hilltop village with stunning views and historic sites, offering a glimpse into Sicily's past.

€ 50



VENDICARI NATURE RESERVE



STRUCTURE

full day excursion organized and led by Babilonia

Visit the Vendicari Nature Reserve, a stunning coastal area known for its diverse wildlife, pristine beaches, and crystal-clear waters. A perfect destination for birdwatching, hiking, and enjoying the natural beauty of Sicily.

€ 80

STRUCTURE

full day excursion organized and led by Babilonia

In Modica, explore the elegant Baroque architecture, including the stunning Modica Cathedral. Don't miss the town's famous chocolate shops, offering a taste of the region's rich culinary heritage, all set in a charming historic center.

€ 90

MODICA



STRUCTURE

half day excursion organized and led by Babilonia

In Montalbano Elicona, discover its medieval charm and the impressive Castello di Montalbano. Nearby, explore the ancient megalithic sites, offering a fascinating glimpse into Sicily's prehistoric past, set against stunning natural landscapes.

€ 55

MONTALBANO ELICONA & MEGALITHICS



STRUCTURE

half day excursion organized and led by Babilonia

In Acitrezza, admire the stunning Faraglioni, towering sea stacks rising from the crystal-clear waters. This picturesque fishing village offers breathtaking views and a glimpse into Sicilian coastal beauty and legend.

€ 50

ACITREZZA



TINDARI & MARINELLO LAKES



STRUCTURE

full day excursion organized and led by Babilonia

In Tindari, visit the ancient Sanctuary of the Black Madonna and enjoy panoramic views of the coast. Nearby, explore the stunning Marinello Lakes, a series of crystal-clear ponds surrounded by sand dunes, offering a serene natural escape.

€ 75

Babilonia's farm...



Babilonia's farm



An oasis of nature and knowledge just 7 minutes from the school, this educational farm is set on a 200-year-old estate spanning 40,000 square meters, offering an exceptional setting to explore the beauty of the Sicilian countryside and embrace a deeper connection to the land.



At its heart lies an educational organic garden, where students and visitors alike can dive into sustainable agriculture and learn the secrets of cultivating a wide variety of fruits and vegetables using natural methods. By following the rhythm of the seasons, participants gain hands-on experience, recognizing and harvesting ripe produce directly from the plant, savoring the fresh, authentic flavors of nature.



Adjacent to the garden is a working farm with a diverse array of animals, from pigs and chickens to horses, creating unique opportunities for students to interact with animals, understand their role within the agricultural ecosystem, and appreciate the importance of respectful coexistence with all living beings. This immersive environment fosters a holistic understanding of sustainability, grounded in agricultural traditions.



Babilonia's farm



For relaxation and rejuvenation, the farm offers a stunning swimming pool where students can unwind after a day of outdoor learning and activities. The farm also hosts "farm-to-table" dinners, where participants enjoy dishes crafted with ingredients freshly gathered from the garden, celebrating the farm's commitment to local sourcing and the exceptional quality of zero-mile food.

Inside the farm, an innovative cooking laboratory brings students into the world of Sicilian cuisine, guided by expert chefs certified by the Italian Federation of Chefs. Here, students have the opportunity to harvest fresh ingredients directly from the garden and transform them into traditional Sicilian delicacies, gaining a rich appreciation for the flavors and history of regional culinary arts.

This farm is more than a place of learning and enjoyment; it's a bridge between past and present, where agricultural heritage blends seamlessly with educational innovation. Through dedicated educational programs and workshops on sustainable farming practices, visitors gain valuable insights into eco-friendly cultivation methods that safeguard biodiversity and promote mindful consumption. This farm offers Babilonia students a complete, unforgettable experience, inviting them to rediscover the joy of living in harmony with nature in a welcoming, educational environment designed to respect and honor the land.





Accommodations...

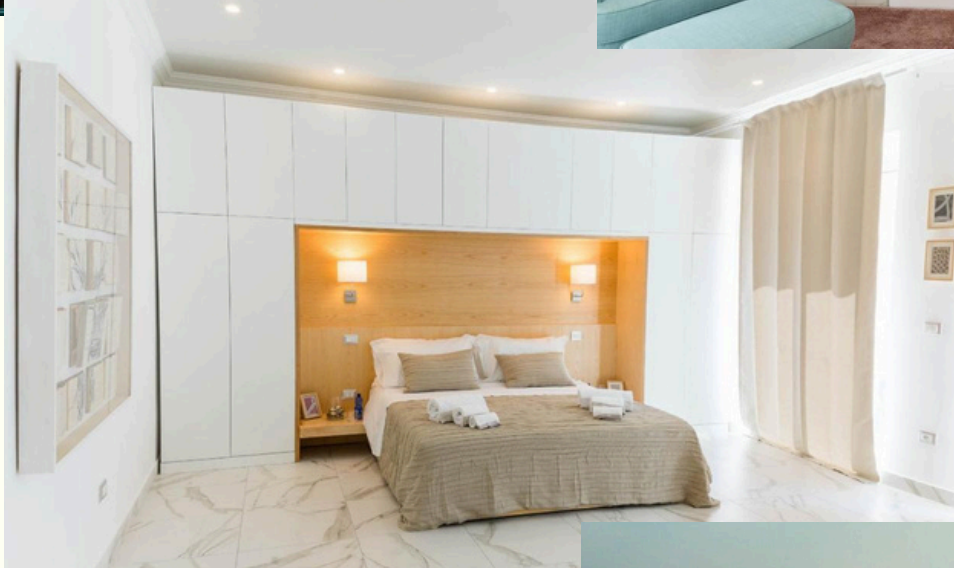


At Babilonia, we offer our students a wide range of accommodation options to ensure a comfortable and authentic experience during their stay:



- 15 host families (40 bed capacity)
- 25 apartments
- over 100 beds available owned by the school

In addition to our own direct school-owned accommodations, we also partner with local hotels, B&Bs, and privately managed apartments that offer special student rates. All accommodations are coordinated through our dedicated incoming office, which provides 360-degree assistance to ensure a smooth, enjoyable experience for each student.

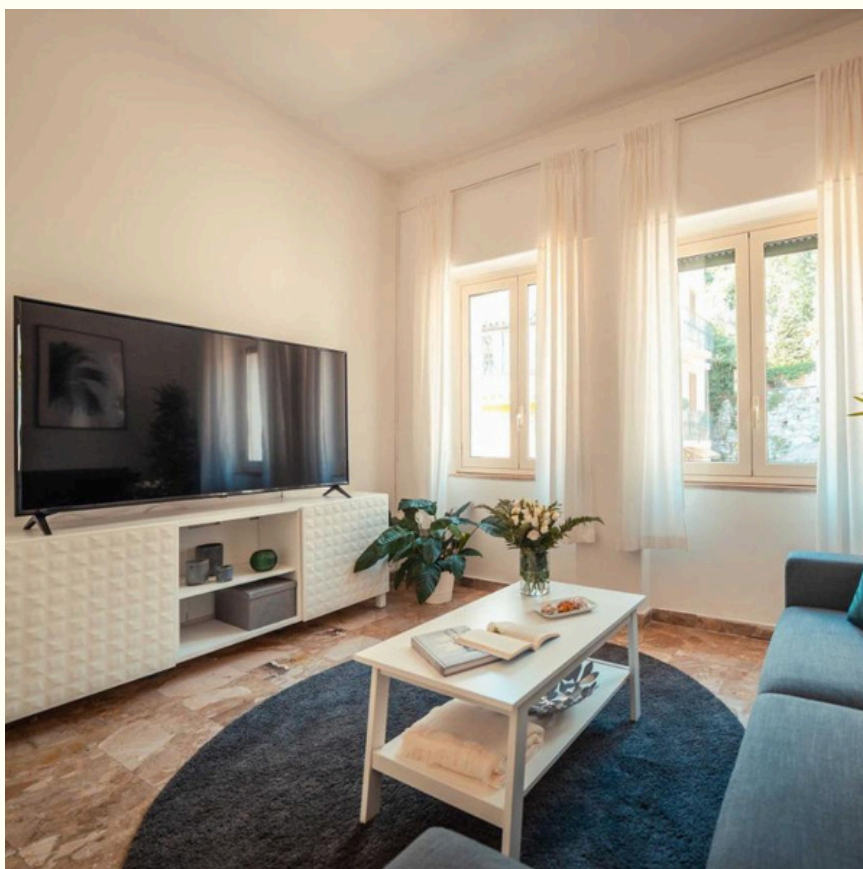


HOST FAMILY...

To fully immerse yourself in the local culture, we offer the opportunity to stay with a host family in a private home, an ideal solution to discover the daily habits of our beautiful country. Here, you will have the chance to learn idiomatic expressions, practice the language, and perfect your accent in an authentic and welcoming environment.

Babilonia's families typically reside in residential neighborhoods, located close to public transportation that easily connects you with the city and the school (with an average journey of 10/15 minutes). By living with a local family, you will have the opportunity to enjoy breakfast and dinner from Monday to Friday, and breakfast, lunch, and dinner on weekends.

Our school and our coordinators regularly select and inspect host families to ensure high standards of hospitality and ensure that students feel comfortable and satisfied. Many of these families have been collaborating with Babilonia for over 25 years, demonstrating their reliability and experience in hosting international students.



SHARED APARTMENT...

If you wish to live in a homey environment while maintaining your independence during your stay with Babilonia, staying in a large private house with other students is the ideal solution. Here, you can share common spaces and create new friendships, all under the careful supervision of a local host. Shared apartments will be cleaned by the host once a week.

Babilonia carefully selects homeshare accommodations based on our high standards of comfort and safety, ensuring a welcoming and secure environment for all students. Living in a large private house will allow you to immerse in the local culture while enjoying the company of your fellow travelers and the tranquility of a family-like environment.



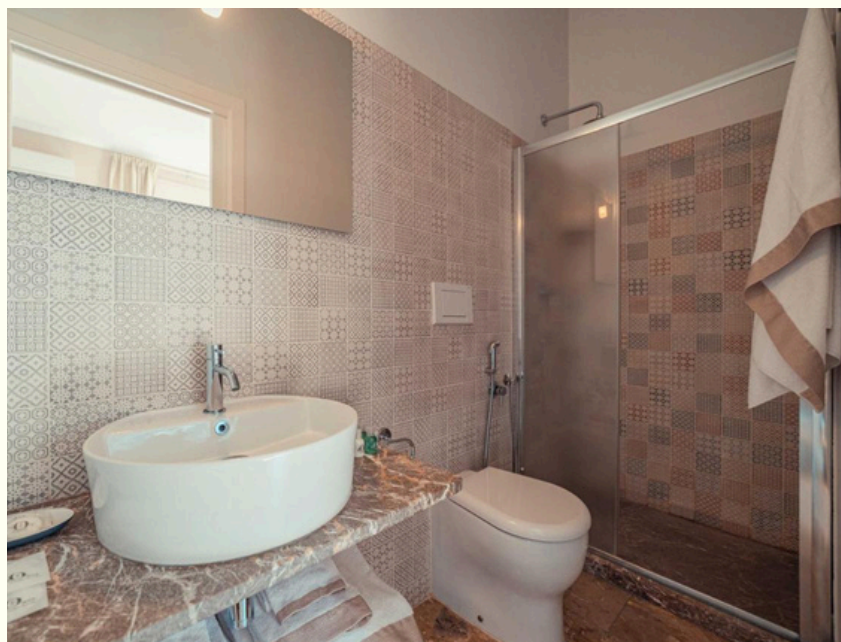
The photographs in our catalogue show a selection of our accommodation and provide a glimpse of the comfortable and welcoming environment we offer.

INDEPENDENT APARTMENT...

An independent apartment is the ideal solution for students who wish to live alone, maintaining their privacy and independence during their stay. These apartments, equipped with a fully stocked kitchen, allow students to prepare their own meals in complete autonomy. The modern and functional furnishings are designed to ensure comfort and practicality.

The apartments are located in the city center, providing easy access to the school and other points of interest. Additionally, high-speed Wi-Fi and quality appliances make the environment even more comfortable and convenient.

In this type of accommodation, students can enjoy maximum privacy without giving up the opportunity to socialize, thanks to the proximity of other students. Ideal for those seeking a solution that combines independence and comfort, an independent apartment is the perfect choice for a peaceful and productive stay.



HOTEL AND B&B...

If you're looking for the convenience of full-service accommodation, our school offers an exclusive option: a privately-owned B&B, managed directly by us to ensure maximum comfort and a warm, welcoming atmosphere. In addition to our B&B, we have carefully selected other high-quality options, including 2- and 3-star hotels and B&Bs located in the city and nearby areas, to suit every preference.

All accommodations are located within a short distance from the school, giving you the flexibility to choose the ideal option based on your needs and availability. Whether you're seeking a more refined setting or a budget-friendly option, we assure you that you'll find the perfect place to stay in Taormina.

By choosing our B&B or one of the other carefully selected accommodations, you can enjoy a comfortable, tailored experience, allowing you to focus on your studies and immerse yourself in the vibrant cultural and social life that Taormina has to offer.



The photographs in our catalogue show a selection of our accommodation and provide a glimpse of the comfortable and welcoming environment we offer.

HOTEL 4*, 5* & 5L ...

Through our incoming office, we offer the opportunity to stay in Taormina's historic accommodations, among the finest 4-star, 5-star, and 5-star Luxury hotels that combine elegance with all modern comforts. These hotels, housed in iconic and charming buildings, provide a unique experience that blends luxury with the city's tradition and allure.

Each property offers top-level services, such as spas, panoramic pools, gourmet restaurants, and breathtaking views of the sea or Taormina's historic center. By choosing one of these hotels, you can enjoy a refined and relaxing stay, surrounded by the beauty of Sicilian culture and architecture.

Our incoming office is here to help you find the accommodation that best suits your preferences, ensuring an unforgettable experience within the stunning setting of Taormina.



ACCOMODATION AT GIARDINI-NAXOS ...

Another option is to stay in Giardini Naxos, which is just a 10-minute bus ride from Taormina. Giardini Naxos is well-connected to the city by public transport, making it easy and quick to access Taormina for those who wish to explore its history, culture, and monuments. However, this location also offers a wonderful alternative for those who want to fully enjoy the natural beauty and numerous beach resorts.

Giardini Naxos is famous for its long, picturesque beach with crystal-clear waters and a wide selection of well-equipped beach resorts where you can relax under the sun, enjoy water sports, or simply appreciate the sea in a quieter environment compared to the center of Taormina. In addition to the beaches, the area offers a variety of restaurants, cafes, and bars where you can taste traditional Sicilian dishes, particularly fresh seafood, while soaking in the lively atmosphere of the area.

Moreover, Giardini Naxos is an ideal base for excursions, with direct access to the Isola Bella nature reserve and trails leading to Mount Etna, offering the chance to combine relaxation with nature tourism. Thanks to its strategic location, guests can enjoy the beauty of the sea and various recreational activities without sacrificing proximity to Taormina, which is easily reachable for those who wish to discover the history, culture, and unique attractions of this enchanting city.



ACCOMMODATION PRICES 2025

| | price per night SINGLE ROOM | price per night DOUBLE ROOM price per person * |
|---|--------------------------------|--|
| ROOM IN SHARED APARTMENT** | € 45 | € 35 |
| INDEPENDENT STUDIO APARTMENT** | € 75 | € 50 |
| HOST-FAMILY** bed & breakfast | € 50 | € 40 |
| HOST-FAMILY** half-board | € 60 | € 50 |
| BUDGET 2 STAR HOTEL*** | € 75 | € 45 |
| 3-4-5 STAR HOTEL | € seasonal pricing | € seasonal pricing |

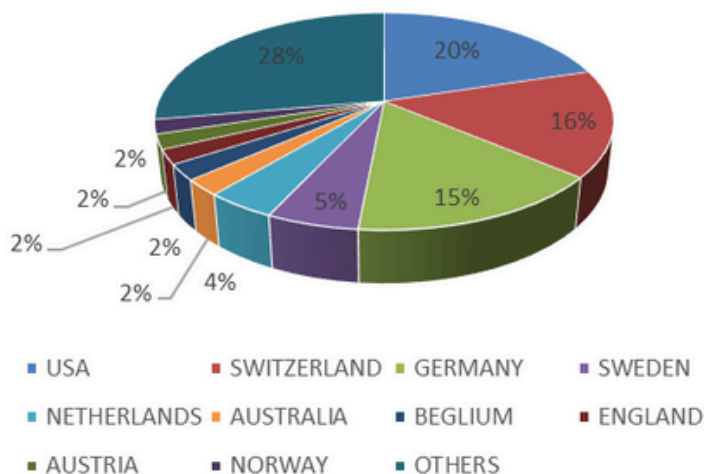
*PLEASE, NOTE THAT WE DO NOT PAIR STUDENTS IN
DOUBLE ROOMS WHO DO NOT PREVIOUSLY
REQUEST TO SHARE A ROOM



STUDENT STATISTICS BASED ON THE YEAR 2023 - N° STUDENTS: 2029



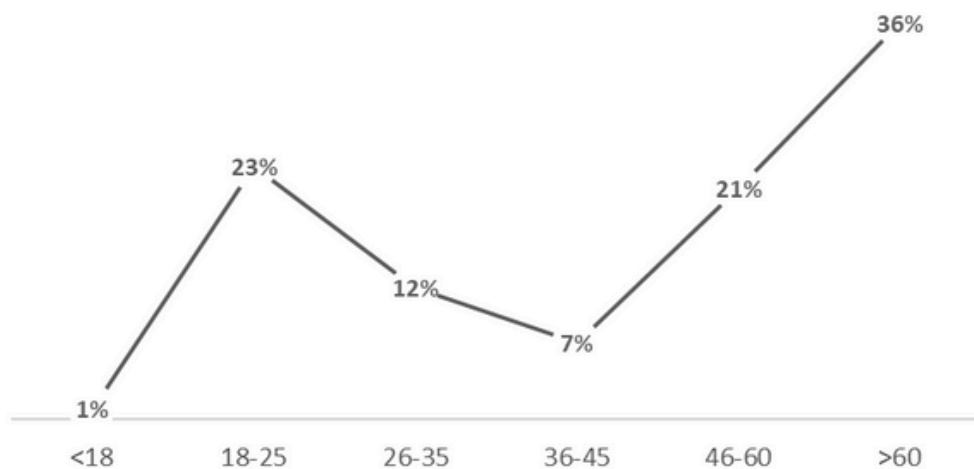
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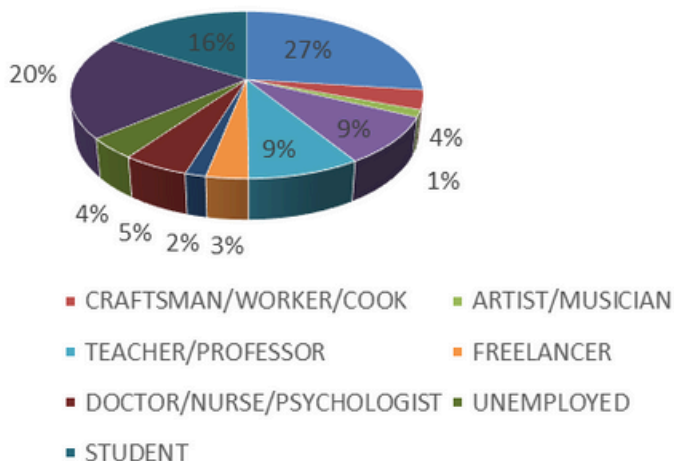
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| 1° USA | n° studenti 410 |
| 2° SWITZERLAND | n° studenti 323 |
| 3° GERMANY | n° studenti 312 |
| 4° SWEDEN | n° studenti 111 |
| 5° NETHERLANDS | n° studenti 85 |
| 6° AUSTRALIA | n° studenti 48 |
| 7° BELGIUM | n° studenti 47 |
| 8° AUSTRIA | n° studenti 44 |
| 9° ENGLAND | n° studenti 44 |
| 10° NORWAY | n° studenti 43 |

AGE RANGE

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| 1° > 60 | n° studenti 737 |
| 2° 18-25 | n° studenti 458 |
| 3° 46-60 | n° studenti 427 |
| 4° 26-35 | n° studenti 242 |
| 5° 36-45 | n° studenti 146 |
| 6° <18 | n° studenti 19 |



PROFESSIONS



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| 1° RETIREE |
| 2° STUDENT |
| 3° PRIVATE EMPLOYEE |
| 4° TEACHER/PROFESSOR |
| 5° DOCTOR/NURSE/PSYCHOLOGIST |
| 6° UNEMPLOYED |
| 7° CRAFTSMAN/WORKER/COOK |
| 8° FREELANCER |
| 9° MANAGER/EXECUTIVE |
| 10° ARTIST/MUSICIAN |



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