

Scuola Verde L'Olmo * Winter in Portico*

Theme courses during the Winter months



General info about the courses:

Our Italian Language Theme courses are meant as an alternative offer to those of you who have as a minimum an Intermediate II, Advanced or Superior Italian language level.

In 2009/2010 we start out with 4 courses: 2 literature courses, 1 film course and 1 half and half.

Three of them are of a 3 days duration and one of 5 days. The minimum number of participants per course is 2 and the enrolment shall be made at least 2 weeks before course start.

Accommodation:



In the afternoon after the courses, you'll have the possibility to participate in different types of activities: excursions, cooking courses or just a walk round in the small, old village.

We recommend highly a stay in our little, cosy, Italian family driven village Hotel, *Al Vecchio Convento****, where you in these cold winter months amongst others can enjoy the truffles, wild boar, pheasants, deer, the best wines from the region and Massimiliano's desserts by the warm fireside in the charming 1800-century palazzo.

70 euro per person per night in a double room with bath and half board.

77 euro per person per night in a single room with bath and half board.

The courses:

- “A tavola” (“Dinner is served”) by teachers Monica Saccomandi and Mitzi Beccatini

The Italian kitchen in literature an art.

You’ll be reading some Dante , Boccaccio, Gozzano, Moravia, Gadda, Buzzati and Benni and see scenes from a movie.

Duration: 3 days/12 hrs., from 10 am to 15 pm with 1 hr. lunch break- Mondays to Wednesdays.

Dates: 2009: 7-9/12; 14-16/12; 21-23/12;
2010: 4-6/1; 8-10/2; 15-17/2; 22-24/2; 1-3/3; 8-10/3; 15-17/3; 22-24/3.

Price: 300 euro



- “Expressive reading” by teachers Monica Saccomandi and Mitzi Beccatini
You’ll be guided in how to read out loud a text or a play in Italian- also called expressive reading. The texts you’ll be reading also will be analysed, discussed and interpreted together with your teachers. You’ll not be asked to act or do theatre, though.

Duration: 3 days/12 hrs., from 10 am to 15 pm with 1 hr. lunch break- Wednesdays to Fridays.

Dates: 2009: 9-11/12; 16-18/12.
2010: 6-8/1; 10-12/2; 17-19/2; 24-26/2; 3-5/3; 10-12/3; 17-19/3; 24-26/3.

Price: 300 euro

- “From book to movie”- The Italian language between film and literature by teacher Clara Piovaccari.

In this course you’ll be seeing some famous Italian movies representative of Italian culture and read bits from the original books on which they are based, with lots of conversation, discussion and of course viewing of the movies.

Duration: 5 days/20 hrs., from 9 am to 13 pm with 1/2 hr. break- Mondays to Fridays. In the Afternoons there will be cinema.

Dates: 2009: 7-11/12; 14-18/12.
2010: 4-8/1; 8-12/2; 15-19/2; 22-26/2; 1-5/3; 8-12/3; 15-19/3; 22-26/3.

Price: 450 euro

- “Laughing with the Italians”- Italian movie-comedy by teacher Caterina Mordenti

Here you have the possibility of enjoying moments with some of the biggest Italian movie comedians like Totò, Sordi, Verdone, Benigni and others. Lots of conversation and discussion on Italian comedy and culture in general and hopefully lots of laughs.

Duration: 3 days/12 hrs., from 9 am to 13 pm with 1/2 hr. break- Mondays to Wednesdays. In the Afternoons there will be cinema.

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Price: 300 euro

- San Silvestro in Portico – Italian New Year Course in Portico from the 29-30 December 2009.

This course can (it would almost be a shame not to) be combined with a stay at the Albergo Al Vecchio Convento*** over New Year to the 2nd January 2010- including the big New Years Evening party with a very impressive menu and live music (100 euro, including wines). Over Christmas and New Year Portico becomes a little fairytale of Christmas Cribs made by the locals,- you'll find little cribs in every corner of the small streets and the village people will be waiting for you with warm spiced wine and delicious specialties.

This special course will be about the Italian language through the folkloristic, old traditions and sayings in the Italian popular culture.

Price: 250 euro



For more information and enrolment:



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