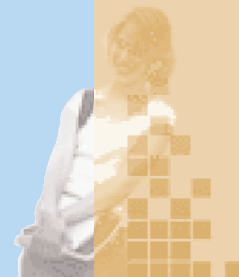


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Structured around the premise that a language must be *lived* in order to be fully understood, LINGUA IT proposes a multi-faceted approach to language learning that embraces not only the syntax of communication but also the importance of cultural experiences and personal interaction. With myriad cultural and social activities on offer that traverse the disciplines of music, history, art, literature and modern culture, the institute not only provides students the opportunity to speak Italian but also the opportunity to experience what it means to *feel* Italian.

## Ever thought about studying Italian in Italy?

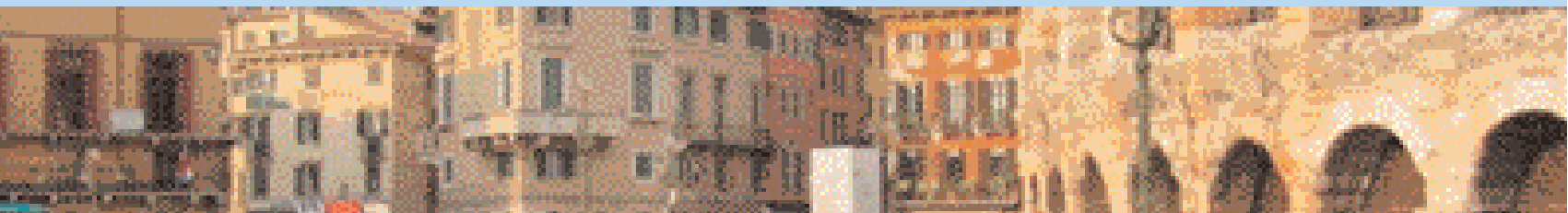
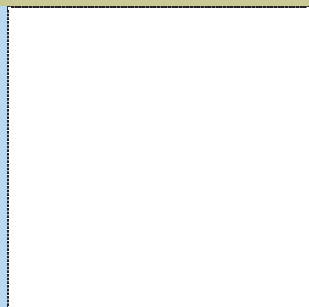
**Verona** is the perfect place to learn *La Lingua Italiana* while simultaneously immersing yourself in the art, culture, style and culinary traditions of Italian life. Located in the Veneto, a region equally rich in beautiful landscapes (the Dolomite Mountains, Lake Garda, the Venice Lagoon, the Adriatic Sea,) as it is in great cities of art and culture (Vicenza, Padua, Bologna, Trento and, of course, magical Venice), Verona boasts an enviable geographic position at the crossroads between Northern Europe and the Mediterranean countries of the south. A precious centre of art and history, Verona is a city of infinite surprises and curious discoveries: the glorious statues, the delicate friezes that ornament the buildings, the frescoes



and ancient Roman inscriptions, the medieval facades, the opulent gardens with brimming fountains... all make an unforgettable impression on the hearts and minds of visitors to the city. The best way to discover Verona's beauty is to take a stroll through its wonderful streets, breathing in contemporaneously the exquisite remnants of the city's ancient Roman past and the elegant style of its modern Italian culture. The romance of Verona is palpable: the unexpected surprises found around each corner, the picturesque vistas of the surrounding landscape, and the warm amber glow of the evening lights, instantly remind all who visit here of the magical love story Romeo and Juliet, set in Verona by Shakespeare in his famous 16th century play.

Year-round, the city offers infinite cultural delights to feast the senses. On summer nights, the stage of the Roman Arena comes alive with the annual open-air OPERA FESTIVAL. At the Roman Theatre, the SHAKESPEARE and VERONA JAZZ FESTIVALS fill summer evenings with poetic words and sounds. In spring and autumn, the amphitheatre hosts a variety of CONTEMPORARY MUSIC CONCERTS, while in April the annual VERONA FILM FESTIVAL presents an eclectic mix of international short and feature films not to be missed. The city also offers a variety of sporting pursuits: canoeing on the river, skiing and rock climbing in the nearby Dolomites, sailing, swimming and windsurfing on Lake Garda, and mountain bike and horseback riding in the mountains of Lessinia, while for shopping lovers there are endless boutiques famed for their prestige and elegance.

Although a player on the international stage with its many trade fairs such as VINITALY (the most prestigious wine expo in the world), the Veneto has jealously guarded its local traditions and products through the ages. The wines of the region (Soave, Bardolino, Amarone, Valpolicella, Custoza) are considered amongst the best in Italy as is the region's characteristically sumptuous olive oil. Add to the mix the exquisitely simple dishes of Veneto cuisine that taunt the taste buds with their natural and genuine flavours and always preserve the integrity and traditions of the past.



**LINGUA IT** is an institution that specialises in teaching Italian to foreigners. The school's primary objective is to immerse students in the real language of Italy as it is used everyday by Italians. To that end LINGUA IT offers a range of Cultural Courses, Laboratories and Guided Tours that, in conjunction with language classes, expose students to all facets of Italian life, language and culture.



All the teachers at LINGUA IT are mother-tongue Italian speakers specially trained to teach Italian to foreign students. With years of practical experience behind them, the educators at the institute boast an enviable level of didactic competency and are all specialists in addressing the difficulties that are particular to learning a secondary language. Each of the teaching staff speaks more than one language and each also holds a university degree in The Humanities which collectively cover the visual arts, ancient and modern history, classic and contemporary Italian literature, film and theatre studies. The staff at LINGUA IT understands how personal the learning process is (particularly when trying to master a new language) and is always attentive and sensitive to the differing needs of various class levels as well as the specialised needs of individual students.

The school is located in the historical heart of Verona, just a short stroll from Piazza Erbe - one of the town's most beautiful piazzas which was once the home of the ancient Roman Forum. Tucked right in the city core, LINGUA IT is close to all services and is surrounded by prestigious boutiques, stylish cafés and Verona's most important monuments.

LINGUA IT has an accommodation booking service and is happy to help students with their accommodation needs throughout their stay in Verona.

## THE SCHOOL

### Student Facilities

**CLASSROOMS:** All the classrooms at LINGUA IT have been carefully designed to create an optimum and comfortable learning environment for students. Well-equipped and full of light, each classroom is fitted with modern and stylish furnishings that contribute to a quiet and intimate ambience, perfect for learning,

studying and discussion. All classrooms are air-conditioned in the summer and centrally heated in the winter.

**STUDENT COMMON ROOM:** Students at LINGUA IT have permanent access to a dedicated common room, a relaxing meeting place where they can take a break and drink a coffee, talk with other students and teachers, play a language-focused game or read one of the many books, newspapers or magazines available from the library. The common room, equipped with a video projector, home theatre and stereo system, is also frequently used to accommodate seminars, meetings, conferences, film screenings and special events.

**INTERNET POINT:** The free internet access point, available for the sole use of LINGUA IT's students, is equipped with multiple PCs and a printing facility. The entire institute is also covered by a wireless internet network for those students travelling with portable computers.

**LIBRARY:** A comprehensive library is at the disposal of students who would like to consult or borrow one of the many books, newspapers and magazines available: classical literature and contemporary novels, references books on Italy and Italian art, volumes dedicated to history, cinema, fashion and culture, as well as a wide collection of publications devoted to travel and tourism in Verona, greater Italy and Europe.

**FILM LIBRARY:** Students have access to an extensive library of films that have played a significant role in the history of Italian cinema. The relaxing and entertaining experience of watching films not only enriches students' appreciation of Italian culture but also helps to exercise language comprehension skills. Students can make autonomous use of the home theatre facility and are also welcome to borrow films overnight, free of charge.

**GAMES LIBRARY:** Understanding both the need for relaxation and the importance of personal interaction when trying to learn a new language, the staff at LINGUA IT have assembled a selection of board games, didactic games and learning aids that aim to promote communication skills and interaction between students of all levels.



## TEACHING METHODOLOGY - Course Levels

**BEGINNERS (A1):** In the Beginners Level, students learn basic communication skills clearly geared for the everyday. A strong grammar base is introduced and the vocabulary taught is simple but precise.

**ELEMENTARY (A2):** Students of the Elementary Level actively participate in conversation structured around general issues and topics. In this course, solid focus is given to the correct employment of various grammatical principles and rules and students develop a comprehensive and broad vocabulary.

**PRE-INTERMEDIATE (B1):** Through discussion and textual analysis, students in the Pre-Intermediate Level explore a range of complicated themes and ideas, gaining a strong command of the Italian language and a deeper understanding of both grammatical and linguistic elements. In this course, students are exposed to the language of the mass media and the variable nature of Italian as it is affected by intonation and different contexts within Italian society.

**INTERMEDIATE (B2):** This course is dedicated to perfecting students' communication skills and equipping them with an understanding of the nuances that make up a thorough knowledge of Italian. Students are taught the correct usage of colloquialisms and idiomatic expressions and are also exposed to some of the more complex structures of the Italian language.

**POST-INTERMEDIATE (C1):** This course helps students exercise their Italian language skills by focusing on a variety of conceivable real-life situations. Pupils of the Post-Intermediate course secure a full and comprehensive mastery of all the grammatical and syntactical structures of the Italian language and are also exposed to the vocabulary and idiom of the workplace. This course level also equips students with the necessary skills for composing a variety of written documents.

**ADVANCED (C2):** This proficiency perfection course aims to enrich and embellish students' vocabulary and perfect their ability to communicate in a rapid and precise manner. Pupils participate in a variety of discussion groups to help them fine-tune their syntax and ameliorate their written and oral expression. Advanced-level textual analysis of a variety of excerpts, documents and essays also forms part of the course syllabus, helping students to distinguish between the subtleties of style and vocabulary used in each and the reasons why. Completion of the Advanced C2 course is a prerequisite for teaching Italian as a second language.

At the beginning of each language course, students (beginners excluded) are given a short test to evaluate their competence and determine which level they are best suited to. At the conclusion of each course level, students sit a final test. The results are evaluated and used to determine whether the student is ready to proceed onto the next course level. The language courses are divided into six levels (with a maximum number of ten students per class and a minimum number of three).





## COURSES

**STANDARD LANGUAGE COURSE:** Classes in all Standard Language Courses are held from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm, Mondays through Fridays. The first three hours are principally dedicated to grammar and syntax skills while the last hour is dedicated primarily to conversation and communication skills. Each 4-hour morning session includes two short breaks totalling 20 minutes. Included in the Standard Language Course are two weekly afternoon activities: a guided tour of Verona with an Art History professor and the screening of an Italian film at the school.

**TWIN COURSE (for 2 people):** LINGUA IT offers a Twin Language Course for two people of the same linguistic competency who prefer personalised lessons to larger group classes. The classes run for three hours each day for a total of 15 hours per week.

**WEEKEND COURSE (for 2 people):** The Weekend Course is designed for two people of the same linguistic competency who wish to learn Italian in short, intensive 2-day courses. Each weekend course consists of twelve hours of class time spread over a Saturday and a Sunday.

**PRIVATE LESSONS:** LINGUA IT recommends private lessons for students with time constraints or special needs and requirements. With the teacher at your complete disposal, private lessons are an effective way to study in-depth, all the linguistic and grammatical aspects of Italian.



**FOREIGN RESIDENTS' COURSE:** The Foreign Residents' Course is a group class designed for those who live in Verona and want to study Italian language and grammar in depth, on an on-going basis. This course, offered at all levels, comprises two afternoon or evening lessons per week for a total of 3 hours class time per week. A minimum number of three students is required to activate a Residents' Course.

**CILS EXAM PREPARATION COURSE (Certificazione di Italiano come Lingua Straniera - Università di Siena):** These classes are run twice-weekly in the afternoons or evenings, for a total of four hours class time per week. The course is also open to students attending a Standard Language Course who would like to sit the CILS examination (this exam can be taken in Verona). A minimum number of three students is required to activate a CILS Course.

**ITALIAN UNIVERSITY PREPARATION COURSE:** This course is designed for foreigners who want to study in an Italian University. Course structure, layout and costs depend on the individual requirements of the student/s.

**UNIVERSITY AND SCHOOL GROUPS:** LINGUA IT organises special Italian language and cultural courses for scholastic and University groups. Course programs, times and fees are determined by the requirements of the group.

**COMPANIES:** On application, LINGUA IT can arrange Italian language and cultural courses for businesses. Lessons can be conducted at the institute or at the applicant's premises. Course programs, times and fees are determined by the requirements of the company.



### CULTURAL COURSES

Classes are conducted twice-weekly in the afternoons for a total of 3 hours class time per week. ITALIAN ART HISTORY, ITALIAN HISTORY, ITALIAN LITERATURE, ITALIAN THEATRE, ITALIAN CINEMA, ITALIAN CUSTOMS AND SOCIETY, ITALIAN OPERA, LATIN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE, ANCIENT GREEK LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

### SPECIALIST COURSES

These courses are held on two afternoons each week for a total of 3 hours class time per week. ITALIAN BUSINESS LANGUAGE, ITALIAN LEGAL SYSTEM, ITALIAN LANGUAGE FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE, ITALIAN LANGUAGE FOR TOURISM

### LABORATORIES

Based on student interaction and collaboration, these group workshops are dedicated to producing creative and artistic works in the Italian language. Laboratories are held one afternoon a week with each session running for three hours.

THEATRE PERFORMANCE, JOURNALISM, CREATIVE WRITING, DOCUMENTARY MAKING, WINE AND COOKING, PHOTOGRAPHY.

### ART

Are you an art enthusiast or a Fine Arts scholar or would you simply like to know more about one of the definitive aspects of Italian culture? The History of Italian Art program offers students the opportunity to immerse themselves in the beauty and history of Italian art, learning not only about the great masterpieces but also about their masters. A long journey of discovery through the Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque periods with protagonists such as Giotto, Botticelli, Da Vinci, Raffaello, Piero della Francesca, Mantegna, Caravaggio, Michelangelo and many others, this course devotes particular attention to the Italian Renaissance, the monuments and art of Verona, the flourishing art of Venice and the genius works of Andrea Palladio.

### OPERA

For an unforgettable night in Italy, you cannot go past the opera performances held each year in Verona's 2000 year-old Roman Arena. On summer nights, this ancient amphitheatre is transformed into a grand open-air opera theatre when it hosts the annual OPERA FESTIVAL. Under the starry Veronese sky, amidst the summer breezes, you will sit on the tiered, pink marble steps of the amphitheatre and witness a spectacle unique in the world. Before and during the performance, a qualified teacher will guide you through the production. For those with a special interest in opera, LINGUA IT also offers introductory courses on the composers, music, history and lyrics of each participating opera from the festival. Specialist group courses or private lessons for opera singers can also be arranged.





## ENROLMENT FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

 M     F    Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

City of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

City &amp; Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone N° \_\_\_\_\_ Fax N° \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Profession \_\_\_\_\_

Address in Italy \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number in Italy \_\_\_\_\_

Codice fiscale o partita IVA \_\_\_\_\_  
(for EU residents only)*form continues overleaf*

## COURSE START DATE

\_\_\_\_\_

## COURSE FINISH DATE

\_\_\_\_\_

## DURATION OF COURSE

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## COURSE SELECTION

(For courses LS1, CC, CS, CL, please specify your preferred Cultural Course, Specialist Course or Laboratory in the space provided below.)

- LS  
 LS1  
 LT  
 LR  
 LW  
 LC  
 LI  
 CC  
 CS  
 CL

## PREFERENCE

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Have you ever studied Italian before?  YES  NO

If 'Yes', for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

How well would you say you can speak Italian?

- Not at all  Only the basics  
 At a medium standard  Advanced knowledge

**ACCOMMODATION** Do you require accommodation during your stay in Verona?  YES  NO

**STAY WITH A HOST ITALIAN FAMILY** (Prices are per week)

- Including breakfast and dinner: Prices start from € 200,00  
 Including breakfast only: Prices start from € 155,00

**SHARE APARTMENTS** (Prices are per week)

- Private room: Prices start from € 150,00  
 (plus € 100,00 per week for an extra person)

**PRIVATE APARTMENTS** (Prices are per apartment/per week)

- Private apartment for 1 Person: Prices start from € 250,00  
 Private apartment for 2 People: Prices start from € 300,00

**HOTELS AND PENSIONES** (Prices are per person, per day)

- Overnight stay including breakfast: Prices start from € 70,00

**B&Bs (BED & BREAKFAST)** (Prices are per person, per day)

- Overnight stay including breakfast: Prices start from € 40,00

## TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1) All lessons run for 55 minutes each. 2) Management at LINGUA IT reserves the right to cancel any course (language or other) if the prerequisite minimum number of three students (four for all Laboratories) is not achieved. In such cases, students will be reimbursed any monies they have paid out. 3) Management at LINGUA IT reserves the right to alter the times of any course (language or other). 4) Students under 18 years of age can only attend the school with the written permission of a parent or legal guardian. 5) Classes that fall on National public holidays will not be re-scheduled or reimbursed. Italy's National public holidays are on: 1st January (New Year's Day), 6th January (The Epiphany), Easter Monday, 25th April (Liberation Day), 1st May (Work Day), 2nd June (National Day), 15th August (Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary), 1st November (All Saints' Day), 8th December (Feast of the Immaculate Conception), 25th December (Christmas Day), 26th December (Day of Saint Stefano). 6) LINGUA IT will not be held responsible for any damage, loss or personal injury suffered by students in any mode, manner or circumstance on the school premises or outside of it. 7) Students are responsible for any damage they cause to the school premises or school property. 8) Students who join a course after its commencement date or leave a course prior to its completion date, will not be reimbursed for their absent days. 9) Cancellation Penalties: If a student cancels their enrolment, they must notify LINGUA IT at least 31 days prior to the commencement of the relevant course in order to receive a full refund on their paid DEPOSIT. If the school receives notification 21 - 30 days prior to the commencement of the relevant course, 50% of the paid DEPOSIT will be withheld. Please note, cancellation notifications received 20 days or less prior to the commencement of the relevant course will result in the full loss of the paid DEPOSIT. 10) Please note, any costs related to the deposit and/or clearance of bank cheques are considered the financial responsibility of the student. 11) In completing, signing and forwarding the STUDENT ENROLMENT FORM, the student agrees to LINGUA IT's Terms and Conditions. 12) Any disputes or disagreements between LINGUA IT and the student/s will be settled in Verona's Tribunal Court. 13) Students are required to return all books, films and other educational tools borrowed from the library to LINGUA IT 3 days prior to their departure from the school. 14) LINGUA IT reserves the right to alter a student's accommodation booking if required and to arrange an alternative accommodation option of comparable price and type. 15) Lessons cancelled by the student cannot be recuperated. 16) Once enrolled in a course, the student cannot convert the course into another course type. 17) All outstanding balances, must be paid in full on the first day of the course. Students can pay by cash, international cheque or credit card (VISA or Mastercard only). On the first day of a new course, students should bring the following with them: 2 passport-sized photos and a photocopy of a document of identification (passport, driver's licence, identity card).

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

I've read and I accept all TERMS & CONDITIONS as stipulated by LINGUA IT

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance with Italian law art. 10 law 675/96 regarding the protection of personal information, we hereby confirm that the personal information herewith supplied will be used solely in connection with student enrolment. All rights are reserved under art.13 of the same law. The authority responsible for the processing of personal information is: LINGUA IT s.r.l. Via F. Emilei, 24 - 37121 Verona - Italy.



## WINE AND COOKING

LINGUA IT organises cooking courses for those who want to master the great traditions and techniques of Italian gastronomy or those who simply want to satisfy their taste buds. The classes, conducted by qualified teachers, are held in the afternoons or evenings in a fully equipped but welcoming environment. In the summer months all cooking classes are held outdoors in a portico kitchen nestled in the hills of Verona. A truly unforgettable place and way to learn the secrets of Nonna's cooking! Students are guided through the preparation of various dishes, beginning with the presentation of local products and finishing with the history of each recipe. Each lesson ends with a convivial lunch or dinner in which participants can savour the delights of the dishes prepared, accompanying them with the most befitting and

delicate wines of the region. The cooking course offers students a unique and novel way of sampling and learning about the traditional products and dishes of Italy and the Veneto, all the while putting their Italian skills into practice.

In conjunction with, but independent of, the cooking course, LINGUA IT organises outings to typical restaurants in the Verona area, tours of the most important wine-making regions, and visits to the many festivals that celebrate the rich traditions and local produce of the Veneto. For those with a special interest, lessons in wine making and appreciation can also be arranged.



## ITINERY OF GUIDED TOURS

LINGUA IT organises guided tours of the cities and regions surrounding Verona with the aim of revealing to students the infinite wonders and treasures of northern Italy. These full-day excursions, held on Saturdays or Sundays, offer participants the opportunity to explore in-depth some of the world's most famous artistic and cultural sites. Accompanied by a professor of Italian History and Fine Arts, students are guided through cities such as **Venice, Padua, Vicenza, Mantua, Parma, Modena, Bologna, Treviso, Trento, Bergamo, Brescia, Ferrara** and the towns of **Lake Garda** and are exposed to such magnificent artworks as Giotto's famous frescoes in Padua, Palladio's architectural achievements in Vicenza, the beautiful Castles of Ferrara and Soave, the Ducal Palace in Mantua and, of course, Venice's myriad masterpieces of art and architecture... just to name a few! LINGUA IT also organises weekend excursions to towns further afield (including an overnight stay in a hotel).

The itineraries include: Venice and Islands of the Venetian Lagoon, the hidden treasures of Tuscany and the model Renaissance city of Pienza, the coastal jewels of Liguria including Portonovere, le Cinque Terre and the Ducal Palace of Genova, Ravenna's Byzantine Basilicas and Federico Fellini's hometown of Rimini, the castles of Trentino and the Renaissance villas of the Veneto.



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The secretary of LINGUA IT is readily available to assist you in any matters pertaining to the school and our courses in particular, or Verona and Italy in general. For questions regarding student visa applications, accommodation, public transport, health care, recreational and cultural events or any general query regarding daily life in Verona, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do our best to furnish you with all the relevant information.

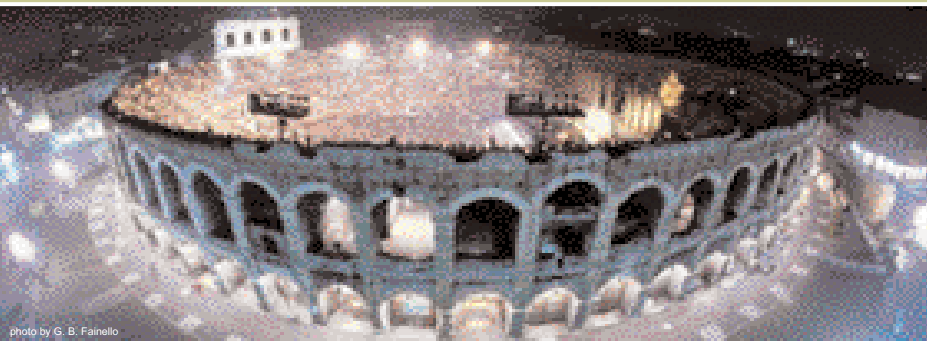
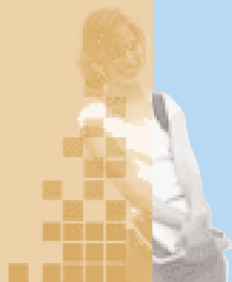


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