

LANGUAGE COURSES IN SUNNY SICILY
since 1986

ACCOMMODATION IN CEFALÙ

In Cefalù, students will enjoy the assistance of our partner Dr Provenza Rosalba and of her husband Ing. Torcivia Salvatore. Cefalù is a lively and charming seaside town on the Tyrrhenian Sea, with a long historical tradition. It is only 70 km. from Palermo and it has excellent railway connections, which make it an ideal point from which to explore the island.



As in a dream, the old town of Cefalù lies between the sea and the imposing "Rocca", a big majestic mountain, dominating the pebbled alleys and the lanes and the homes of the medieval city, from the foot of which rises the incomparable Arab and Norman Cathedral.

The bay to the west of the town has a sandy beach, extending approximately one kilometre, while on the east side there is a succession of small inlets and bays surrounded by rocks and cliffs. In the background is the highest peak of the Madonie, which extends to a height of 2000 metres and is a part of the Natural Parkland. Even if many tourists visit the town during the year, Cefalù is a quiet and sunny place, where you can enjoy your holiday and in the meantime improve your Italian language, thanks to many cultural activities and entertainment.

The town has a population of 15 thousand inhabitants and you can find pleasant and comfortable bars, restaurants, pubs, internet cafés etc...all located throughout the town and reachable by foot.



In Cefalù our students live in nice holiday apartments very close to the school, the old town and the sea. You can choose between a single or a double room, with all comforts and very often with a view of the sea. You can share your accommodation with students from other countries. On the contrary, in case you wish to try the Sicilians' sympathy and warmth as well

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS

If you wish to live alone or with your family, you can rent an apartment or a villa in Mongeribino and Cefalù.

As this kind of accommodation is very requested because it is the easiest way to combine a language course for you and a holiday for the rest of your family- we can offer you many good occasions and a varied range of apartments, bungalows and hotels.

For further information, please visit our website:

www.solemar-sicilia.it

in order to see photos, descriptions and prices.

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Examples of holiday apartments



FREE TIME

On the weekend you can join in the traditional excursions, i.e Etna, Taormina, Piazza Armerina and Agrigento. You can also choose excursions only in Italian if you want to practise the language, such as: **Solunto**, a Greek and Roman archaeological area, **Palermo**, especially you can visit an antimafia centre, **Bagheria** with its famous villas, **Cefalù** and its fascinating monuments.



We also organize **interviews** with local fishermen and other craftsmen, in order to learn more about their simple but rich daily life; a **cooking course**, where the students can learn how to cook healthy and simple Sicilian food; a **walk in the evening** around the old town of Palermo, after eating together in a trattoria.



There are many free-time activities: you can choose to organize trips by yourself or to join in the ones the school offers.

ENROLMENT

When you are sure to book a course at Solemar-Sicilia, please send us the enrolment form, filled in every part, by email, by post or by fax. After a few days you will receive a written confirmation by the school with other information about the vacation, the most important things to do before the departure, the accommodation and finally the address of your lodging. We will be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Our school for its ideas, the adopted methodology, the kind of holiday that it offers, is recommended by many magazines and newspapers, such as:

WELT am SONNTAG, DIE ZEIT, DIE WELT, Frankfurter Rundschau, MOTORRAD-REISEN, FÜR SIE, ADAC-Motorwelt, Brigitte, FAZ, DM, Geldidee.

We also give many thanks for their trust in Solemar-sicilia to the following firms: **DaimlerChrysler, IVECO, FIAT-Kredit-Bank, BMW, DEUTSCHE BANK, AEG, METZELER, PIRELLI, FORD, LUFTHANSA, MANNESMANN, Commerzbank, WDR, RTL, ARD, ZDF, DELTA-AIR, EDEKA, Karmann, Ferrero.**



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... who says: see Naples and then die, should come to Sicily, under this blue sky... and will never die...



STUDY ITALIAN BY THE SEA

Dear students and clients,

Many thanks for your interest in an Italian vacation course in Sicily. Our language school has been working successfully for 19 years due to its methodology and its qualified language courses, the pleasant and friendly atmosphere and its most excellent prices.

Students can choose between two different residences: Mongerbino and Cefalù.

In the first case, you can stay in a lovely holiday apartment in a small village, only 15 km away from Palermo; in Cefalù, on the other hand, you can live in a charming holiday house or villa, near the old town with a friendly Italian family or even in a comfortable hotel.

Because of the warm weather present the whole year round, you can always take a swim and at the same time enjoy your cultural holiday. If you decide to travel with your child/children, we will give you the possibility to have a very qualified baby-sitting service or a special language course for "bambini".

We have always worked hard to offer the highest standards to our students, that's why you can always find more information about us and our way of working at all the Italian Culture Institutes.

If you want we can send you the addresses of our former students in order to have our references.

In the confirmation, you will get all the information about the address of your accommodation and the details about your vacation.

We look forward to welcoming you at Solemar-Sicilia.

Many greetings from the sunny Sicily!

Thomas and Maria

SICILY

It is more than only a region where lemon trees blossom; it's sun and sea, olive groves and vineyards, orange plantations and almond trees. You can also admire a great variety of artistic beauties belonging to the Phoenicians and the Greeks, the Romans, the Arabs, the Normans, the Spanish and the French. Art, nature, archaeology, love for the sun and water sports, cooking...Sicily is varied and offers something to everyone.



ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

The Italian language courses are held by experienced and qualified teachers with an academic education. They are all Italian and qualified professionals in the teaching of Italian as a foreign language.

Before starting a course, an entry test is presented to the students. It is divided into two parts: the first is written and the second is oral in order to be able to place the students in small and compact groups, based on the same level of knowledge of the language. Solemar- Sicilia guarantees the correct course level to every student.

LANGUAGE COURSE TYPES

The aim of the "Intensive Course" (4 hrs/day) is that beginners in 2 weeks will be able to obtain a very good Italian language vocabulary, that will allow them to understand easy sentences in Italian and have a good grammatical basis in order to develop the foreign language. Students with foreknowledge can easily reach control of the language so that they can start speaking without any inhibition. They increase their vocabulary through **Listening** activities and **Conversation**.

The "Personal Course" (Intensive +10 one-to-one lessons) gives the opportunity to practise the new vocabulary and grammar with a private teacher and develop particular topics.

The "Business Course" (6 hrs/day) is based on the principle of learning the language in a very intensive and concrete way in a group of different level students. They come in contact with "live situations" going from very easy daily situations to subtle interviews with typical Sicilian characters. The content is based on the linguistic level of students and on their personal interests.



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"One-to-one" or "one-to-two": the content and the subject of this kind of Italian language course are tailored to your specific needs and you can use it to develop your general Italian skills further, or you can choose more specific areas, such as Italian for tourism, or for art or for cooking and literature etc...

The duration of the course in terms of hours can be decided by students when they fill in the enrolment form. This kind of course suits children as well.

Learning on the job: it is an opportunity for the students who would like to become more aware of the working area in southern Italy, offering them a period of work as apprenticeship. This will be the result of a regular language course, focused on the basic Italian business expressions and sentences.

Development: 4 week Italian language course (4 hrs/day + 1 hr one-to-one lesson per day). The course will be improved by a 4 week apprenticeship in a firm, an office or a service centre. In town you can find a member of the school in case of "problems".

In your one-to-one lesson the required business language will be developed as well as the content regarding the future working sector.

This is a wonderful combination of daily spoken and business Italian language.

Lessons take place from Mondays to Fridays, in the morning, while in the afternoon guided or free excursions can delight the rest of your day as well as a swim. During the final week you will receive a certificate from the school. On December 25, on Easter Monday and on August



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In Mongerbino lessons take place at our school or in the apartment or in a terrace in front of the sea. In Cefalù students meet at our school in the heart of the town, with its five well equipped and bright classrooms.

FAMILY ACCOMMODATION

The school will choose a suitable home where you will stay as a guest. This is the best way to live as it helps you to practise the language and, at the same time, make friends. We take great care in selecting our host families, so as to ensure the highest possible standards for our students. We provide the addresses of very kind people, very interested in other cultures who live near the old town. You can eat with them and if you travel with another friend, there's also the opportunity to have a double room. **Booking** is possible with or without any language course.

ACCOMMODATION IN MONGERBINO

In Aspra/Mongerbino students live in exclusive holiday apartments by the sea and have access to a lovely bay. The quiet position of the houses, the great view of the Gulf of Palermo and the free time activities contribute to give everyone a delightful holiday.



In the fishermen village of Aspra (1,2 Km) or Santa Flavia there are shops, restaurants, bars, cinemas etc...reachable by foot. We rent cars, bikes at cheap prices and there's also a taxi driver working for the school, who brings you wherever you like, just paying him only the expenses.

The place offers not only the possibility to come into contact with Italians, but you can also join the various cultural activities, taking place in Palermo, only 15 km far away.

According to your tastes you can live in a single, double or triple bedroom in nice holiday apartments, with 2 bedrooms, a well equipped kitchen, one or two bathrooms, a separate dining room and a terrace looking on to the sea and the Gulf of Palermo.

You can also share the apartment with other students. When you are travelling with other nice people, you can choose this cheap and convenient way of staying.

As the owners of your rented houses live in the same place, you can find a table with delicious, healthy and even vegetarian food every day on their wonderful sea view terrace. If you wish, you can write in for the daily lunch.

