

SCUOLA DI LINGUA E CULTURA ITALIANA PORTA D'ORIENTE

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OUR SCHOOL

The most important point to understand about our **Italian language school** is the emphasis we place on personalised attention, which means that you are guaranteed a rewarding Italian-immersion experience in the classroom and through our comprehensive extra-curricular activities.

Our **Italian language school** offers a friendly, personal and attentive approach to learn Italian. Our school was founded in 1999 (one of the first **Italian language schools** in Apulia).

It is small-scale and friendly, staffed with experienced teachers having a sincere desire to help you to learn Italian in an atmosphere of relaxed, but attentive, individual support. Be warned however that you may find yourself gently seduced by our passion for the music of the **Italian language!**





THE IMPORTANCE OF THE METHOD

The teaching staff consists of experienced, university-trained professionals with a solid experience in the teaching of Italian as a foreign language. Some teachers have worked abroad with students of very different nationalities and levels and have acquired a particular sensitivity to the specific demands of every participant.

The service of reception and didactic orientation offered by the tutors is based on the didactic principles of the "project work": upon their arrival the students will determine with the teachers the level of their linguistic knowledge. The teachers will help the students clarify their real purposes and they will plan together the stages of "the learning-project". On a basis of a standard program, the grammatical and conversational subjects can be decided and planned together with the students.



THE LOCATION

The location of our Italian language school, in the historic and artistic seaside town of Otranto, is very conducive to the whole Italian learning experience.

Every year Otranto wins **"the five flags" prize for the cleanest sea** of Italy by "Legambiente" and "Touring Club" (Italian associations about environment and Tourism). The town is surrounded by beautiful beaches characterized by fine and clear sand, lapped by a turquoise and crystalline sea.

The ANCI (National Association of the Italian Towns) listed Otranto **among the 15 most beautiful small villages in Italy**.

Otranto won also in **2010 UNESCO recognition**. Its small modern port, adjacent to massive ancient stone fortifications, adds a vibrancy supplementing an excellent array of shops, restaurants and visitor facilities. However Otranto still manages to maintain a quiet and sophisticated atmosphere, totally uncharacteristic of typical tourist towns. Local people are warm and welcoming; you will find their smiles to be infectious. There is virtually no English spoken locally, so our students have an undiluted stunning stage on which to practice their new-found Italian skills!



PUGLIA EXPERIENCE

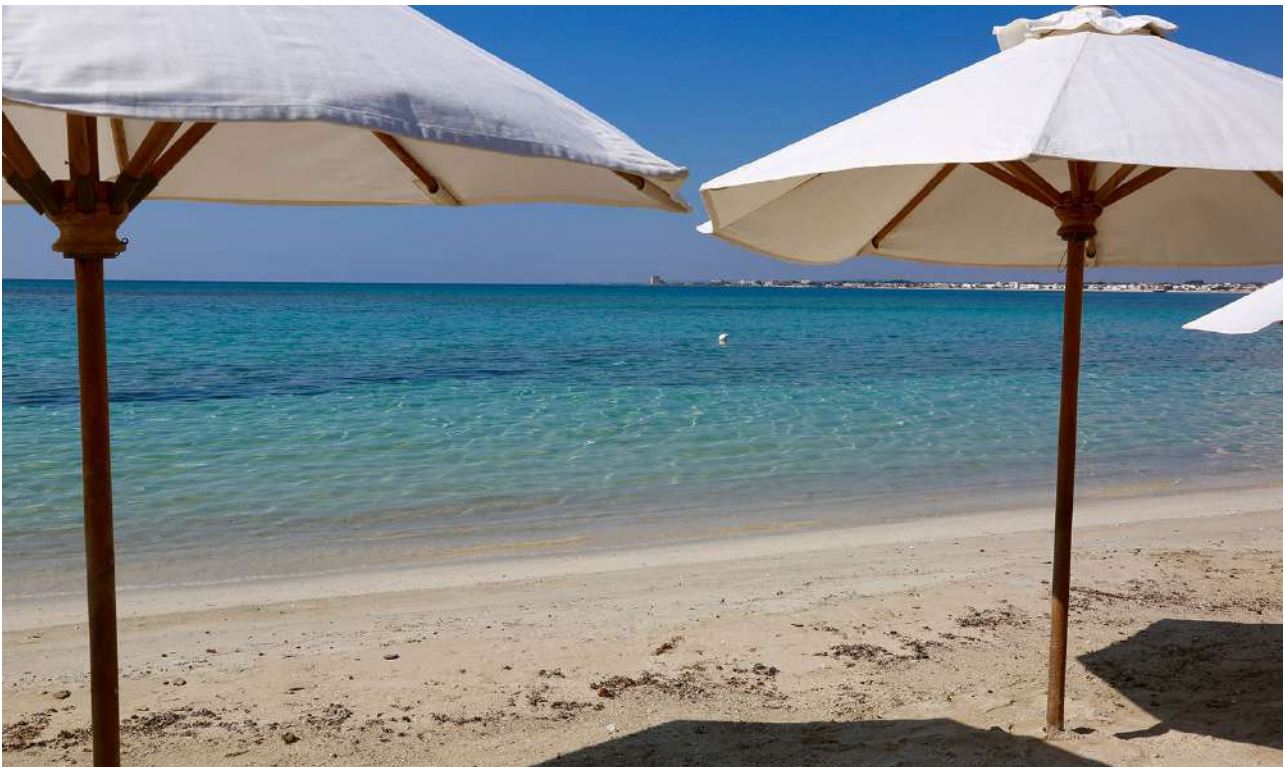
Feel the warm embrace of Otranto, an hospitable sea resort. Enjoy the gentle rhythm of life by the sea, where the passing of time is still articulated by fishing rituals.

Admire the breathtaking sunsets and sunrises in the characteristic small harbor as the sun plunges behind the boats.

Nature has been generous to the seaside and the hospitality of Otranto's people completes the picture. Discover the sea's surprises: secret bays and hidden caves.

Puglia's sea is an ongoing surprise. Navigate through concealed clefts and hidden inlets, and follow the coastline with its islands and caves.

Plunge into pristine landscapes, lie on the golden bay sands, and enjoy amazing lightshows as sunbeams are reflected off the water onto the walls of caves overlooking the sea. A whole underwater universe with galaxies of starfish is just waiting to be discovered.



THE COURSES 2020

Our **Italian language courses** always have a direct link with external reality. What happens in town, the region and the country must be announced during the lessons. All individual external experiences provide material for the **Italian language courses**, a systematic work according to the principles of the applied linguistics. The content of teaching and of the cultural activities are therefore in direct link with:

- all aspects of life of the town and the region;
- training, choices and objectives;
- students' sensitive, creative, artistic, intellectual and cultural reactions.



OUR ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES FOCUS ON CONVERSATION

Bruce Lee once said: *“Knowing is not enough, we must apply. Willing is not enough, we must do”*.

Being able to **engage in conversation** is key when speaking a new language. True mastery of the language comes when one has grasped vocabulary, sentence structure, grammar concepts, and linguistics. Conversation will be improved by debates, round table discussions and role-plays; You will learn how to sustain simple and also advanced conversation with natives. We focus also on the other abilities such us:

Comprehension will be facilitated by the use of authentic audiovisual supports, films, radio broadcasts and television and the use of multimedia programs;

Reading will be deepened by newspapers, professional documents, literary texts;

Writing will be improved by the production of texts with a precise communication perspective according to the different levels.



THE STRENGTH of our Italian language course is that the class lessons include some ***cultural and practical activities*** such as a lesson about the *Apulian homemade pasta course* (students will do 3 types of homemade pasta in the kitchen of the school) when in class we will discuss Apulian gastronomy; a demonstration, on the school's terrace, of *Apulian folk dance* (the Pizzica, a type of tarantella) when it comes to the popular tradition of Tarantism. Other practical activities will be proposed during the lessons.



COURSES 2020

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| <p>GENERAL INTENSIVE COURSE and INTENSIVE COURSE FOR SENIORS</p> <p>20 hours per week of conversation, grammar, culture</p> | <p>1 week 265 €</p> <p>2 weeks 535 €</p> <p>3 weeks 795 €</p> <p>4 weeks 985 €</p> |
| <p>INTENSIVE-PLUS 1 COURSE</p> <p>25 hours per week: 4 lessons in a group + 1 lesson in mini-group (max 2 people) or individual per day</p> | <p>1 week 475 €</p> <p>2 weeks 885 €</p> <p>3 weeks 1345 €</p> <p>4 weeks 1635 €</p> |
| <p>INTENSIVE-PLUS 2 COURSE</p> <p>30 hours per week: 4 lessons in a group + 2 individual lessons per day</p> | <p>1 week 685 €</p> <p>2 weeks 1285 €</p> <p>3 weeks 1925 €</p> <p>4 weeks 2455 €</p> |
| <p>ITALIAN FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES</p> <p><i>Business Italian, Legal Italian, Medical Italian, History of Italian art, Italian literature, Italian cinema</i></p> <p>It is combined with the Intensive course:</p> <p>4 lessons of grammar/conversation per day + 1 individual lesson of Italian for special purposes</p> <p>4 lessons of grammar/conversation per day + 2 lessons in mini-groups or individual of Italian for special purposes</p> | <p>490 €/week</p> <p>725 €/week</p> |
| <p>PRIVATE TUITION</p> <p>Students can choose the No. of hours. If you want to attend a course that suits your particular professional and personal requirements and your time schedule, you can choose our private tuition program. Continual language practice, maximum concentration through intensive work with your personal teacher and, especially, active practising of your communication skills guarantee your swift progress and success in the shortest possible time. Private tuition is from absolute beginner to advanced level. You can plan your program and your time schedule with your teacher.</p> | <p>38 €/hour</p> <p>1 hour=60 minutes</p> |

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| TWO-TO-ONE TUITION private lessons for 2 persons | 10 hours: 300 €/person; 20 hours: 600 €/person |
| COURSE FOR TEACHERS OF ITALIAN | 1 week: 455 € 2 weeks: 905 € |
| CILS, CELI AND PLIDA PREPARATION COURSE 25 hours per week (20 group hours + 5 individual hours). The school is seat and preparation centre (officially recognized by the Universities for foreigners of Perugia) for the CELI examinations. These certifications of Italian as foreign language (officially recognized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs) can be used for employment or study whereby an official declaration of linguistic competence is required. | 455 €/week students can choose the number of weeks |
| COOKING COURSE | 2 afternoons: 200 € 3 afternoons: 290 € |

STARTING DATES 2020

Every Monday

1. Students can choose additional weeks. All courses are extendable for as many weeks as you wish.
2. 1 hour = 50 minutes
3. Registration fee for all the courses: Euro 70

It includes:

- The cultural lessons in the program with no extra-fees;
- Initial test and interview and certificate of attendance;
- Course materials: (book and photocopies on different subjects will be distributed, according to the program and the participant's needs);
- The use of the audio-visual supports (on request);
- Extra-curricular cultural activities: the guided tour of Otranto.

ACCOMMODATION

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| SHARED APARTMENT | Single room Price/week (6 nights) 210 Euro | Double room Price/week (6 nights) 170 Euro |
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- Final cleaning, changing of the sheets: Euro 35; towels, heating/air conditioning are on request;
- High season fee (person/week):
June and September (single room Euro 50; double room Euro 35);
July and August (single room Euro 100; double room Euro 65)

INDEPENDENT APARTMENTS

1. private apartments for 1, 2 or more persons
 2. for information, please, contact the school
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HOMESTAY IN A TRULLO, B&B, HOLIDAY FARM, HOTEL, VILLAS, MASSERIA

For information, please, contact the school.

1. All the apartments are walking distance from the school and they are 2-3 rooms apartments with kitchen and bathroom and some have a balcony/terrace or garden;
2. Security deposit for all the apartments: 100 euro; it will be refunded on your departure;
3. Housing reservations run from the Sunday evening before the start of the course to the Saturday morning (9.00) at the end of the course. Different arrival or departure days only on special request.





SPORT AND LEISURE TIME

During your stay you may wish to practise your favourite sport or learn a new one. You have the following opportunities: gymnastics/fitness/yoga, swimming, jogging, tennis, golf, horse-riding, biking and trekking. You may decide also to enjoy the many beaches with crystal clear water that surround Otranto.

The cities and their surroundings offer a nearly unlimited variety of leisure activities (exhibitions, concerts, films and other events), which you might undertake on your own. We offer some leisure activities and organize on a regular basis:

- dinners, which enable teachers and students to get to know each other better
- guided art history visits
- city tours and museum visits
- film evenings at school
- visit to a wine cellar and to an olive-oil mill
- half- and full-day excursions

The school office will inform you about discounts in various restaurants, bookshops, cafés, gyms, museums, etc.

Your stay in Apulia will be memorable not solely on account of the language course!





ACCREDITATIONS

- Official seat (recognized by the University for Foreigners of Perugia) for DILS-PG and CEDILS exam (for foreigners and Italian teachers who want to teach Italian)
- Preparation center for the CELI and CILS certificate (certifications of Italian as foreign language are recognized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs).
- Our school is also in contact with the National Agencies Erasmus PLUS and other Italian languages schools all over the world for the training of the foreign teachers and especially for the teachers of Italian as a foreign language.
- The Italian Language School Porta d'Oriente is officially recognized by the Swedish Authorities (Vår skola är godkänd av och Högskoleverket)

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