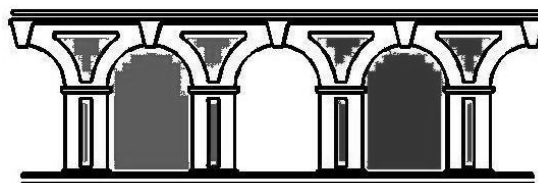


# COURSE PROGRAMME 2010



## ***L'Italiano Porticando***

Italian Language Courses in Piedmont  
Being part of arts, culture and nature

**ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE SCHOOL FOR FOREIGNERS**

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## SCHOOL'S PRESENTATION

### The school's history

L'Italiano Porticando, founded at the beginning of 2005 with the aim to be a cut above ordinary language schools in Turin and to provide a **specialized centre and point of reference** for those who want to study the Italian language and culture in Turin. Turin is in a city well-known as an industrial centre, but little-known by tourists. Turin has, however, an incredible artistic and cultural legacy to offer to those who love Italy, its language and its culture.

The school is managed by its founders - Laura Faussone, Caterina Costanzo and Rosaria Costanzo. The three partners joined their long experience and their abilities in teaching the Italian language, culture and history to foreigners in order to give life to a project which at that time was new in Piedmont: the possibility to experience the Italian language and culture in a destination which is not typical for foreigners as, for example, Rome, Florence, Siena or Venice.

### The school's team

The **three founders** are present and active in the school's life. They have structured their role within the school according to their competencies and experience. **Rosaria** – who has an university degree in foreign literature and languages and in business administration - is mainly responsible for marketing and administration. **Laura** – who is specialized in arts and who has an university degree in architecture – is responsible for the cultural part of L'Italiano Porticando and for contacts in Italy and **Caterina** – who has graduated as an interpreter and translator – is the contact person and teacher coordinator and is responsible for the course structure.

**The school's teachers** are selected with great care according to their education and their experience as teachers for Italian language and culture to foreigners. All teachers are native speakers, have a university degree, and are highly motivated and experienced in supporting foreign students in their first meeting with Italy and the Italian language and during the language learning process.

### The school's location

L'Italiano Porticando is located in a beautiful 18th century building in the Quadrilatero Romano, the historic city centre, in midst of Turin's pedestrian area. Next to the most important piazzas, near both train stations and only two minutes from Piazza Castello, the beating heart of Turin.

The classrooms are bright and inviting. Though they have all you need in a modern language school, they are not typical classrooms, as the school's management have created a comfortable and cosy atmosphere making you feel rather at home than at school.

Furthermore, the students have at their complete disposal books, newspapers and magazines, dictionaries, CDs and DVDs which they can borrow or use at school.



## **The school's teaching method**

The teaching method used by L'Italiano Porticando is the direct communicative teaching method. Italian is the only language spoken at school from the first day. Our teachers are experts in teaching Italian to foreigners and so there isn't a need for using other languages to bridge language gaps or to communicate with students. This is true for all levels, from beginners to advanced.

Teaching materials – mainly developed by the school – are chosen and created to stimulate free conversation and to simulate real communication situations. Class activities are designed to give the student all necessary tools to handle daily life situations and social interaction in Italy.

Though the communication ability is fundamental – we aim first at the development of the student's communication ability and then at the elimination of mistakes – the classes leave room also for grammar exercises and for exercises which will help the student to use and understand the written and spoken language. Many original texts of various kinds (articles, literature, advertisements etc.), songs, films, documentaries help the student to improve these abilities.

The classes are complemented by extra-curricular activities organized by the school in the afternoon, allowing students to put into practise what they have learnt during their morning lessons.

## **COURSE OFFER 2010**

L'Italiano Porticando proposes classes for those who want to learn Italian because they love Italy and its culture, for those who study Italian at university, for those who have moved to Italy and want to live in this country or want to study Italian for business purposes.

The School offers all year round **Standard courses** (5 to 8 people), **Classes in small group** (2 to 4 people), **Individual classes** and **Combined Courses** for all levels of proficiency. The **Combined Courses** are so called, because they are the combination of a standard course with **individual classes, conversation classes, Business Italian, history of art or architecture, with tango or cinema**. Since 2009 students who want to have their level of proficiency certified, can enrol for the **CILS Exam (Certification of the University of Siena) preparation courses**, which will be held during the month(s) before the exam's date.

**Cultural and extra-curricular activities** organised by the school (such as walks through the city, visits to museums, wine tasting and courses about the region's typical dishes) will help the student to deepen his comprehension and communication abilities. These activities are part of the school's language teaching concept and are included in the course fee.

The **Cultural courses** related to cuisine, history, arts, architecture, literature and traditions of Piedmont and Turin can be linked with the language course, making thus language learning even more interesting.

As in the past the school offers one-week **language holiday courses** for groups. You will find a description in the following pages.

Furthermore L'Italiano Porticando organises again old and new one week **Special topic Courses**, which include extra-curricular activities depending on the season or on events in the region or in Turin.

In the following pages you will find the details of our courses and the starting dates. This information can also be found on our web site [www.italianoporticando.com](http://www.italianoporticando.com).

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS, STARTING DATES AND PRICES

The prices of the courses described in the following pages include:

- language classes
- entry test
- registration fee of 60 Euro
- VAT
- teaching materials
- internet access (also Wi-Fi), possibility to borrow DVDs, books ...
- afternoon activities: walks, visits to museums, excursions etc. (not included are entries, bus tickets, drinks ...)

### Standard courses

Standard courses (5 to 8 people) normally start for each level (see also page 17) on the first Monday of the month. Starting dates for 2010 will be:

<b>COD. S01</b>	<b>04.01.10</b>	<b>COD. S05</b>	<b>03.05.10</b>	<b>COD. S09</b>	<b>06.09.10</b>
<b>COD. S02</b>	<b>01.02.10</b>	<b>COD. S06</b>	<b>07.06.10</b>	<b>COD. S10</b>	<b>04.10.10</b>
<b>COD. S03</b>	<b>01.03.10</b>	<b>COD. S07</b>	<b>05.07.10</b>	<b>COD. S11</b>	<b>02.11.10</b>
<b>COD. S04</b>	<b>06.04.10</b>	<b>COD. S08</b>	<b>02.08.10</b>	<b>COD. S12</b>	<b>29.11.10!</b>

*Public holidays in 2010: 06.01.-05.04.-01.05.-02.06.-01.11.-08.12.-25.12.*

*Classes not held because of public holidays will be spread on the remaining days of the week.*

These dates are binding for absolute beginners. Those who already have knowledge of the Italian language can also start on different dates, i.e. on each other Monday of the month. Please ask the school about this possibility.

STANDARD COURSES (5-8 PEOPLE)				
N. weeks h/ week	1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks
15 h	200,00	340,00	480,00	570,00
20 h	240,00	400,00	570,00	720,00
30 h	340,00	570,00	820,00	1100,00
Price for additional private classes (to a group course): 25,00 Euro/hour (including VAT)				

### Standard courses for university students

The School proposes standard courses for university students in **February, March, April, July, August and September**. By handing in a copy of their university card, university students will be able to sign up for 4 – 6 or 8 weeks standard courses with special discounts:

STANDARD COURSES (5-8 PEOPLE)						
N. weeks h/ week	4 weeks		6 weeks		8 weeks	
		10% discount		15% discount		20% discount
15 h	570,00	<b>510,00</b>	880,00	<b>750,00</b>	1.080,00	<b>860,00</b>
20 h	720,00	<b>650,00</b>	1.090,00	<b>930,00</b>	1.380,00	<b>1.100,00</b>

### Standard afternoon and evening courses for residents

**NEW !**

L'Italiano Porticando organises regularly for those who live or study in Turin afternoon or evening courses which take place on three days per week and are structured in 2 parts of 30 hours each.

- 1st part € 300,00
- 2nd part € 270,00

#### Starting dates:

<b>COD. SER01</b>	<b>18.01.10</b>	<b>COD. SER04</b>	<b>05.07.10</b>
<b>COD. SER02</b>	<b>01.03.10</b>	<b>COD. SER05</b>	<b>13.09.10</b>
<b>COD. SER03</b>	<b>03.05.10</b>	<b>COD. SER06</b>	<b>02.11.10</b>

## CILS exam preparation courses

This is a preparatory course for those who want to take the CILS Exam (Certification of the level of proficiency of the Italian Language issued by the University of Siena). The Exam certifies officially the students' proficiency and can be very helpful for those who want to study at an Italian university or apply for a job in an Italian company.

The courses are held in the months before the two official exam dates in December and June. The preparatory courses of 60 hours are set up if there are at least 3 people registered for the course.

### **CILS preparation courses for residents (60h)**

**COD. CILS 1** from March to May  
**COD: CILS 2** from September to November  
 Levels: A2 – B1 – B2 – C1  
 Days: Monday – Wednesday - Friday  
 Schedule: afternoon – evening, 6 h/week  
 Price: € 600,00

### **CILS preparation courses for non residents (60h)**

**COD. CILS 3** from May, 3rd 2010 to May, 28th 2010  
**COD: CILS 4** from Novembre, 2nd to Novembre, 26th 2010  
 Levels: A2 – B1 – B2 – C1  
 Schedule: everyday, from 9:30 to 12:30 o'clock  
 Price: € 600,00

## Individual courses and courses in small groups

Private lessons and courses in small groups (from 2 to 4 people) can also start on different dates, according to the needs of the students.

<b>INDIVIDUAL COURSES</b>				
N. weeks h/ weeks	1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks
15 h	600,00	1100,00	1600,00	1980,00
20 h	750,00	1400,00	1980,00	2500,00
30 h	1100,00	1980,00	2800,00	3600,00

For a more effective learning we advise attending private lessons with 6 h/day only for short periods.

<b>COURSES IN SMALL GROUPS (2-4 PEOPLE)</b>				
N. weeks h/ weeks	1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks
15 h	390,00	720,00	1000,00	1250,00
20 h	500,00	900,00	1250,00	1550,00
30 h	720,00	1250,00	1600,00	1950,00

For a more effective learning we advise attending courses in small group with 6 h/day only for short periods.



## Combined courses

Combined courses allow the student to have a standard course combined with additional classes in the afternoon. It is possible to have a combination with private lessons, business Italian, literature, architecture, arts or with more practical activities as for example tango.

### **Standard + Individual**

The additional private lessons help the student to work on his own personal problems with the Italian language revising grammar or having conversation.

CODE	DURATION	GROUP	PRIVATE	PRICE
SI01	1 week	15 h	5 h	€ 325,00
		20 h	5 h	€ 365,00
SI02	2 weeks	30 h	10 h	€ 590,00
		40 h	10 h	€ 650,00
SI03	3 weeks	45 h	15 h	€ 855,00
		60 h	15 h	€ 945,00
SI04	4 weeks	60 h	20 h	€ 1.070,00
		80 h	20 h	€ 1.220,00

### **Standard + Conversation**

This combined course is for those who want to develop their conversational capabilities. The teacher will lead the students through their conversation class using topical subjects treated in newspapers, magazines, TV etc.

Conversation classes are group classes. If there aren't enough people interested in the course the number of hours per week will be reduced from 3 to 2 leaving the price unchanged.

**NEW !!**

CODE	DURATION	GROUP	LITERATURE	PRICE
SP01	1 week	15 h	3 h	€ 250,00
		20 h	3 h	€ 290,00
SP02	2 weeks	30 h	6 h	€ 440,00
		40 h	6 h	€ 500,00
SP03	3 weeks	45 h	9 h	€ 630,00
		60 h	9 h	€ 720,00
SP04	4 weeks	60 h	12 h	€ 770,00
		80 h	12 h	€ 880,00

### **Standard + Business Italian**

This combined course is thought for those who work in Italy or with Italian companies.

In this course the student will, for example, learn to speak about the organization and the different departments of a company and will learn to handle in Italian the relations with customers and suppliers, with banks and insurance companies.

Business Italian classes are private lessons. If there is more than one person interested in these classes there will be a discount on the prices.

CODE	DURATION	GROUP	BUSINESS ITALIAN	PRICE
SC01	1 week	15 h	5 h	€ 325,00
		20 h	5 h	€ 365,00
SC02	2 weeks	30 h	10 h	€ 590,00
		40 h	10 h	€ 650,00
SC03	3 weeks	45 h	15 h	€ 855,00
		60 h	15 h	€ 945,00
SC04	4 weeks	60 h	20 h	€ 1.070,00
		80 h	20 h	€ 1.220,00

### Standard + Literature

In the literature course students will get to know Italian and Piedmontese authors. They will read and analyse together with the teacher some of their most important works.

Literature classes are group classes. If there aren't enough people interested in the course the number of hours per week will be reduced from 3 to 2 leaving the price unchanged.

CODE	DURATION	GROUP	LITERATURE	PRICE
SL01	1 week	15 h	3 h	€ 250,00
		20 h	3 h	€ 290,00
SL02	2 weeks	30 h	6 h	€ 440,00
		40 h	6 h	€ 500,00
SL03	3 weeks	45 h	9 h	€ 630,00
		60 h	9 h	€ 720,00
SL04	4 weeks	60 h	12 h	€ 770,00
		80 h	12 h	€ 880,00

### Standard + Cinema

**NEW !**

The cinema course will give the students the opportunity to get to know some of the films which have been fundamental for Italy's cinema history by watching and discussing some of the most significant scenes of the films chosen by the teacher.

Cinema classes are group classes. If there aren't enough people interested in the course the number of hours per week will be reduced from 3 to 2 leaving the price unchanged.

CODE	DURATION	GROUP	LITERATURE	PRICE
SF01	1 week	15 h	3 h	€ 250,00
		20 h	3 h	€ 290,00
SF02	2 weeks	30 h	6 h	€ 440,00
		40 h	6 h	€ 500,00
SF03	3 weeks	45 h	9 h	€ 630,00
		60 h	9 h	€ 720,00
SF04	4 weeks	60 h	12 h	€ 770,00
		80 h	12 h	€ 880,00

### Standard + Architecture

The architecture classes will give a survey of the most important Italian architectural styles and will analyze some of the most important works. Furthermore the course will give a lot of information on the history of Turin's architecture, from Roman Turin to Baroque Turin, to Turin first Capital of Italy to contemporary Turin.

The architecture classes are group classes. If there aren't enough people interested in the course the number of hours per meeting will be reduced from 3 to 2 leaving the price unchanged.

CODE	DURATION	GROUP	ARCHITECTURE	PRICE
SA01	1 week	15 h	3 h	€ 250,00
		20 h	3 h	€ 290,00
SA02	2 weeks	30 h	6 h	€ 440,00
		40 h	6 h	€ 500,00
SA03	3 weeks	45 h	9 h	€ 630,00
		60 h	9 h	€ 720,00
SA04	4 weeks	60 h	12 h	€ 770,00
		80 h	12 h	€ 880,00



## Standard + History of art

The History of Art course gives a survey of the most important Italian tendencies in art and analyses some of the most significant works. The topics of the course will be chosen also according to the art events in Turin.

The History of Art classes are group classes. If there aren't enough people interested in the course the number of hours per meeting will be reduced from 3 to 2 leaving the price unchanged.

CODE	DURATION	GROUP	ART	PRICE
SS01	1 week	15 h	3 h	€ 250,00
		20 h	3 h	€ 290,00
SS02	2 weeks	30 h	6 h	440,00
		40 h	6 h	€ 500,00
SS03	3 weeks	45 h	9 h	€ 630,00
		60 h	9 h	€ 720,00
SS04	4 weeks	60 h	12 h	€ 770,00
		80 h	12 h	€ 880,00

## Standard + Tango

In the last years Turin has become Italy's capital of Argentine Tango. L'Italiano Porticando collaborates with one of Turin's most important tango schools, with teachers who can boast more than ten years of experience in teaching Argentine Tango Techniques, Milonga and Vals. The courses are held in the evenings during the week and in the afternoon during the week-end. Tango classes are held **from middle of September to middle of December and from January to July**. Classes are open to "experts" as well as to complete beginners.

CODE	DURATION	GROUP	TANGO	PRICE
ST01	1 week	15 h	1 evening class or 1 Sunday class	€ 240,00
		20 h	1 evening class or 1 Sunday class	€ 280,00
ST02	2 weeks	30 h	2 evening classes	€ 420,00
		40 h	2 evening classes	€ 480,00
ST03	3 weeks	45 h	3 evening classes	€ 600,00
		60 h	3 evening classes	€ 690,00
ST04	4 weeks	60 h	4 evening classes	€ 730,00
		80 h	4 evening classes	€ 880,00

It is also possible to have an evening class and a Sunday class. In this case there is an additional cost of € 30,00.

It is also possible to take part in a **Dancing afternoon** on Sunday (after the Sunday class). The additional cost of the Dancing afternoon is € 12,00. Upon request it is also possible to book private tango lessons.



## Cultural courses

L'Italiano Porticando offers to its students a wide range of theoretical and practical courses and seminars on many aspects of history, arts, architecture and traditions of the Piedmont area and of Turin. These courses can also be combined with our individual lessons, our courses in small groups or with our standard courses. The courses will be organised upon request.

Schedule: in the afternoon, in the school's rooms

Price: € 30,00/person

Includes: - 3 hours of classes on the topic chosen,  
- documentation and further educational materials.

### **Topics suggested:**

#### **History of architecture:**

Styles in Italian Architecture: analysis and description of architecture in different epochs (f.ex. roman architecture, gothic, romanica, renaissance and baroque architecture ).

Terminology of architecture: f.ex. the parts of a church or a building, or the building types which are characteristic for an architectural style.

Italian architects: some of the most famous architects in history and their most significant works.

#### **History of Turin:**

Roman Turin: the foundation of the city and the monuments which witness the Romans' presence in Turin.

Turin capital of Baroque: *the marvellous Royal Residences*, witnesses of time and splendour are a reminder of the Savoyan family in Turin. From *Guarini Gaurino* to *Filippo Juvarra*, two famous architects who made the city into the capital of the Savoyan State.

Art Nouveau in Turin: Turin at the beginning of the 19th century, the "flower style" of the villas and buildings of the city's new areas.

Changing Turin: Turin, a city which is changing as far as its urban layout and its architecture is concerned, a city where renowned international architects - like Gae Aulenti and Arata Isozaki - and artists - like Michelangelo Pistoletto, Jannis Kounellis, Giuseppe Penone, Mario Merz and Per Kirkeby - meet and work to create the Turin of the future.

#### **History of Art:**

The most important tendencies of Italian Art: from byzantine art to renaissance art, from baroque to the artistic movements of the nineteenth century to the avant-gard movement of the twentieth century.

The protagonists of history of art: presentation of the lives and analysis of the main works of some Italian and international artists.

#### **Religion:**

The route of the pilgrims: presentation of the route of the pilgrims of the Middle Ages on their way to Rome, of the places, the abbeys and the monasteries which witness the spirituality of the past and of the present.

The history of the Holy Shroud: the course or seminar aims to present to the student one of the biggest mysteries of Christianity: the Holy Shroud, which has been kept in Turin for several centuries. Part of the course will also be a visit at the Museum of the Holy Shroud.

#### **Literature:**

Famous authors of Piedmont and of Italy: during this course the students will get to know several authors, who were born, grew up and lived in Piedmont and who in their works described and spoke of this region.

Some of those authors have been important for the Italian literature and are, in some cases, also internationally renowned, as for example Alfieri, Pavese, Soldati, Ginzburg, Fruttero & Lucentini.

During the course the students will also read and analyse extracts of the authors and will make excursions to the places where they once lived or where they found their inspiration, in order to understand better the atmospheres described in their stories.

### **Traditions, history, industry and more....**

## Workshops and local products tasting

The school organises monthly courses on Piedmontese wines and on local products which are normally held in the afternoon. The participants will be introduced by professionals to Piedmont's wines and cuisine.

### **The famous wines of Piedmont**

Schedule: in the afternoon in the school's rooms

Price: € 40,00 (min. 4 participants)

Includes: - Introduction into the famous wines of Piedmont and their combination with typical dishes;  
- documentation and educational materials;  
- tasting of typical wines and regional products.

### **Tasting of wines and of products of the region**

Schedule: in the afternoon

Price: € 15,00 (min. 4 participants)

Visit to a vinery or to a gourmet shop in Turin's historical city centre, where the students will have the possibility to learn about the typical wines and products of the region and to taste them.

### **The cuisine of Piedmont:**

Schedule: in the afternoon or in the evening at one of Turin's typical restaurants

Price: € 65,00 (min. 4 participants)

Includes: - Introduction into the preparation and presentation of Piedmontese dishes  
- documentation and further educational materials;  
- dinner with the dishes cooked.

### **Pastry**

Schedule: afternoon (min. 4 participants)

Price: from 10,00 to 15,00 Euro, depending on the pastry offered.

Introduction to the typical pastry and chocolate specialities of Piedmont, how they are prepared and served.

### **Tasting of chocolate specialities and visit to a chocolate workshop**

**NEW !**

Schedule: afternoon (min. 4 participants),  
In September, October, January, February, May

Price: 24,00 Euro

The students will visit the workshop of a "maestro cioccolataio" in Turin's historic city centre, where they will learn about Turin's chocolate tradition and production and taste some of Turin's specialities.

## Workshops on decorative Arts

Upon request and if there are at least two participants the school will organise workshops on decorative Arts:

Schedule: on 2 afternoons, from 14:30 to 17:30 o'clock

Price: € 25,00 (if there are at least 2 people)/person and afternoon

Includes: - Introduction to the different techniques  
- documentation and educational materials

The price **does not include** the necessary working materials. The participants will have to buy the materials requested by the teacher.

### **Water painting:**

The course includes a theoretical part on the basic knowledge of colours and water painting techniques and a practical part carried out both in the rooms of the school and outdoors, on Turin's beautiful hillside.

### **Bandera stitching:**

An introduction to Piedmont's typical stitching techniques which were used at the Savoyan court during the 17th century. The main topics of the course will be some information on the history of this stitching technique, on the textile materials used and on the main characteristics of piedmontese baroque drawings.

## Special topic courses

### **Italian for Gourmets (1 week)**

**COD. T01**

**Dates:** every third week of the month  
(except July, August and Christmas)

**Level:** from beginners

**Cost:** with 15 h of language classes € 350,00  
(w/o accommodation)  
with 20 h of language classes € 390,00  
(w/o accommodation)

Would you like to know more about cuisine and wines of Piedmont? Then this is the right course. An opportunity to learn or improve the Italian language while learning about Piedmont's gastronomic specialities.

The price includes:

- 15 or 20 hours of lessons
- welcome aperitif and tour through Turin's historic city centre
- chocolate specialities tasting at the workshop of a "maestro cioccolataio" in Turin' historic city centre
- cooking class with dinner;
- wine-tasting at a wine-cellar;
- course book and documentation

### **Italian and FIAT (1 week)**

**NEW !**

**COD. T02**

**Dates:** every forth week of the month  
(except August and Christmas)

**Level:** from beginners

**Cost:** with 15 h of language classes € 240,00  
(w/o accommodation)  
with 20 h of language classes € 280,00  
(w/o accommodation)

Turin and FIAT are a well-know association. This course focuses on the history of Italy's most important automotive company and the motor history.

The price includes:

- 15 or 20 hours of lessons
- 1,5 h class on "Turin and FIAT in the past and today"
- visit to the Lingotto, FIAT's first factory and now a cultural and commercial centre
- guided tour at FIAT's Turin plant, FIAT Mirafiori
- course book and documentation

### **Italian and the Holy Shroud (1 week)**

**NEW !**

**COD. T03**

**Dates:** from April 26<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2010  
from May 10<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup> 2010

**Level:** from beginners

**Cost:** with 15 h of language classes € 240,00  
(w/o accommodation)  
with 20 h of language classes € 280,00  
(w/o accommodation)

This course will be held during 2010's Exposition of the Holy Shroud in Turin. Apart from the language course the students will have the possibility to learn about Turin's relationship with the Holy Shroud's history.

The price includes:

- 15 or 20 hours of lessons
- 1,5 h class on "The history of the Holy Shroud"
- guided visit to the Holy Shroud's Exposition
- visit to the Museum of the Holy Shroud
- course book and documentation

## Christmas in a different way (1 week)

### COD. T04

**Date:** every week in December  
**Level:** from beginners  
**Cost:** with 15 h of language classes € 290,00  
 (w/o accommodation)  
 with 20 h of language classes € 330,00  
 (w/o accommodation)

The students can learn or improve their Italian surrounded by the particular atmosphere in Turin at Christmas time created every year by the special Christmas illumination "Luci d'Artista", one of the many examples of modern art in Turin.

The price includes:

- 15 or 20 hours of lessons;
- welcome aperitif and tour through Turin's historic town centre discovering "Luci d'Artista" - Turin's particular Christmas illumination
- visit to the Christmas Market
- mini-cooking course on a traditional Christmas menu with tasting of the dishes cooked
- course book and documentation

## Language holiday courses (one week courses)

Language holiday courses have always a particular "topic" and are organised in Turin or in one of the charming cities of the Piedmont area (in the Langa, the Monferrato or in the Susa Valley). They are "designed" for those who want to spend a cultural holiday, where the language experience is integrated with the cultural experience.

In 2009 L'Italiano Porticando will offer for those interested in such an experience two courses: the first one for those who want to discover Turin and the second one for those interested in the Langa, rich in gastronomic specialities and renowned for the production of Piedmont's most famous wines.

Upon request L'Italiano Porticando will also organise one week language holiday courses with other topics. In the following pages you will find a list of topics, which are not supposed to give the total overview of a region rich in culture, history and arts, but are suggestions for those interested in studying Italian in a somewhat different way. These courses are organised for groups of at least 10 people. The prices quoted are for groups of 10 participants.

### The Langa and Turin

#### COD. V01

**Level:** advanced beginners, intermediates, advanced  
**Price:** 950,00 Euro (for a group of at least 10 people)

The price includes:

- 15 hours of language course;
- course book and documentation
- 6 nights with breakfast and half-board in a farmhouse or 3\*\*\* hotel (double room with bath)
- welcome dinner in a typical Piedmontese restaurant (w/o drinks)
- good-bye dinner in a typical Piedmontese restaurant (w/o drinks)
- cooking workshop with dinner
- visit to the picturesque village of Barbaresco and wine tasting in a wine cellar in Barbaresco
- walk through Alba's historic town centre
- visit to the Castle of Serralunga and wine and cheese tasting in or near Alba
- tour through the historic town centre of Turin
- bus transfers for the excursions in the Langa region and to Turin

## Turin and the Langa

**COD. V02**

**Level: advanced beginners, intermediates, advance**

**Price: 1050,00 Euro (for groups of at least 10 people)**

The price includes:

- 15 hours of language course
- course book and documentation
- 6 nights w/ breakfast and half board in a 3\*\*\* hotel in the centre of Turin (double room with bath)
- welcome dinner in a typical piedmontese restaurant (w/o drinks)
- good-bye dinner in a typical piedmontese restaurant (w/o drinks)
- tour through Turin's historic town centre
- visit to the National Museum of Cinema and view of the city from the Mole Antonelliana
- excursion to Superga by rack-railway and visit of the Basilica of Superga
- Full-day excursion to the "Reggia di Venaria", one of the most beautiful residences of the Royal family not far from Turin with lunch in a local "Osteria"
- full-day excursion to the striking hill-side of the Langa, visit to Alba and walk through its charming town centre, aperitif in a local wine cellar and lunch in a typical restaurant of the Langa
- entrances to museums and service card for public transportation (Turin Card 48 hours)
- bus transfers for all full-day excursions

### Language holiday courses on request

The following courses are organised for groups upon request. The courses are held in Turin or in the places you find in the single course description. The prices depend on the number of participants.

The ideal level of language proficiency needed for the courses is an intermediate or advanced level. It is, however, possible to organise tailored courses for beginners.

#### **Carnival in Piedmont (in February)**

Carnival in Italy is not only Carnival in Venice. Every region has its own masks and traditions. Getting to know the Italian Carnival traditions and those of the Piedmont area with their typical masks, traditional bakery and local events will enrich the language and cultural knowledge of all Italy lovers. A visit of the town Ivrea and their famous "Battle of oranges" in a historical setting will be the highlight of the carnival activities.

#### **The Royal Residences**

Visiting the Savoy Palaces is getting to know the witnesses of the past. Due to their historical meaning and the beauty of the landscapes they have been declared "world cultural heritage" sites by UNESCO. The sober architecture of the Kings' Palaces of Turin, the Summer Residence Racconigi with its huge park, spectacular Residence of Venaria Reale and the impressive Basilica of Superga will be the fascinating background for this language course.

#### **Turin: A city between arts and mystery**

Discover a city with many faces; known as industrial city but full of hidden treasures and dark secrets. The city of Turin is home to the Egyptian Museum – the biggest collection after Cairo. You will also be able to find the most important and mysterious relic of Christianity, Jesus Christ's shroud. A language course with a background of tradition, history and mystery.

#### **Piedmont's Baroque**

Turin's exceptional architecture, its magnificent royal residences, impressing churches and palaces, make this city one of the capitals of European Baroque. An educational experience within the architectural testimonies of this epoch.

**Art Nouveau in Turin**

With its many beautiful palaces built around the turn of the century Turin is the capital of the Italian Art Nouveau. A completely new experience for lovers of Italy. The highlight of this course will be an excursion to the Lago Maggiore.

**Turin: the capital of the Italian film**

Only a few people know that the Italian Film has its origins in Turin. The city was and still is the centre of the Italian movie industry. A language course focused on the modern art of film making. With special visits to the Museo Nazionale del Cinema and the possibility of attending the International Film Festival taking place around this time of the year.

**Turin, industrial city between arts and culture**

A language course that will take you through the different epochs of this city. Turin a changing city! From the Roman city walls to the Lingotto, the headquarters of the FIAT factory to the modern museums – famous within Italy and abroad.

**Wines & Cuisine of Piedmont****Asti and the Monferrato: a voyage through wine and history**

The Monferrato, the area around Asti is not only known for its "Moscato" but also allows the visitor to participate in historical events. The "Palio" of Asti (in September) is apart from the "Palio of Siena" one of the most important events of this kind in Italy. The visit of a cellar producing sparkling wine and a seminar about wines will help us to find out more about the wines of Piedmont. This language course will broaden our perspective of life in Piedmont.

**Alba: Capital of Gourmets**

Learn and enjoy in and around a city that is rich in historical testimonies and which is a significant example of the oenogastronomic culture of Piedmont. Alba is also the centre of agriculture of this region. The main event of this language course – if it takes place in October - will be the International Fair of Truffles. Here you will be able to taste the famous white truffle of Alba as well as many other typical delicacies. The language course also focuses on wine tasting and on a cooking course held by a regional chef.

**Getting to know charming Piedmont****Fenestrelle - The Chinese Wall of the Alps**

Discover the untouched nature and the hidden treasures of Piedmont. Find unknown witnesses of European Culture like Fenestrelle the "Chinese Wall" of the Alps - one of the most impressive defence systems of the Alps. A course in which we will learn about language, nature and culture.

**The Susa Valley and the Scene of Olympia 2006**

The Alps of Piedmont were the scene of the last Olympic Winter Games 2006. A language trip through a fascinating valley and its routes which were called "paths of heaven" by the pilgrims of the Middle Ages.

**The spiritual places of the Susa Valley**

The Susa Valley used to be the original travel route from France to Italy. This language course is about the routes of the past. The pilgrims of the Middle Ages on their way to Rome called them "paths of heaven". The famous and imposing "Sacra di San Michele" (today the symbol of Piedmont) as well as the impressive Abbey of Novalesa still represent the travel routes of the past.

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY LEVELS

The language courses are structured according to the following language proficiency levels (Common European Framework of Reference).

### Beginners (A1):

A course for absolute beginners, without previous knowledge of the language. After about 30 hours of language lessons the student will be able to understand and to use familiar everyday expressions and phrases aimed at the satisfaction of basic needs (in a bar, at the restaurant, at the market, at the doctor's ...). The student will be able to introduce him/herself and others, to ask and answer simple questions concerning personal details, e.g. the place he/she lives in, his/her job and other information about his/her person. The student will be able to interact in a simple straightforward way -using present and past tense-, if the other person talks slowly and clearly.

### Advanced beginners (A2):

He student has already had from 60 to 80 hours of language lessons. He or she will be able to communicate in familiar situations, to use expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance, like sports, leisure, family, hobbies, housing etc. The student will be able to express him/herself in a limited way and to deal in a general way with routine situations and simple non-routine matters. He/she can describe in simple terms his immediate needs, background and environment.

### Intermediates (B1):

For students who have attended between 120 and 160 hours of language lessons. The students will be able to understand the salient features of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, family etc. He/she will be able to deal with most situations likely to be encountered while travelling in an area where the language is spoken. The student will be able to produce written text on topics relating to familiar or personal interests, describing experiences, events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and giving reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.

### Advanced intermediates (B2):

For students who have had about 200-240 hours of language lessons. The student will be able to understand a wide range of demanding texts on concrete and abstract topics, grasping relevant information and the main topic of the text. He/she can communicate with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible. He/she will be able to produce clear, detailed texts on a wide range of topics, to explain opinions and to give advantages and disadvantages of various options.

### Lower Advanced (C1):

For students who have had at least 280 hours of language lessons. The student is able to understand easily nearly everything, he/she can summarise information from different spoken and written sources and reconstruct arguments in a coherent manner. The student is furthermore able to express him/herself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely.

### Advanced (C2):

The student is able to understand easily written and spoken language. He/she is able to speak fluently and spontaneously also in difficult situations of everyday life (family, work, public offices ...). He/she is able to write clearly and fluently different kinds of texts, from letters, to reports, to essays, to summaries of difficult texts.



## ACCOMMODATION

Upon request the school will help the students to find suitable accommodation, i.e. bed & breakfast, hotels, apartments, home stay... The prices are only supposed to give an idea of prices for accommodation in Turin. The actual price will depend on the student's choice (hotel 1, 2, 3 \*\*\*, apartment for 2, 3, 4 people, how many weeks...)

ACCOMMODATION TYPE	SINGLE ROOM	DOUBLE ROOM
<b>Bed &amp; Breakfast (with breakfast)</b>	from 60,00 Euro to 80,00 Euro	from 90,00 Euro to 120,00 Euro
<b>Pension (w/o breakfast)</b>	from 55,00 Euro	from 65,00 Euro
<b>Hotel 3*** (with breakfast)</b>	from 90,00 Euro	from 120,00 Euro
<b>Hotel 3*** (w/o breakfast)</b>	from 70,00 Euro	from 90,00 Euro
<b>Youth hostel</b>	Rooms for families Single room Double room Dinner	15,00 Euro 21,00 Euro 22,00 Euro 10,00 Euro
<b>Apartment (1 week/person)</b>	from 250,00 Euro	
<b>Apartment (1 month/1-2people)</b>	central position: from 900,00 Euro near the town centre: from 850,00 Euro upon request (180,00-250,00 Euro/week)	
<b>Family</b>	Prices depend on the following options: - room with self-catering - room with breakfast - room with half-board	

## REGISTRATION

Students who want to register at L'Italiano Porticando have to send to the school the following forms:

- REGISTRATION FORM completely filled in with the student's personal data, his/her language proficiency level (see also page 17), the kind of course (with course code) he/she wants to attend and the date/duration of the course.
- the signed "General Terms and Conditions" of the school.

Send furthermore

- a deposit of 30% of the total course fee (as specified in the school's General Terms and Conditions).

Both forms and a copy of the bank transfer can be sent to L'Italiano Porticando via post, fax or e-mail.

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## EVENTS AND PLACES WORTH A VISIT

### Events 2010

#### **Cioccolato (Festival of Chocolate)**

from February, 22nd to March, 3rd [www.cioccolato-to.com](http://www.cioccolato-to.com)

#### **World Figure Skating Championships**

from March 22nd to March 28th [www.torino2010.org](http://www.torino2010.org)

#### **GLBT Film Festival**

(Turin International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival)

from April, 15th to April, 22nd [www.tglff.com](http://www.tglff.com)

#### **Exposition of the Holy Shroud**

from April, 10th to May, 23rd [www.sindone.org](http://www.sindone.org)

#### **XXIII International Book Fair**

from May, 13th to May, 17th [www.saloneibro.it](http://www.saloneibro.it)

#### **ESOF 2010 (Euro Scienze Forum)**

from July, 2nd to July, 7th [www.wsof2010.org](http://www.wsof2010.org)

#### **MITO – Settembre Musica – Milan-Turin Music Festival**

Settembre [www.mitosettembremusica.it](http://www.mitosettembremusica.it)

#### **Salone del Gusto e Terra Madre (Slow Food Show)**

Octobre [www.salonedelgusto.it](http://www.salonedelgusto.it)

#### **TFF (Turin Film Festival)**

Novembre [www.torinofilmfest.org](http://www.torinofilmfest.org)

#### **ARTISSIMA International Contemporary Arts Exhibition**

Novembre [www.artissima.it](http://www.artissima.it)

#### **Luci d'artista ("Artist light's")**

Novembre - Dicembre [www.comune.torino.it/artecultura/luciarartista/](http://www.comune.torino.it/artecultura/luciarartista/)

### Places ...

#### **The Egyptian Museum**

The oldest and richest Museum of Egyptian art in Europe.

#### **The Mole Antonelliana**

Symbol of the city and National Museum of Cinema.

#### **The Royal Residences of the House of Savoy**

Palaces, Castles and Churches, an enormous historical heritage recognized by the UNESCO:

Palazzo Reale and Palazzo Madama

Palazzo Carignano

Castello di Rivoli e di Moncalieri

La Reggia della Venaria Reale

Il Castello di Raccongi

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#### **Modern and Contemporary Arts**

Many museums and art galleries offer all year round exhibitions of works of many important national and international contemporary artists:

GAM - Galleria Civica d'Arte

Fondazione Merz

Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo

Museo d'Arte Contemporaneo

... ..

#### **The "Quadrilatero Romano" and the "Murazzi" – Turin's Night life**

In these two parts of the city, the historical city centre and the Po's river banks, you'll find many places to spend your evenings and nights with aperitifs, dinners, music events and dancing, ....

[www.turismotorino.org](http://www.turismotorino.org)