One who studies two languages lives two lives

La Lingua La Vita
Italian Language and Culture classes since 1988
The Center

La Lingua La Vita in Todi, founded in 1988, has always provided high quality level Italian language and culture courses to students from all over the world. Our success is based on the philosophy that students and their needs are central to learning and language acquisition; the key focus is on the most important person, YOU! Students choose our center not only for the uniqueness of our teaching methods, but also for the warm welcome they receive from our staff and the local community of Todi.

The Method

Our methodology is based on the effective HUMANISTIC approach; our students’ goals and abilities are the center of focus. The educational concept of La Lingua La Vita is highly functional and communicative and makes use of innovative approaches such as “suggestopedia and constructivism”. This encourages students to speak Italian in a variety of contexts with confidence while having fun. The role of the teacher is that of a facilitator, who creates a classroom climate conducive to language learning and provides opportunities for students to use and put into practice the language to its highest human potential in a variety of situations.

Teachers

All of our teachers are university graduates and highly qualified in teaching Italian as a foreign language. The faculty participates in annual training programs that specialize in the most modern methods of communication and human interaction, teaching and learning.
Todi

Founded by the Etruscans and developed by the Romans, Todi is a very charming medieval town in Umbria and the Region is called “The Green Heart of Italy”. Ideally situated between Rome and Florence and thanks to its quiet Renaissance squares and the beautiful panoramic surroundings, Todi provides a perfect backdrop in which to learn Italian and meet people. The rhythm of life and the welcoming atmosphere facilitate a relaxing and enjoyable cultural and linguistic experience, while exploring its array of churches, museums, galleries, restaurants and cafes.

Accommodation

The apartments which are located in Todi’s historical center and surrounding countryside, are set in elegantly restored buildings and furnished with all necessary amenities.

The host families are friendly and welcoming and have been selected on the basis of their cultural level and moral criteria. Their high level of hospitality gives the students the opportunity to be directly involved in the family’s daily and social life.
The Courses

Italian Courses

La Lingua La Vita organizes Italian language and culture courses for individuals and small groups (maximum 6-8 participants). Classes aim to develop each student’s comprehension and communication skills and tailor them to individual needs. These include courses for professionals, opera singers, doctors, and managers, etc. We personalize our training courses with learning techniques that are aimed at achieving student’s specific language goals for both social and/or professional purposes.

Beyond Language

The program “Beyond Language” is based on innovative techniques that effectively develop one’s “unused” brain capacity and facilitate learning by 25-30% higher than traditional style language courses. Language goals are more easily achieved in connection with a greater development of the emotional spheres by implementing creative techniques that access these empowering emotional states in the right hemisphere of the brain.

Lessons on Skype

You can continue to study with native teachers of La Lingua La Vita via Skype from home. The lessons are customizable and have a minimum duration of 10 hours. It is a convenient and affordable way to continue your Italian language learning with success!

Full immersion in a Country House

Intensive courses are held in the beautiful natural and relaxing scenery of Umbria, thus making your Italian language learning experience a wonderful experience. You have a choice of weekly or weekend programs, individual or in small groups, from breakfast to dinner with the teacher. You can also combine language and wellness at a spa with massages, herbal and other natural treatments, as well as a customized diet.
**Special Programs**

We offer several additional courses that include: Italian for Food and Wine Lovers, Italian and Art, Italian for Over 50, "A professor Friend," Italian around Umbria, Italian on a walk, Italian business courses, diction and pronunciation classes, Italian with the stroller or with your pet, etc.

**Alternative learning**

Classroom lessons are just a part of the experience of learning the language and its culture. The program is enriched by a vast choice of extra-curricular events such as “aperitivi” and international dinners where conversations in Italian with the locals are facilitated by language professionals selected by the school. Music, art, video and performances are often incorporated in the lessons in such a way that the students are encouraged to take initiative in their own learning.

**Our Philosophy**

Innovation has always been one of our key features, together with the awareness that learning a language can be a pleasure as well as a cultural experience. We believe that a language is the expression of a country, its people and traditions. At our school, students not only take classes, they also constantly put the language into practice by living the Italian lifestyle through cultural activities which allow them to savor the taste of real everyday Italian life!

**Cultural activities**

We offer the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of cultural activities including but not limited to: cooking classes, wine and olive oil tasting, pottery and painting courses, horseback riding, a tour around Todi, Italian culture courses, Italian cinema, a Roman dinner, cocktail parties, shopping with our staff, “Let’s chat”, “Let’s read”, inlaid wood carving, archery classes and more! We also organize afternoon trips to some of the most beautiful artistic cities in Umbria: Perugia, Assisi, Spoleto, Orvieto.
**Schedule**

Courses start every Monday and classes are held Monday through Friday. No lessons will be held on national holidays and they cannot be recuperated.

**FEE PER PERSON PER COURSE AND ACCOMMODATION**

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Annual registration fee € 60,00
Extra weeks add € 150,00 per week for tuition only
Family Full Board: if you require FB accommodation it will be an extra € 12,00 a day and should be paid directly to the family.

**TUITION MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY**
Groups min 4 max 8 students: 4 hours a day, 20 hours a week
Groups 2-3 students: 3 hours a day, 15 hours a week
Individuals: 2 hours a day, 10 hours a week
Extra lessons: € 30 per hour (60 minutes)

Prices include: tuition, lodging, school materials, a guided tour of Todi, and watching an Italian movie together with the teacher every week.

For more information visit the website: www.lalingualavita.com
What they say about us...

Mathias, Bern

“My four week stay in Todi while learning Italian at the school was a wonderful, memorable experience for me. Italian is not taught only during the lessons, but also during trips around Umbria and other cultural activities. This helped improve my in Italian in a nice and easy way!”

Duncan, Philadelphia

“I was greeted with great warmth from the family where I lodged and also by the people of Todi, which is the ideal place to learn Italian. At the school, the friendly staff and lively and funny teachers make it a wonderful place to study!”

Yasuko, Tokyo

“The school is small and pays special attention to the needs of each student. Todi is my home in Italy and there are all the elements to assist in learning the language: the beauty of the city, time and space, quiet and traditional life and the friendly and welcoming people!”