

Language Course with Food & Wine (Siena - Tuscany)

Our language programs offer not only time in the classroom, but also make use of several practical applications such as Italian history and art appreciation. These sessions, in part, are also conducted in Italian to increase your language skills. You learn the Italian language in an enjoyable way as you study and tour the local history, art and architecture of Tuscany.

The Food and Wine (Tuscany) Language program in Siena offers 15 hours of language classes with 6 nights of accommodation.

What's Included Summary

- Accommodations for 6 nights
 - 15 hours of language classes
 - Course Materials
 - 3 Cooking Classes w/ meals
 - Visits to Wineries and *Enoteca*
 - Guided excursions + City tours
 - Entry fees as needed for program itinerary
 - Welcome Dinner
 - Daily Breakfast
 - Transportation and Airport Transfers
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- **Additional Options:** 2 night Hotel Package - Florence or Rome

Prices

1 Person	€ 1,740
2 Persons	€ 1,400 pp
3 - 8 Persons	€ 1,200 pp

Prices are per person, double occupancy in categories of 2 or more persons.

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ITINERARY DETAILS

DAY 1: Arrival - Orientation

Arrive to Siena to check in to your hotel accommodations. Time will be given to acquaint yourself to your accommodations and the medieval city. An afternoon orientation and meet & greet will be conducted at the hotel. Later in the evening a welcome dinner with one or several of your instructors. **(D)**

DAY 2: Language Class - City Tour

Morning breakfast and then your cultural week begins with the first of your language classes. This initial class will last for 2 hours and it will be a first approach to the Italian language. In the afternoon, a guided walking tour in this historical medieval city, applying many of the words and phrases from the morning language session. Later return to your accommodations and take the evening at your leisure. **(B)**

DAY 3: Language Class - Cooking Class

Morning breakfast and then start the day with the morning language class (3 hours). During this lesson you will get the general vocabulary related to the typical Italian first courses. In the early evening more time to practice and memorize the new words as you participate in another of the cultural activities - a hands on cooking class - in Italian (and English). **(B, D)**

DAY 4: Language Class - Cultural Application - Cooking Class

Morning breakfast and then start the day with the morning language class (2 hours). During this lesson you will get the general vocabulary related to the typical Italian second courses. Afterwards, or later in the day, a visit to local market combined with 1 hour of language application. In the early evening, again more time to practice and memorize the new words of the day's language lessons, as you participate in your second cooking class. **(B, D)**

DAY 5: Language Class - Cultural Application

Morning breakfast and then an excursion to a local winery in the Chianti area outside of Siena. Once at the winery, you will enjoy a wine tasting and winery cellar tour and then matched with a 1 hour language session. The day and language application will continue with a light lunch at the winery. Later after returning to Siena, a chance to further employ your newly acquired cultural knowledge as you will have a 3 hour language class. The evening is yours to relax and enjoy the satisfaction of completing your most active linguistic day of the week. **(B, W, L)**

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DAY 6: Cooking Class - Language Class

Morning breakfast and then start the day with your last cooking class during which you will prepare your own lunch of the day from first course till dessert. After lunch in the afternoon you start with your final language class (3 hours). In the evening a walking tour of the city followed by an “*aperitivo*” to celebrate the completion of your week of cultural language experience. (B, L)

DAY 7: Departure

Morning breakfast and transfer departure to Florence (included or an additional cost to other cities) where you will be greeted and escorted by your guide for a walking tour of the Renaissance City. (B)

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner, W=Wine

Base price includes accommodations for 6 nights, transfer from Florence to the hotel in Siena (transfer from other cities can also be accommodated with additional cost), transportation needed for itinerary activities, plus meals and cultural activities as indicated.

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

Introduction: The Opera Tour is one of our Special Event tours. It is NOT, however, on every occasion an Escorted Group Tour. The tour is organized in such a way to accommodate as few as two persons or a small group. The tour is a combination of services and products designed for customers that wish to enjoy the freedom of an un-escorted trip with the assurance that all the details of the itinerary have been arranged ahead of their arrival. The support for the tour comes from the personnel in Italy who we know personally and have worked with for many years. Hotel personnel, the transportation drivers and official tour guides whom we “employ” for their services all agree with our expectation to provide our clients with a high level of customer service and attention.

Payments: A 40% deposit is required in order to confirm your reservation. Payments can be made by credit card (VISA, M/C, AMEX) or by bank transfer. The balance payment will be due 60 days prior to the Start Date for your selected tour. With credit card payments, the balance payment will automatically be charged to the credit card provided, unless the reservation is otherwise cancelled or notice is given to use an alternate form of payment.

Cancellations: Due to the nature of Special Events and the ticketing and reservation process, Tickets purchased for any opera performance, cannot be refunded for any reason. Refunds for hotel accommodations or other travel options supplied for any cancelled Special Event package will be subject to the refund schedule found below.

Performance Cancellations: Cancellations by La Scala or the Verona Arena Foundation of their respective performances are refundable. Verona Opera performances cancelled due to weather conditions are subject to the terms of the Verona Foundation, which essentially state Tickets can only be refunded if the performance does not complete the 1st act.

IF YOU DECIDE TO CANCEL, YOU MUST NOTIFY THE COMPANY IN WRITING OF YOUR INTENT TO CANCEL. If you cancel a reservation and the written cancellation is received within 30 days from the date you made the reservation, then all fees paid will be refunded, with exception to the provisions for Tickets stated above and otherwise net of credit card service charges.

After the first 30 days of your reservation period, deposits and payments for accommodations will follow the refund schedule below. If you cancel after the first 30-day period and someone takes your place, then administrative cancellation fees may apply, in addition to Ticket costs, which will be deducted from your deposit or payments.

After the 30 day initial reservation period, but
Prior to 90 days before Start Date: Refund, less 25% of total cost, net of Tickets;
Prior to 60 days before Start Date: Refund, less 50% of total cost, net of Tickets;
Prior to 45 days before Start Date: Refund, less 75% of total cost, net of Tickets;
Less than 45 days before Start Date: No refunds.

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