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SDA – SIENA
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Fees include all tuition, reports, certificates, welcome pack, use of the library, many social events

Not included: textbooks, examination fees, some social events

Textbooks cost: from 20,00 to 35,00 Euro

A Registration Fee of Euro 20,00 is payable which covers full placement testing.

An Accommodation Placement Fee of Euro 50,00 per person is payable for all accommodation arranged by the school.

It is possible to start on any Monday (Tuesday when Monday is a public holiday) on all courses. Those with no knowledge of Italian language have to start on the following Compulsory Start dates:

January	11	February	1,15	March	1, 15, 29	April	12,19
May	3, 17, 24	June	7, 21, 28	July	5, 19, 26	August	9, 16, 30
September	6, 20	October	4, 18, 25	November	8, 22, 29	December	6

Minimum age: 17

In exceptional circumstances there may be students under 17 in adult classes

Maximum number of students per class: 12 with an average of 9

Cultural lessons in the afternoons (Siena Heritage and Siena Magnifica) maximum number of students per class: 6

All “teaching hours” are 60 minutes

Holidays 2010

The school will be closed on the following public holidays and there are no refunds or discounts for classes missed on these days:

Monday April 5th Wednesday June 2nd November Monday 1st December Tuesday 8th

On the afternoon of July 2nd and August 16th the school is closed but lessons will be held on other days. Christmas Holidays - The school will be closed from Saturday 18th December 2010 to Sunday 9th January 2011 inclusive. The school will be open from Monday 10th January 2011

Placement test and first Monday

Placement test in written and oral takes place on Monday (Tuesday when Monday is public holiday) at 8:00. On Monday all the students start the lessons at 10:00. The “old students” enrolled to an Intensive course (20 hrs. per week) have one hour of lesson on Monday from 14:30 to 15:30. The “new students” have an orientation trip of the school and Siena on Monday at 2:30 PM.

Dante Alighieri Card

Students can buy the DA CARD (10,00 Euro) and use the internet point of the school with no time limits, and take advantage of many discounts in shops and institutions.

GENERAL ITALIAN

Start dates compulsory for Absolute Beginners (see page 1)

Group Courses	9:00 – 12:20	12:30 – 13:30	14:30 – 16:30 One-to-one	Extra curricular activities
Standard G6				
Intensive G8		Focus on writing, reading speaking, listening,		
Combined C4			Twice per week	
Combined C8			4 days per week	
Trimester LT				
Semester SP				
Academic Year AY				

Breaks are from 11:00 to 11:20 and from 12:20 to 12:30

Fees in Euro

GROUP COURSES

	Code	hours per week	1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks	Each extra week
Standard	G6	15	155,00	290,00	435,00	560,00	140,00
Intensive	G8	20	205,00	390,00	545,00	670,00	160,00
Combined standard	C4	15 + 4	290,00	540,00	810,00	1.060,00	265,00
Combined intensive	C8	15 + 8	410,00	800,00	1.195,00	1.575,00	395,00

Example of calculation:

G6 for 9 weeks = 560,00 + 140,00 x 5 = 1.260,00

C4 for 7 weeks = 1.060,00 + 265,00 x 3 = 1.855,00

LONG TERM COURSES	Code	hours per week (total)	Weeks	Price
Trimester	LT	20 (240)	12	1.680,00
Semester	SP	20 (480)	24	3.360,00
Academic Year	AYI	20 (960) + PLIDA exam	48	6.800,00

Any extra week: 140,00 Euro

The school is recognised by C.S.N.

ONE-TO-ONE AND MINI-GROUP LESSONS

PRIVATE TUITION & MINI-GROUP LESSONS

	Code	Group size	Fees per hr of lesson
Private tuition	IND	1	40,00
Mini-group	MG2	2	52,00
	MG3	3	60,00

Start dates: any Monday

One-to-one lessons are tailored to the **specific requirements** of the student. The pace and content of the lessons are adapted according to the participant. Many students take advantage of individual lessons to work **intensively** on specific areas of the language, pertaining to their particular interests or occupation. Our teachers are **specialised** in a wide range of subjects, such as medicine, economics, opera, history, journalism, and use a wide range of media - from newspapers and specialised magazines to cassettes and videos. We can also organise **meetings and discussions** with professionals from the same field as the student and visits to places of particular interest. For those who appreciate Italian cuisine as well as the language, we offer the optional extra of lunch with a teacher in the best restaurants of Siena.

For students at the same level and with the same linguistic aims, we can organise mini-groups from two to 3 people. These mini-groups, ideal for people studying business Italian and working for the same company, give the advantage of being more specialised than our regular group courses and allowing interaction between students in situations such as role-plays and discussions.

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SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

Start dates compulsory for Absolute Beginners (see page 1)

	9:00 – 12:20	12:30 – 13:30	14:30 – 16:30 culture course in class with a maximum number of students = 6	Cooking session From 17:30 to 21:30 See page 6
Siena Heritage			Twice per week	NO
Siena Magnifica		Focus on writing, reading speaking, listening,	Twice per week	Twice per week
				Wine testing * Excursion during the week-end

All fees are in Euro

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES	Code	Hours of lessons	Price	
			1 week	each extra week
Siena Heritage	CS	15 + 4	315,00	300,00
Siena Magnifica	OC	20 + 4	460,00	* 450,00

Culture course are composed by 30 minutes of lesson in class + 1:30 hrs. of lessons on place in different cultural Institutions, Churches, Museums, etc.

* A full day trip is free for those enrolled to Siena Magnifica program for 2 weeks or more

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P.L.I.D.A. (Progetto Lingua Italiana Dante Alighieri) EXAM COURSE

Set start dates

Società Dante Alighieri - Siena is recognised by the Società Dante Alighieri as a Examination Centre for the PLIDA certificates that is an official diploma issued by the Società Dante Alighieri under an agreement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (n. 1903 of 4 November 1993) and with the academic approval of the “La Sapienza” University of Rome (agreement of 29 June 2004). PLIDA is also recognised by the Ministry of Labour and Social Politics (decree of 18 October 2002) and by the Ministry of University and Research as a qualification entrance examination for the university enrolment of foreign students (ref. N. 1906 of 9 October 2006).

Exams sessions: end of May – end of November

Start dates: middle of May – middle of November

Fees in Euro for the preparation course (max. 6 students per class)

	Code	Weeks	Lessons per week	Fees
PLIDA EXAM PREPARATION	PLIDA	2	15	590,00

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INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES

Start dates compulsory for Absolute Beginners: see page 1

Our school is recognised by the Tuscan Region and is entitled to offer internship programmes in order to facilitate experiences of foreign participants into Italian enterprises, organisation, museums, ONG. The internships are unpaid and fees cover civil insurance. Participants have to work for a minimum of 6 hours a day.

Fees include:

- entrance test;
- language group course;
- progress tests;
- certificate of attendance;
- assistance and tutor-ship;
- civil insurance

Internship fields: Tourism, Hotel, Management, Agriculture, Secretarial, Art, Architecture, Social work, Graphic Design, ONG

Italian language knowledge: at the end of the Italian language course the intern has to reach at least B1 level of the Common European Framework for Languages

Fees in Euro

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Code	Wks of course	n. of hrs of lessons per wks	Wks of internship	Fees
IN6	2	20	4	750,00
IN10	2	20	8	910,00
IN24	2	20	12	1.060,00
IN8	4	20	4	1.050,00
IN12	4	20	8	1.250,00
IN16	4	20	12	1.350,00

Code: IN + the total number of weeks per program

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GASTRONOMY COURSES
Reserved to our language students

Evening cooking session

Dates: any week – twice a week

These group demonstration cooking sessions can be taken twice a week from 17:30 to 21:00. Under the expert guidance of our friendly chef, participants learn how to prepare traditional Italian dishes, which vary according to the fresh ingredients available each season. At the end of each session all participants eat what they have prepared - food and wine are included in the price. This course is designed for people who wish to learn the secrets of Italian gastronomy as a complement to their Italian language studies.

Fees

First session: 60.00

Any extra session: 55,00 Euro

COOKING TRAINING

CT1 Start dates October 26th 2009 - January 11th 2010 – August 2nd 2010 - October 25th 2010 –
 January 10th 2011

CT2 & CT3 start dates: January 11th 2010 – March 8th 2010 – September 27th 2010 - January 10th
 2011 – March 2nd 2011

These programmes are composed of Italian language in the morning and the learning of the fundamental techniques of cuisine three times a week in the afternoon. They are designed for those who wish to be actively introduced in the world of Italian cuisine at a professional level. The participant attends a required number of lessons of Italian language according to his/her initial knowledge of Italian. The school evaluates the level of knowledge of Italian language on the basis of a on-line test that the participant must send together with the enrolment form. The Participant is informed about the result of the test before his/her departure. To reach a good level of Italian is important and a compulsory pre-requisite in order to work in an Italian environment. On his/her first day at the school, the Participant has to take an oral test. After completion of this program, participant may continue his/her experience with non paid internship.

Composition and schedule of Italian cuisine lessons:

- 2 sessions per week on specific culinary themes (i fondi di cucina, le salse madri e derivate, prodotti ittici, crostacei e molluschi, carni bianche, carni rosse, ovini e caprini, maiale, frattaglie, animali da cortile e selvaggina, impasti di base per la pasticceria, pane e dessert) for a total of 24 sessions (72 hrs);
- 1 session per week with the preparation of a full menu for a total of 12 sessions (60 hrs);
- At the end of the programme the Participant gets the certificates of attendance acknowledged by the Tuscan Region, and a reference letter from the restaurant manager on the participant's experience: the first step to enter in this fascinating and passionate world.

Fees include:

- Italian language lessons as described;
- Italian cooking sessions as described;
- Internship placement;
- Insurance;
- During the unpaid internship the accommodation and full board of the student are at charge of the restaurant's management

Fees do not include:

- administration fee;
- accommodation search fee;
- accommodation during the CT program

COOKING TRAINING (CT) DESCRIPTION

Code	Start level of Italian language	N° of hrs. of Italian language	N° hrs of Italian cuisine	N° of wks. of the course	N° of wks of internship
CT1	Absolute beginner	400	132	24	From 4 to 24
CT2	A2	240	132	15	From 4 to 24
CT3	B2	No	132	15	From 4 to 24

fees in Euro

Code	Fees
CT1	6.100,00
CT2	5.000,00
CT3	4.000,00

INTENSIVE CULINARY COURSES

Set start date

These courses develop the participants' attitudes to their optimum potential and give them a professional approach to Italian and Tuscan cuisine. The courses foresee culinary sessions at professional level for different food areas. Emphasis is put not only on the preparation of a wide variety of versatile dishes, but also on the study and use of essential extras such as wine, spices and olive oil. A fascinating program of educational visits to places of interest such as a vineyard, wine cellar, a butcher's and wholesalers is included in the course, as is the participation in the social activities organised by the language school for free time. These course are aimed for food professionals that would like to discover the secrets of Italian and Tuscan cuisine.

Lessons for Fundamental Chef techniques are

- 2 sessions per week on specific culinary themes (i fondi di cucina, le salse madri e derivate, prodotti ittici, crostacei e molluschi, carni bianche, carni rosse, ovini e caprini, maiale, frattaglie, animali da cortile e selvaggina, impasti di base per la pasticceria, pane e dessert) for a total of 24 sessions (72 hrs);
- 1 session per week with the preparation of a full menu for a total of 12 sessions (60 hrs);

INTENSIVE CULINARY COURSES (CC)

Intensive Culinary courses	Start dates	Wks	Sessions	Price
Fundamental chef techniques *	Jan. 11 th 2010 Mar. 8 th 2010 Sept. 27 th 2010 Jan. 10 th 2011 Mar. 2 nd 2011	12	36	3.000,00
Spring cuisine **	8– 19 March	2	8	750.00
Italian bread & dessert **	19 – 23 april	1	5	450.00
Mediterranean diet cuisine **	5 – 23 july	3	12	1.100.00
Summer palate **	9 – 13 August	1	5	450.00
A journey through Italy ** <i>Recommended for professionals</i>	4 – 30 October	4	16	1.500.00
Xmas festivities **	13 - 17 Dec	1	5	450.00

* Level of knowledge of Italian language required for Fundamental chef techniques: B1

** Lessons are held in Italian and English

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ACCOMMODATION IN SIENA

	Type of accommodation	Price per person		
		1 week 6 nights	Each extra week 7 nights	Extra night
Single	Shared apartment	170.00	120.00	20.00
	Home-stay – Breakfast only	190.00	140.00	25.00
	Home-stay – Breakfast + Dinner	230.00	210.00	35.00
Double	Shared apartment	120.00	100.00	15.00
	Home-stay – Breakfast only	140.00	120.00	20.00
	Home-stay – Breakfast + Dinner	210.00	175.00	30.00

Bed & Breakfast, Residence, Hotel & Villa on request

Accommodation notes

1. Accommodation will be arranged only for the time of the course at the Dante Alighieri School;
2. The accommodation period starts on the Sunday before student's first day and ends on the Saturday after student's last day. There will be a surcharge if the student adds extra days to this schedule;
3. The student may arrive on time between 8:00 and 21:00. If the students arrives outside of these times he/she may be offered overnight hotel/residence accommodation at his/her own expense;
4. There is no access to kitchen facilities in home-stay and residence if not otherwise specified;
5. Accommodation for smokers is limited and smokers generally need to smoke outside;
6. The School is not responsible for any changes in published rates. The Dante Alighieri Siena School is acting as a supplier and rates may change at short notice;
7. Euro 50,00 accommodation placement fee is payable in all cases

PICK-UP SERVICE

Costs are in Euro

No. 1 passenger one way			
	9 am - 8 pm	each extra passenger	8 pm - 9 am
from Rome Airport to Siena	300,00		
from Florence Airport to Siena	150,00		
from Pisa Airport to Siena	190,00	+10%	+10%
from Bologna Airport to Siena	250,00		
from Siena Train station to Siena	35,00		

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HOME-STAY TUITION IN VITERBO

The beautiful Etruscan city of Viterbo lies in a convenient position not far from Rome (around 1 hr. by train), many important Etruscan centers and the sea. Viterbo is on the ancient Via Cassia, built in Roman times, in the heart of the Etruscan region called Tuscia, which despite its fame and beauty remains largely no spoilt and untouched by mass tourism. Reminders of medieval times can be seen all over the city, especially in the ancient walls that surround the historical city center. Many interesting villas and gardens, dating back to the 16th and 17th centuries, can be seen around Viterbo. Choosing an home-tuition program at teacher's home gives a wonderful opportunity to improve knowledge of the Italian language in the comfort of a welcoming Italian home, the home of the teacher. It is probably the best way to improve Italian quickly, effectively and enjoyably with the experience of the daily life of an Italian family. The courses are designed according to student's needs, age, level of Italian and personal interests.

The fees include:

- tuition according to the number of hours of lesson;
- accommodation in single or double room for two people travelling together;
- private bathroom and studio;
- full-board (breakfast + lunch + dinner);
- extra activities program (i.e. visit of Viterbo; visit of a renaissance villa, etc.);
- text-book and didactic material;
- free internet

HOME TUITION – full board	Code	hours of lessons per week	1st week and each extra week	
			1 person	2 people
General Italian	VG1	15	1.150,00	890,00
	VG2	20	1.335,00	1.080,00
	VG3	25	1.440,00	1.090,00
Italian for business, commerce & Tourism	VI2	20	1.390,00	1.090,00
	VI3	25	1.490,00	1.150,00
Speak culinary (language & gastronomy)	VC2	20	1.545,00	1.290,00

Administration fees applicable: 70 Euro

Accommodation note:

- accommodation is available from Sunday before the start of the course to Saturday after the end of the course;
- according to availability and with an extra charge it could be possible to stay for extra days;
- on request **pick-up service** from the Fiumicino Airport or Orte train station at the following cost:

pick-up service

No. 1 passenger one way	9 am - 8 pm	8 pm - 9 am	Each extra passenger
from Rome Airport to Viterbo	100,00	+ 10%	+ 10%
from Orte train station to Viterbo	15,00		

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PROGRAMMES IN ISCHIA ISLAND

Start dates: any Monday

In the ancient world ISCHIA was known as Pitheculusae, Aenaria, Inanime, Iscla, today it is called Ischia. Situated on the extreme western part of the Gulf of Napoli, is amongst some of the most renowned coastal areas for thermal centres, both in Italy and abroad. The island has a circumference of only 39 kms, an area of 47km sq. And a population of around 60.000 inhabitants spread throughout the six communities (Ischia, Casamicciola, Lacco Ameno, Forio, Serrara Fontana, Barano). The highest part of the island is at the top of Mt. Epomeo (788ft) which has been an extinct volcano since 1302. The island enjoys a mild climate, with temperatures around 18-20 ° by day and falls to 12-14 ° at night. Recently it very rarely drops lower than 15° Celsius.

This destination is very indicated for groups of juniors and seniors. The school can tailor special programmes with fees and prices on request.

BLU Week : 15 hours of language lessons (3 hours / day from Monday to Friday) + Orientation (1 hour) + 1 Discovery of Forio (1 hour) + 1 wine tasting + 1 BLU culinary session + 6 nights accommodation

	Hostel (Half-board included)	Residence (Dinner included)	Hotel *** (half-board included)
BLU Week	820,00	900,00	950,00

Fees include:

- 15 hrs private tuition;
- 6 nights of accommodation according to the participant's choice;
- orientation;
- discovery Forio;
- 1 wine tasting;
- 1 BLU culinary session;
- text-book and didactic material

Administration fees: 70,00 Euro

Accommodation note:

- accommodation is available from Sunday before the start of the course to Saturday after the end of the course;
- according to availability and with an extra charge it could be possible to stay for extra days;

Extra courses:

Cooking in BLU: Euro 70,00 per session;

Culture in BLU : 2 hours of Discover Ischia with coffee-break – 60,00 Euro

Extra teaching hour: Euro 35,00

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. **Fees** – all fees are payable on registration.
2. **Payments** – all payments must be made in Euro.

3. **Cancellation before arrival** – if the student cancels with more than 3 weeks' notice, the School will refund the student the fees less service and administration charges. If the student cancels with less than 3 weeks' notice, the School will deduct 3 weeks' accommodation (if arranged by the School) and 3 weeks' tuition fees, in addition to the deposits and administration charges. Any balances will be returned to the student. All cancellation notices must be received in writing.
4. **Cancellation after arrival** – there are no refunds of tuition fees after arrival. The student is required to give 3 weeks' notice and will receive a course voucher for the time remaining. If the student cancels the accommodation, the student is required to give 3 weeks' notice and will receive a refund of outstanding fees after the notice period.
5. **Accommodation** – see accommodation note
6. **Holidays** – for courses of 12 weeks or more, the student is allowed a maximum of 8 weeks' holiday. The student must give 3 weeks' notice in writing.
7. **Service charge** – all changes outside the notice period in course dates or accommodation, including holidays, have a charge of Euro 30,00, which must be paid before the change is processed.
8. **Attendance** – minimum attendance is 90%. Certificates are issued only if minimum attendance is achieved.
9. **Conduct and behaviour** – the School reserves the right to cancel a student's enrolment, with no refunds, in the event of misconduct or unsatisfactory behaviour. The management's decision is final.
10. **Public holidays** – there are no reductions or discounts in tuition fees for courses that include a public holiday. Please see page 1
11. **Queries and Complaints** – the student should bring any problems to our attention immediately in order for us to assist him/her. We do not accept retrospective complaints or queries.
12. **Liability** – the School does not accept liability in case of illness, accident, loss or damage to personal effects or property.
13. **Language of the lessons** - in keeping with communicative teach methodology, all of our lessons and activities (such as language course, gastronomy course, orientation trip, cultural seminars, etc) are conducted in Italian if not otherwise specified.
14. **Minimum number** - The school reserves the right to offer an alternative course of equal value in the event of insufficient applications for a course.