



SUMMER
SCHOOL
of Italian
Language and Culture

ITASTRA
2017

Italian, Sun and Culture

Palermo, from July 3rd to September 29th

Right at the centre of the Mediterranean Sea, there is an island that for over three thousand years has represented a meeting point for people, languages and cultures. **Sicily** is its name...

There is a city in Sicily that, more than any other, bears witness to this long history: **Palermo**.

Palermo is the ideal place in which you can study and enjoy your summer, thanks to its climate and its geographical position, its history, its artistic and natural treasures and, of course, its food.

Moreover, here in Palermo you can find one of the largest historical centre of all Italy.

Along with its culture, Palermo gives you a chance to relax in places such as Mondello beach or among the rocks of Capo Gallo and Sferracavallo.

How about exploring its monuments, museums and theatres? Speaking of theatres, Palermo hosts one of the most important theatres in Europe, Teatro Massimo. Palermo is now a day considered as the capital of art and culture and **UNESCO** has recognised its historical and cultural importance by declaring Human Heritage Sites some of the Arab-Norman buildings of Palermo. Palermo is also one of the world capitals of the street food. The city's gastronomic tradition is renowned and represents Palermo's past and present multicultural identity. This city has been declared **Italian Capital of Culture 2018**.

Studying Italian in Palermo is an opportunity to discover art, culture, natural beauties and food traditions. The latter in particular representing one of the most important in Italy and a model, imitated all over the world.

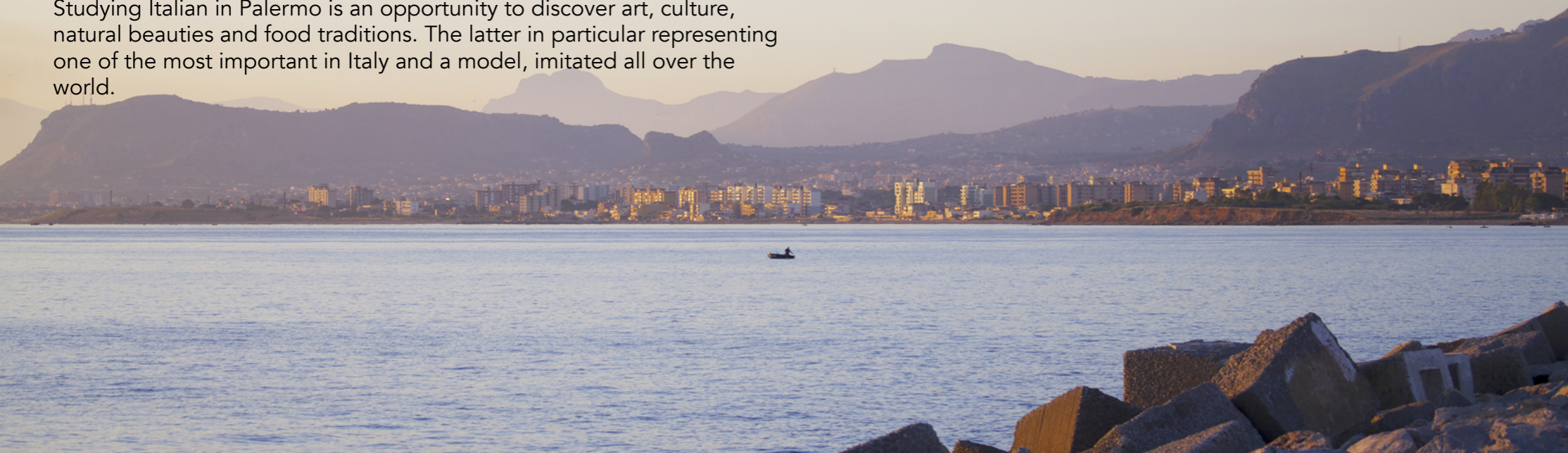
Studying Italian at the Summer School of ItaStra

Intensive courses at the Summer School of Itastra (Italian Language School for Foreigners of the University of Palermo) are divided into two-week modules (40 hours of lessons per module) and held by teachers specialised in teaching Italian as a second and foreign language. Courses run from Monday to Friday from 9.00 to 13.00.

Optional activities expecially designed for you

ItaStra's Summer School offers, from this year, the opportunity to attend optional afternoon workshops of Italian Cooking, Opera, Photography and Cinema.

You can also participate in our afternoon activities (mostly cultural and gastronomic walks) organized by our tutors, who are Italian students attending courses at the University of Palermo.



Module July 3rd to 14th	Module July 17th to 28th	Module July 31st to August 11th	Module August 21st to September 1st	Module September 18th to 29th
Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning
Standard course	Standard course	Standard course	Standard course	Standard course
Cost € 300	Cost € 300	Cost € 300	Cost € 300	Cost € 300
Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon
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Standard Language and Culture Courses (morning classes)

Levels: from Beginner to Advanced

Dates: all modules

Cost: 300 Euros (including registration, learning materials and recreational activities*)

Hours of lesson: 40 (including entry and final tests)

Description:

Classes are held from Monday to Friday (9.00-13.00) and will last for 2 weeks. Each class usually has a maximum number of 15 students and is taught by 2 teachers every day, who are working on developing different skills related to understanding, speaking, writing, vocabulary and culture of the language.

Methods and materials are constantly adapted so that the resulting approach is a highly innovative method of teaching that enables you, as a student, to reach the goals you are seeking.



Special advanced course – Literature, Grammar, Textuality, Sociolinguistics of contemporary Italy (morning classes)

Advanced level

Dates: from the 21st of August to the 1st September and from 18th to 29th September.

Cost: € 300 (including registration, learning materials, recreational activities)

Description:

The course focuses on the structure of the Italian language and textuality in relation to the linguistic variation.

Following the guidelines of the most advanced language teaching methods, the course combines the communicative dimension of language with pragmatics, grammar and syntax.

The texts are the real focus of the course and they are chosen from literary, academic and specialised texts on the basis of a selection that looks at the linguistic functions.

Part of the course aims at enhancing the speaking and writing skills in specialised contexts, through targeted workshops.

Areas of teaching: advanced grammar, sociolinguistics and literature.

WORKSHOPS OF “ITALIAN & ETC...”

The standard language courses will be conducted by looking at the specific and important aspects of Italian culture, while these training courses are intended to develop the student's language, theoretical and practical skills in most specific areas.

This will be done through workshops conducted by teachers, assistants and tutors.

In this edition of the Summer School students can choose among various workshops such as: *Italian & Cooking, Italian & Photography Italian & Music, etc...*

* Workshops will start only if reaching at least 5 participants.

ITALIAN & OPERA

All levels

Dates: July 3rd to 14th

Cost € 390 (standard course 300 € + 90 € laboratory)
50 hours of lectures (40 standard course + 10 lab)

Description:

The School offers an immersion into the fascinating world of Opera. Students will discover this important aspect of the Italian culture, through Italian and music courses that also provide listening and practical demonstrations.

The courses also provide the study of important “librettos” that have made the history of Italian melodrama.

In fact, the laboratory includes moments of linguistic in-depth analysis (Opera dictionary and phonetic features of keywords) and moments of listening and musical analysis.



ITALIAN & COOKING (Afternoon)

Levels: from Intermediate to Advanced

Dates: July 17th to 28th

Cost € 390 (standard course 300 € + 90 € workshop)
50 hours of lessons will be conducted (40 standard course + 10 lab)

Description:

The perfect combination to better enjoy Italian culture through one of its most important parts: cuisine! Qualified chefs will give practical classes.

During the lectures, a Professional teacher will provide an overview to the most famous Sicilian cooking traditions and the most famous regional dishes in the world.

Participants will engage in preparing typical recipes, with the help of the Instructors.



ITALIAN & PHOTOGRAPHY: “Photographing gardens”

All levels

Dates: July 31st to August 11th

Cost € 390 (standard course 300 € + 90 € laboratory) 55 hours of lessons (40 standard course + 15 lab: 6 language hours, 9 hours of laboratory in field).

Description:

The course has several objectives

1. Development of language skills.

2. Development of photographic skills; “smart” use of both the territory and of the artistic heritage of Palermo.

A professor of the School will conduct workshops about writing and speaking, based on the terminologies of photography.

An experienced photographer will guide photo labs in the area showing the students the main photographic techniques, while helping them in taking pictures of the astonishing gardens of Palermo. Photographic excursions will take place mainly in the late afternoon hours.



ITALIAN & CINEMA

Levels: from A2 to advanced

Dates: August 21st to September 1st

Cost: € 390 (standard course 300 € + 90 € workshops) 50 hours of lessons (40 standard course + 10 lab)

Description:

The laboratory provides a path that will immerse participants in the world of Italian cinema making them the protagonists for a film club that will involve all of the students of the Summer School. Those who are enrolled in the laboratory will prepare and manage the two evening screenings (once per week) that will animate the summer modules.

The path involves the construction, through the task-based language learning method, of a mini-film festival done by the workshop participants. The students, led by teachers, will choose the film to be projected; they will prepare the introductory card and present it at the beginning of each screening. During this preparatory phase, students will get to know the specific vocabulary related to Italian cinema.

** All the laboratories of “Italian & ...” will start with at least 5 participants*



CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES*

“**Street food**” walk: Panelle, croccché, arancine, sfincione, cannoli these gastronomic treasures are the symbols of a thousand-year old gastronomic tradition that bring together Arabs, Jews, Spaniards, Normans and other populations who used to live in Sicily.

A gastronomic walk in Palermo, capital of Street Food. Walks, days out and excursions: In collaboration with Italian trainees, the School organises activities in the afternoon, in the evening and during the weekends, including walks and excursions in and out of the city, aperitivi, beach trips, visits to malls, sport events, and so forth.



** Extra charges for transport, food and drinks, entrance fees to museums and historical-artistic interest are paid by the student.*

Food and accommodation:

At the student’s request, the School will be able to suggest accommodation in the center of the City and close to the school:

– **B & B, family rooms, hostels with prices starting from € 12 for night**

– **Taverns and traditional restaurants**

Teaching materials

Courses will be held in the monumental complex of S. Antonino, very close to the central station. All classrooms are equipped for language course.

The teaching material will be provided in the classroom by our teachers.

Students will also be able to use the reading room of the library of the Department of Humanities.

Special offers:

Discounts are available for both single students and for groups:

– **Discounts will be applied to students who purchase more than one course;**

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