



*You live a new life for every new language you speak. If you know only one language, you live only once."* Czech proverb

## SCIE Center Italian Language Courses Never Too Late ... 50+

These courses are designed for those who want to combine a language course with a program of varied, interesting activities. In the mornings, students have guided tours, practical activities and lectures on Sicilian themes, then in the afternoon Italian lessons are held. The pace is relaxed and there is free time for study and rest so that you can get the best out of your stay in Siracusa. If you are looking for a gentle 'study-holiday', then this is perfect for you.

**Beginners** courses are designed on a two-weekly schedule.

**Intermediate and advanced** courses can also be organised on a weekly schedule.

Classes are small from a minimum of 5 to a maximum of 10 participants.

Italian classes include grammar, conversation, individual and group activities, and students will be able to take part in activities where they can use their communication skills in real-life situations e.g. at the market, social activities or doing volunteer work.

The number of hours of Italian lessons can be

- ❖ Intensive (20 lessons a week/4 lessons a day)
- ❖ Standard (15 lessons a week/3 lessons a day)
- ❖ Light (8 lessons a week /90 mins a day)

The **Never Too Late** course also includes guided tours, activities and lectures, and other optional activities can be added.

### **Never Too Late ... 50+ Starting dates 2017**

(For both 2-week and weekly courses of all levels)

- ❖ January 2017 Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ February 2017 Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ March 2017 Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ April 2017 Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> (over the Easter weekend, activities will be organised so participants can take part in the traditional Sicilian Easter festivities)
- ❖ September 2017 Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ October 2017 Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ November 2017 Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ December 2017 Sunday 3<sup>th</sup> (Participants can experience the celebrations of the Immacolata (8<sup>th</sup> Dec.) and the local patron saint, Santa Lucia (13<sup>th</sup> Dec))

### Beginners – Intermediate – Advanced Italian 2-week option : Typical Course Structure

|           | Morning  | Afternoon                     |
|-----------|--|-------------------------------|
| Sunday    | Arrival at Catania – transfer to B&B/hotel                   | Welcome dinner                |
| Monday    | Intro to Siracusa and Ortigia Temple Tour                    | Italian                       |
| Tuesday   | Siracusa Archaeological park                                 | Italian Opera dei Pupi        |
| Wednesday | Market Cooking class Lolli                                   | Italian                       |
| Thursday  | Castello Maniace   | Italian                       |
| Friday    | Hypogeum and Jewish Baths                                    | Italian                       |
| Saturday  | Optional excursion e.g. Taormina and Etna/Catania (full-day) |                               |
| Sunday    | Free day   |                               |
| Monday    | Visit to a local wine producer                               | Italian                       |
| Tuesday   | Catacombs of San Giovanni                                    | Italian                       |
| Wednesday | Noto and the Baroque   | Italian                       |
| Thursday  | Bellomo Museum   | Italian                       |
| Friday    | Free morning   | Italian Film night with pizza |
| Saturday  | Departure  |                               |

### Intermediate and Advanced Italian – One Week Option : Typical Course Structure

|           | Morning  | Afternoon                 |
|-----------|--|---------------------------|
| Sunday    | Arrival at Catania – transfer to B&B/hotel           | Welcome dinner            |
| Monday    | Intro to Siracusa and Ortigia Temple Tour            | Italian                   |
| Tuesday   | Siracusa Archaeological park                         | Italian Opera dei Pupi pm |
| Wednesday | Market Cooking class Lolli                           | Italian                   |
| Thursday  | Castello Maniace                                     | Italian                   |
| Friday    | Hypogeum and Jewish Baths                            | Italian                   |
| Saturday  | Optional excursion e.g. Taormina and Etna (full-day) | Farewell dinner           |
| Sunday    | Departure  |                           |

SCIE reserves the right to rearrange the programs or substitute activities when necessary

### Never Too Late Course Costs 2017 (in euros) with and without accommodation

|                               |           |                                 | Standard Italian 15 hours a week | Light Italian 10 hours a week | Intensive Italian 20 hours a week |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Beginners Italian -           | Two Weeks | Accommodation and taxi transfer | €1900                            | €1750                         | €2050                             |
| Beginners Italian - standard  | Two Weeks | -                               | €1060                            | €850                          | €1150                             |
| Intermediate/advanced Italian | Two Weeks | Accommodation and taxi transfer | €1900                            | €1750                         | €2050                             |
| Intermediate/advanced Italian | Two Weeks | -                               | €1060                            | €850                          | €1150                             |
| Intermediate/advanced Italian | One Week  | Accommodation and taxi transfer | €1300                            | €1225                         | €1375                             |
| Intermediate/Advanced Italian | One Week  |                                 | €750                             | €675                          | €825                              |

Never Too Late Course costs include:

- ❖ Italian language classes (each class is 50 mins)
- ❖ Orientation material
- ❖ Educational material
- ❖ Internet access at SCIE Center
- ❖ Entrance test for false beginners, intermediate and advanced students
- ❖ Final Certificate
- ❖ Activities as listed in program supplied at time of confirmation of place on course.
- ❖ Welcome and farewell dinner
- ❖ Pasta-making

Accommodation and transfer includes:

- ❖ Taxi transfer to/from Siracusa - Catania Airport
- ❖ Accommodation in centrally located B&B
- ❖ Breakfast and use of shared kitchen
- ❖ Shared rooms with A/C, wifi, en-suite bathroom. Singles available on request and payment of supplement of 20 euros a night.

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