



ORBIT LINGUA



ITALIAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL



ORBETELLO

Orbetello lies on the Tuscany coast, in the heart of the Maremma region, less than two hours from Rome, Florence, Siena and Pisa.

Pearl of the Costa d'Argento, in the centre of a sparkling lagoon, Orbetello is joined to the Argentario promontory by the two long, golden sand dunes, known as the “Tomboli della Feniglia e della Giannella” that offer the visitor kilometres of enchanting, unspoilt beaches interrupted here and there by inviting pine woods. The spectacular views around Monte Argentario offer a range of breathtaking scenery. High cliffs rise sheer from the sea, alternating inlets and bays where the transparent blue sea invites visitors to enjoy a relaxing swim. Just off the Monte Argentario coast, in less than an hour by ferry, are the islands of Giglio and Giannutri with their crystalline water and limpid seabeds that offer scuba divers an unforgettable experience. Among the many places close to Orbetello worth visiting, Porto Santo Stefano and Porto Ercole, with their distinctive coloured houses and picturesque fishing ports are certainly not to be missed.

All this, plus 50 kilometres of unspoilt beaches and rocky coastlines set between two of the biggest protected natural reserves in Italy, make Orbetello an ideal place for a study holiday in one of the most beautiful areas of Tuscany.





ORBITLINGUA



OrbitLingua is a dynamic, expanding language school that specializes in teaching Italian language and culture to foreign students. We accept a limited number of students at one time, which guarantees the high quality of our services, a friendly atmosphere and continuous assistance in dealing with students' needs and requests. We also organize a carefully studied and varied programme of extracurricular activities, including seminars, excursions and special evenings which enable students to discover the many aspects of the Italian culture. Apart from Italian language courses for foreigners, OrbitLingua also offers courses for adults and children in English, German, Spanish and French, so, we are also able to organize activities that allow the students to meet people whose first language is Italian.

The School

OrbitLingua provides the opportunity of studying the Italian language and culture in a perfect environment for relaxation and for enjoying the sun, the sea, and our beautiful beaches.

The school in Orbetello is situated in a quiet area, just a short walk from the historic centre. It has recently been completely refurbished and is surrounded by a beautiful garden - the ideal place to have lessons in the open air or to relax in your free time!



Methodology

The school adopts a fully communicative approach to the teaching of Italian that is continually up-dated. Language is never presented out of context. Grammar, phonology, lexis and all other features of actual language used in everyday situations are analysed. A wide variety of up-to-date authentic material is used in class, thus giving the students valuable information about modern-day Italian culture and society at the same time as developing the students' authentic linguistic and communicative skills. Communicative tasks, group work, and role-play are amongst the principal techniques and procedures employed in class. The accent is on activity rather than on passive receptivity.



The classes

Classes have a maximum of 8 and a minimum of 3 students, the average number of learners per class is 5-6. The classrooms are large, well-lit and have air conditioning. All our classes consist of students with compatible levels of competence. The students in each class usually come from different nations. As a result, our classes are interesting, multicultural groups of people who exchange ideas and opinions and communicate experiences in Italian, a language shared by all.



ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

Italian group courses are held from May to October. Individual courses can begin at any time throughout the year.

New courses start every two weeks. Minimum attendance is 1 week. Students with some knowledge of the Italian language can enrol at times other than course-starting dates. Every two weeks the school organizes a day excursion to the Island of Giglio or the Island of Giannutri. These excursions form part of the course programme and are included in the course price.

a) Standard course

(20 hours a week)

4 hours a day from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m., Monday to Friday. This type of course is perfect for those who want to combine study with other cultural and leisure activities in the afternoon.

b) Combined course

(20 hours group + 5 hours Individual lesson a week)

4 hour group lesson each day from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m., Monday to Friday, plus a 1 hour Individual lesson every afternoon. This type of course is ideal for those who would like to combine the experience of a group class with the individual attention of a one to one lesson.

c) Intensive course

(20 hours group + 10 hours Individual lesson a week)

4 hour group lesson each day from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m., Monday to Friday, plus a 2 hour Individual lesson every afternoon. The course has been devised for students who want to make the most of their short stay in Italy.

d) Individual course

Particularly suitable for business and professional people and all those who require tuition tailor-made to their individual needs. These courses can be held any time from Monday to Friday. Students arrange the schedule and contents of their one-to-one tutorials together with the school administrative and teaching staff. One private lesson is 60 minutes long and is available at all levels. On request, the school organizes lessons for pairs or small groups of students.

Our teachers

All our teachers are mother-tongue speakers and are university graduates. They are qualified, have an experience of at least three years in the teaching of Italian as a second language and are constantly bringing their teaching methods up to date. Teaching in Orbitlingua means working in a friendly atmosphere with small groups of students. This enables teachers to interact better with each student and organize lively, interesting and entertaining lessons.



SERVICES

Internet

Computers are available for students to use Internet and check e-mails. This service is free of charge.



Language resources

Students can use the school's classrooms and the garden to study, see films or read the books from the school's language library.

Rent bikes

It is possible to rent bikes at school for one or more days.

Student card

On the first day of the course the students will receive a special card allowing them to get discounts in some restaurants and shops in Orbetello and on the beach.



Scholarships

Every year, OrbitLingua makes a limited number of scholarships available to Italian Language and Culture Institutes based in some cities throughout the world and to some international universities. Applications should be sent directly to the Italian Language and Culture Institute or to the university.

Bildungsurlaub

OrbitLingua has been recognised by the Hamburg "Bildungsurlaub".



Assistance

The school staff takes care of the students' needs for the complete duration of their stay. They are always available to give students every kind of information and to offer any kind of help they may need.





ACCOMMODATION

The school helps students find accommodation in Orbetello. In order to guarantee our customers a pleasant stay in Orbetello all rooms, flats, hotels, etc. are carefully chosen and thoroughly checked by the school staff which does its utmost to see that students' expectations are completely satisfied. The school expects students to arrive on the Sunday before the beginning of lessons and to leave their lodgings on the Saturday after the end of the course. Most of these are within walking distance of the school. The types of accommodation offered by the school are:

a) Italian host families

This type of accommodation is very comfortable and the host families are always very friendly and helpful. Students have free use of the kitchen and on request they can have breakfast and half board (breakfast and dinner).

It is also the best way to improve one's Italian, because the student has to use Italian everyday to communicate with the host family.

b) Shared Apartment

Single or double rooms in apartments, which are shared with other Italian or foreign students or with the owner of the apartment. All apartments are furnished, all rooms are provided with sheets and all kitchens are provided with all the facilities: electrical appliances, cutlery, dishes. This is the best solution for those students who want to have more freedom, but it also means that the student has to clean the house, buy his food, cook and wash the dishes.

c) Private Apartment

Studio apartments or apartments for one or more persons. The rent price for private apartments differs according to various factors, such as size, location and period of the year. More details are available upon request. For this type of accommodation we recommend to make the reservation well in advance.

d) Hotel or B&B

One-, two- or three-bed rooms in hotels (1, 2, 3, or 4 stars), with private bathroom and breakfast included. Booking throughout the school will guarantee special prices. We recommend early bookings for the month of August.

e) Farm hotels

This type of accommodation is very popular in Tuscany. Students can choose from single or double rooms or apartments. Students will enjoy the quiet and relaxing atmosphere of the beautiful Tuscan countryside and taste the typical Italian dishes prepared with very fresh farm products.

This option is particularly suitable for students coming by car.



ACTIVITIES

The school organizes a full and varied programme of social activities for the students such as excursions, seminars, dinners and special evenings. A calendar of social events is given to each student on the first day of the course.



Cultural and naturalistic activities

- A guided tour of historical Orbetello
- Day excursion to the Island of Giglio included in the course price.
- Afternoon excursion to Feniglia beach by bicycle and visit to the archeological town of Cosa.
- Afternoon excursion to the enchanting medieval village of Capalbio and visit to the mysterious "Giardino dei Tarocchi" by the famous artist Niki de Saint Phalle.
- Visit to the medieval village of Manciano followed by night time swim at waterfalls in Saturnia.
- Visit to the Spanish fortresses and swim into the crystalline water of "Le Viste" inlet
- Boat trip on the Orbetello lagoon
- Dinners in typical Italian restaurants

Seminars

- Italian wine
- Italian cooking
- Italian music
- Italian cinema

Free activities

There are infinite ways of spending your free time and the school staff is available for information or to reserve any of the activities listed below:

Sport

- Canoeing on the lagoon
- Horse riding
- Sailing
- Surfing
- Scuba diving
- Tennis
- Mountain biking
- Trekking
- Cycling
- Polo
- Golf



Excursions

- Visit to Porto Santo Stefano and Porto Ercole
- Natural Reserve of Maremma
- Cruise to the Islands of Elba, Montecristo or Giannutri.
- Excursion to the typical medieval villages of Pitigliano, Sovana, Sorano.
- Excursions for one or two days to Rome, Florence, Siena and Pisa.



HOW TO GET TO ORBETELLO

By train:

- **From Rome:** Rome-Pisa line to Orbetello
- **From Pisa:** Pisa-Rome line to Orbetello
- **From Florence:** Florence-Orbetello line via Siena

www.trenitalia.it

By car

- **From Rome:** Take the motorway A12 Rome-Civitavecchia and then the Aurelia to Orbetello
- **From Pisa:** Drive to Grosseto and then take the Aurelia southbound to Orbetello
- **From Florence:** Drive to Grosseto via Siena and then take the Aurelia southbound to Orbetello.

By air

Rome airport Leonardo Da Vinci (Fiumicino), Rome airport Ciampino or Pisa airport Galileo Galilei.

Orbetello is an ideal study-holiday location as it is an enchanting place and very close to the most important and interesting cities.



Distances from major cities:

-Rome:	140 km
-Siena:	110 km
-Florence:	180 km
-Pisa:	180 km
-Lucca:	200 km
-Orvieto:	100 km
-Assisi:	190 km
-Perugia:	200 km



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