

Winter Schools 2015

Italian, Sun and Culture



16th February - 13th March

Italian Language School
Palermo University



Palermo, an alive city with a clear sky even in Winter

Palermo, the capital of Sicily, one of the biggest and most beautiful islands of the Mediterranean. Here you can explore the rich art, the good food, the beautiful coastline and enjoy the perfect weather, spending the day both in the city and by the sea. Palermo is the capital of art and culture thanks to its Arabic, Norman, Byzantine signs and its ancient buildings, as well as the modern and contemporary art galleries and theaters, including one of the most important in Europe, the Teatro Massimo. In Palermo even the food is famous all around the world. Palermo is one of the world's capitals of street food, and has an important tradition of food and wine that reveals its past and its multicultural present. Compared to other cities of Italy, Palermo stands out not only for its rich artistic heritage but for the mild and sunny weather it has throughout the year. Even in winter you can enjoy a beautiful and clear sky.



Winter School 2015

Our intensive courses last 40 hours. There are courses for every level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages of the European Council, with levels from beginner to advanced. The lessons take place in the morning, from 9 to 1 am with qualified mother tongue teachers, and they are combined with afternoon activities with teachers and tutors, young Italian university students who support our students inside and outside the classroom in social and entertaining activities.

What we offer in addition to the course: activities outside the classroom

Guided visits to the main monuments of Palermo

The Politeama Theatre, the Massimo Theatre, Cappuccini catacombs, the Prisons of the Inquisition, the Cathedral, Piazza Pretoria, many churches and monuments of the Norman and Arabic period. All our students, guided by a qualified teacher in art and young tutors, will have the chance to discover the rich artistic heritage of Palermo through cultural walks in town.



Trips in the main tourist destinations of Sicily

Students of the Winter School will be accompanied by professors and tutors to discover the most popular tourist destinations of Sicily such as Cefalù, Agrigento and Taormina. Dates, destinations and prices (do not included in the price of the course) will be communicated during the course.

Nights out

Every weekend the School organises "aperitivo" (a pre-meal drink served with a wide variety of finger food) in popular bars of the city centre where you will enjoy concerts and live music.



Palermo, the capital of street food

"Panelle, croché, arancine, panino con la milza, sfincione, cannoli" are the symbols of a thousand-year old gastronomic tradition that brings together Arabs, Jews, Spaniards, Normans and other populations who used to live in Sicily. A gastronomic walk to find out unique smells and tastes will guide you to enjoy Palermo Street Food.

What we offer in addition to the course: assistance for students

Accommodation

On your request, the School will select and suggest an accommodation close to the premises of the School. Based on availability, the School will give you advice on arranging your accommodation in selected B&Bs, hotels, holiday rentals, hostels. *

Welcoming service

The staff of the School will support you with all the practical services (invitation letters, filling in your registration forms, applying for the residency permit, obtaining certificates of attendance to university and price reductions for museums and other entertaining activities).

And again in the city

Evenings in the most important theaters of the city

In Palermo, a city well known for its many cultural activities, you can find several theaters where you can enjoy high level performances during the winter festivals. Among them, the Teatro Massimo (the third largest theater in Europe) with its operas and the Teatro Biondo, with comedies and plays written by both classical and contemporary authors. Supported by the professors of the school, students can choose the best shows offered in Palermo.

Presentations of books and CDs

In major bookstores of Palermo, every week in the afternoon important books and CDs presentations take place, during the events you can meet contemporary Italian authors and musicians. It will be easy for the students of the Winter School to participate to these events and they will be accompanied by a tutor.

Past editions

Visit the website www.itastra.unipa.it and the sections “Winter School” and “Summer School” in the menu of the courses to find out all the activities of the Winter and Summer Schools of the past years.



The School

Our location

The Italian Language School is located in the ex convent of Sant'Antonino, a building from the XVII century. The building has been recently and entirely refurbished and it is also the location of Palermo University Language Centre. The School is right in the heart of Palermo and it is well served by public transport. It is very close to the central railway station and to the historical market “Ballarò”. Our classrooms are all air-conditioned and they all offer a well-equipped learning environment.

Our teachers

Our mother tongue teachers are highly qualified and they all hold a university degree plus relevant qualifications in education – a postgraduate diploma or a PhD. The teaching staff is continuously trained through a life long learning programme on the most up-to-date teaching methodologies. The teachers are regularly evaluated through satisfaction questionnaires filled in by the students and through the supervision of senior teachers and trainers.

Our trainees

Italian students from the University of Palermo will support you during your studies in Palermo, in social and entertaining activities. They will contribute to building up your relationship with the new cultural and social environment and they will contribute to developing your language learning process through non-formal learning.

Dates and Costs

The Winter School 2015 will start on the 16th of February and it will end on the 13th of March. The courses are divided in two modules:

- from the 16th to the 27th of February
- from the 2nd to the 13th of March

The Winter School costs 300 euros per module (a 40-hours course in 2 weeks). A 20% price reduction will be applied if you enrol for both modules and special fares will be applied to groups.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS PROMOTION

If you buy one course by the 22nd of December and you bring a friend with you, both of you will have a discount of 20%.



And what is going on after the Winter School? "Italian all year round" and the "Summer School 2015".

The School has courses of Italian language and culture during the whole year with different intensities: semi-intensive courses for a total number of 40 hours in 4 weeks and intensive courses for a total number of 40 hours in 2 weeks. Also in 2015, the Summer School will take place in July, August and September. All our students will be involved in entertaining activities by the sea, boat rides and excursions alongside the Sicilian coastline. Also during the summer courses, young Italian university students will tutor our students inside and outside the classroom. Special fares and price reductions will be available if you enrol in more than one summer course or if you have already studied Italian during the Winter School.

Enrolment

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* Please note that the School is not responsible for the relationship between the hotel facilities and the customers. The School simply provides a list of accommodation facilities with the related prices and the customers book the preferred accommodation. However, we recommend you to mention that you are students of the Italian Language School.



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