

Nine Weeks in Italy

Module: Group Class Nine Weeks Course

Venue: 41 Waltham Road, Sydenham 8023 - Christchurch

IN VIAGGIO Acquire basic knowledge of Italian culture and customs / basic language skill for travellers

Week	Topic	Teacher reference
1	<p>Introduction - teacher and students. Have they travelled to Italy or are they intending to do so? Discussion about previous or planned travel to Italy.</p> <p>Language section Alphabet and Pronunciation. Greetings Grammar: Present tense of the verb AVERE</p> <p>Culture section Maps and geography of Italy – where the teacher comes from; where students have been etc.</p>	
2	<p><u>Session 2</u></p> <p>Language section Ordering drinks and food. Grammar: indefinite article; gender</p> <p>Culture section What do Italians have for breakfasts, lunches and dinners? Where and when do they normally eat these meals? The importance of eating at the table. How important is coffee? Custom in bars - standing at the bar – opening and closing hours</p>	
3	<p><u>Session 3</u></p> <p>Language section Nationalities; Meeting People/ Formal and informal address; Numbers</p> <p>Culture section Cafes and Restaurants – typical menus. Different types of pasta and what their names mean - origin of pasta - where are the famous places for it in Italia? How do Italians like their pizza?</p>	
4	<p><u>Session 4</u></p> <p>Characteristics of Italian Foods & Wines</p> <p>ITALIAN FOOD & WINE TOUR (2 HOURS) A closer look at Italian imported foods and wines. Students can enjoy an AFFOGATO or share a Pizza or savour any other gourmet food/beverages they choose.</p>	

5	<p><u>Session 5</u></p> <p>Language section Colours, days and dates /Birthdays and age Grammar: adjectives, nouns & gender agreement; plurals</p> <p>Culture section The Palladian Villas, The Lakes, The Basilicas</p>	
6	<p><u>Session 6</u></p> <p>Language section. Asking and giving the time Grammar: present tense of the verb ESSERE</p> <p>Culture section The Old Favourites highlights: Roma – Firenze – Venezia - Milano</p>	
7	<p><u>Session 7</u></p> <p>Language section Asking for and giving directions. Grammar: Present tense of andare, dovere</p> <p>Culture section Understanding street signage. Avoiding getting run over in Naples Off the Beaten Track Talking about places, customs and history</p>	
8	<p><u>Session 8</u></p> <p>Language section Enquiring about public transport Asking the way Grammar Formal commands</p> <p>Culture section Cheeses – different types. Wines – explain wine controls, show wine map – “pure grape taste – no nectarines”</p>	
9	<p><u>Session 9</u></p> <p>ITALIAN DINNER Putting it all into practice over dinner at a local Italian restaurant (own cost).</p>	

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