

EXCHANGE IN ITALY



COULD YOU SEE YOURSELF EXPLORING THE BEAUTIFUL STREETS OF ROME, OR INDULGING IN THE WORLD FAMOUS ART FOUND IN FLORENCE ALL WHILST STUDYING... AND EATING PIZZA!

Italy is a country of great beauty - food, architecture, churches, fashion, coastline, beaches, mountains and language. It also has a history that is rich and colourful - having been home to many European cultures, such as the Etruscans and the Romans and later the birthplace of the Renaissance period. It is easy to understand why Italy has long remained one of the most favoured tourist destinations with more than 40 million tourists flocking to its shores each year.

Experience the beauty of Italy as more than a tourist by immersing yourself in an Italian family. Imagine sitting around the table speaking Italian with your host family while eating one of Nonna's delicious pastas or strolling the cobblestoned streets with your host sibling - gelato in hand. Picture gazing at the beauty of one of Michelangelo's works of art or visiting one of the great archaeological sites that reveals

rich insights into past civilizations. The experiences are endless - there are beaches to explore, coastal fishing villages, mountains and lakes. Italy is also home to luxury sports cars - visit the Ferrari factory in Modena or for sports enthusiasts experience the passion and excitement of an Italian football game - Italy's much loved national sport.

Most students attend school from Monday to Friday between 8am and 1pm. During your school stay, the opportunity may arise to assist the local teachers with their English classes.

There is also an opportunity to participate in one of the school's sporting teams or local cooking classes. Every region in Italy has a specialty dish and learning how to cook traditional Italian cuisine will make you very popular when you return home!

Outside of school hours, students are free to return home and join their family for a long lunch, then students normally meet their friends in the local piazza

to go for a walk (*passeggiata*), hangout or maybe grab a gelato.



CAPITAL: Rome
POPULATION: 60.6 million
OFFICIAL LANGUAGE: Italian
MONEY: Euro €
AREA: 301,277 square kilometres

Transport: Transport in Italy is affordable, quick and efficient. Trains are reasonably priced, depart frequently and cover the country extensively. Buses are cheaper, slower and best used for getting to more remote villages that are not serviced by trains.

Climate: From the Alpine climate of the

snow-capped mountains of the north to the Mediterranean climate with year round warmth in the south, Italy's climate has something for everyone. From beaches to mountains and everything in between.

Food: Italians take their food quite seriously. With the main meal of the day being lunch, you can expect a long lunch with the family,

traditionally consisting of around five or six courses. Imagine a table set with home grown fruits, fresh bread from the local baker, an array of cold meats, local cheeses, the tastiest tomatoes you've ever tried and home-made pasta....!



LENGTH	COST (from AUD)
Two months**	\$6790
Three months*	\$7200
One Semester*	\$8550
One full school year*	\$10,190

* Visa not included
 ** An optional Rome trip can be added for the two month program for an additional \$600.