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CITY AND SCHOOL INFORMATION – VIAREGGIO, ITALY

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Viareggio Puccini organizes from June to September Italian Language and Culture Courses in Viareggio, one of Tuscany's most beautiful beaches. Modern teaching methods, professional organization, a specialized team of teachers and a relaxed relationship between teachers and students guarantee good progress in a short time.

Communication and spoken language are emphasized at the Viareggio Puccini. The courses are based on the practical and everyday use of the Italian language.

Viareggio is one of the traditional and famous seaside resorts of Tuscany. The wide, endless beaches, the excellent cuisine and the exciting night life with its well-known discus of the 'Versilia' - all contribute to render Viareggio a favorite holiday resort. A visit to Viareggio means meeting young Italians and enjoying the seafood specialties of Tuscany. During the whole season the local tourist office organizes various activities offered to all guests in the city. Viareggio is the ideal holiday resort for all those who love sunshine, the sea, and enjoying themselves.

Sport and entertainment: for sports, infinite are the choices; sailing, windsurf, horse back riding, skating, mini golf and bocce. Viareggio is the Rimini of Versilia: night clubs, discos, restaurants, bars, café, pizzerias, ice cream shops. The Carnival of Viareggio is a manifestation of strong attraction (February and March). While during the summer the Premio Letterario (literary award) takes place and at Torre del Lago, at 6 kilometers, the 'Pucciniana' lyric season begins. Beaches: ample seashore of fine sand. Transportation to arrive: Viareggio train station; by car with the motorway A 12, tollhouse Viareggio-Camaiore

Behind Viareggio, the Apuanian Mountains with their virgin countryside invite you to take part in fascinating excursions. Situated a few miles from Pisa, Viareggio offers good train and bus connections (just 1 hour from Florence) and the chance to visit Pisa, Florence, the Cinque Terre and the island of Elba.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Students' suitable ability level will be established by a written and oral test at the beginning of the course.

Standard Course

Group 20 hours per week. The classes are made up of small groups of not more than 12 students. The student's suitable ability level will be established by written and oral test at the beginning of the course. The 2 weeks courses include 4 lessons per day, 20 lessons per week and lessons are held from Monday to Friday. 2 lessons/day grammar and 2 lessons/day conversation with a second teacher.

Intensive Course

Group 30 hours per week. The course is based on the same structure as the Standard course with an additional 10 hours per week of instruction.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels

Students will be staying in small Hotels in a friendly atmosphere. Accommodation always includes double room with washbasin, breakfast. Single rooms only on request. Students who book Hotel accommodation, the school can also offer you half board facilities which includes breakfast in the Hotel and dinner in a nearby restaurant.

Other Accommodations

For more independence, Puccini can offer double rooms in shared apartments with use of kitchen. Single rooms only on request.

The school can also provide for hotel accommodation in higher categories or places in nearby camping grounds.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Cultural & Social Activities

'Viareggio Puccini' cooperates with many other organizations: surfing and sailing schools, beaches, discos, riding schools, etc., offer special discounts to students. The Centre informs its students continuously about cultural and sporting events and organizes a large variety of leisure activities:

- * Guided visits in History of Art (to Pisa, Pietrasanta, Lucca, Torre del Lago Puccini etc.
- * Dinners, which enable teachers and students to get know each other better
- * Every Thursday a "Spaghetтата sul mare" (a spaghetti-party on the strand)
- * Every weekend Giacomo will inform the students about a day excursion to Florence or Cinque Terre or Elba Isle

Sailing School

Viareggio Puccini students have the possibility to join sailing courses in the nearby 'Centro Velico Giacomo Puccini'. The course duration is one week. The course consists of 25 lessons (from Monday to Friday afternoon). Information and enrollment is available directly at the secretariat of the school.

TO REGISTER:

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ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
- ✓ **ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE the following INSURANCE***

ACCIDENT INSURANCE up to \$10,000 SICKNESS INSURANCE up to \$10,000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION up to \$25,000

EMERGENCY REUNION up to \$5,000

REPATRIATION up to \$7,500

LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000

plus

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

MANY ALSO OFFER

- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

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