



Learn Italian in Italy



**CENTRO
CULTURALE
CONERO**



Who are we



CCC was founded by Marco Bravi (Italian/M.A. in modern languages) and Ursula Bergmann (German/B.A. in social science of education) in 1997. Marco is the Director of the school. He loves to teach Italian and still does it when he has time. He accompanies the students during trips and excursions and is also responsible for the online courses. Ursula takes care of the whole organisation of courses, lodging for the students, logistic and financial aspects.

Courses and Teaching Methods



Our courses are led by **native speakers** with a University degree and extensive experience in teaching Italian to foreigners, each course leader speaking at least two foreign languages. Our lessons have a conversation-based approach, to allow even beginners to communicate in Italian. All courses include not only language lessons but also glimpses into various aspects of the Italian way of life (every day situations, songs, recipes, traditions, etc.). In accordance with the most recent didactic techniques, the aim is to fully **introduce the students into pragmatic-communicative situations** and at the same time get them acquainted with the grammar rules. Audio-visual supports are also part of the program, along with a book that each student will receive and photocopies provided by the teachers. **Groups will range from 4 to 9 students** (average 4/6), which will allow the teacher to closely monitor improvements and deal with any difficulties the students may encounter. Lessons are held Monday through Friday, generally in the morning, with a 10-min. coffee break.



Centro Culturale Conero is located in Camerano, a lovely small town in the "Marches" region, and organises Italian language courses for all those interested not just in learning the language, but also in getting in touch with the culture and daily life of this wonderful country. Close to Ancona, the seaside, and the hotels, apartments and families where our students are usually lodged, CCC offers you the chance of spending an interesting study-vacation in Italy in a friendly, warm and stimulating atmosphere.

C.C.C.'s program is rich and articulated:

- Intensive and super-intensive group courses;
- Individual courses up to 9 hrs. daily;
- One-to-one, two-on-one and group courses for specific subjects (business, cooking, theatre, literature, art, diction, cinema, wine culture, etc.);
- Preparation courses for students wishing to be admitted to Italian Universities, C.I.L.S and CELI examinations;
- Long-term non-intensive courses for resident foreigners
- Courses for organized groups up to 40 people with full extra-curricular program;
- Online courses through audio/video conference (Skype, Google+, etc.)

Our staff are always at your disposal to organise extra-curricular and outdoor activities, to make free time as enjoyable as possible and to solve any problems students might encounter during their stay in Camerano.

Students at CCC have access to e-mail and Internet services directly from the school (during working hours).

Group courses are divided into 6 teaching levels:

1 - Beginner Level

2 - Elementary level **(A1)**

3 - Pre-intermediate Level **(A2)**

4 - Intermediate Level **(B1/B2)**

5 - Advanced Level **(C1)**

6 - Proficiency Level **(C1/C2)**

The level will be assessed through a **written test** (and eventually an oral one) that we will send you (mail, e-mail or fax) and that you should fill out and return to us **before your arrival**. The test is also available on our website (www.linguaitaliana.com)



Where we are: Camerano

Our language school is based in the little town of Camerano, beautifully set in one of the most picturesque and rich landscapes of "Marches" region. Located on top of a hill overlooking the sea, Mount Conero, the Appennines and the surrounding countryside, it is **the ideal place for those who want to avoid mass tourism**. You'll probably be the only foreign tourists in Camerano and therefore you will have the chance to speak Italian wherever you go (bars, shops, restaurants etc.). At the same time you'll be close to all natural and cultural resources of the area. Besides its cultural and artistic beauties, Camerano is very close (10 minutes by bus) to some of the most striking and beautiful beaches of the Adriatic coast. It offers the possibility of excursions and trekking in fascinating places, thus allowing the participants to easily combine study, recreation and relaxation.



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free time



Art and culture

Those who love Italian art and culture will be able to visit the many Roman ruins, over 200 Romanesque churches, several picturesque castles and medieval cities and villages which make our region so unique. Art lovers cannot miss the opportunity to visit **Urbino's Palazzo Ducale**, the ancient residence of the Dukes of Montefeltro, a renowned Renaissance monument which now hosts Marches National Gallery. **Ascoli Piceno, Jesi, Recanati, Loreto** and **Fermo** are also among the richest artistic towns in central Italy.



Trekking and biking

Those who like to keep in contact with nature will have the opportunity to join trekking or biking guided tours to the **Monte Conero Natural Park**. We also organize tours to the **Monti Sibillini Natural Park**, in the heart of Appennines or to the **Frasassi Caves**, a spectacular complex of caves, which host Europe's largest single cavern.

Food and Wine

Last but not least, those who love food and wine will not be disappointed.

Rosso Conero, pride of the wine producers of the hills around the Mount Conero, along with other local red and white quality wines such as **Verdicchio**, **Lacrima di Morro d'Alba**, **Rosso Piceno Superiore**, **Bianchetto del Metauro** etc. are superb quality wines, which are getting more and more popular all over the world. We will be happy to introduce them to you during our wine tasting tours or on occasion of visits to wine farms we usually organise almost every week. **The local cuisine** is heavily influenced by the sea and by farming traditions. Here it is the home cook and not the professional chef who rules, and even the smartest restaurants tend to offer dishes derived from our grandmothers' recipes.

Water and watersports

From May to September, our 165-km coastline is a paradise for all water and watersports enthusiasts and for **those who cannot do without the traditional "made-in-Italy" suntan**. Only 6/8 kms. from Camerano you can find **Portonovo, Sirolò and Numana**: lovely seaside resorts, very popular among local people and renowned for clear water, clean beaches and beautiful landscapes. Most beaches are part of a natural park, and their environmental charm has been preserved intact.



Accommodation

CCC, upon request and with reasonable advance, will help you find comfortable and convenient accommodation in Camerano or the surrounding area. Lodging will be provided in Hotels, Agriturismo (ex-farms with typical restaurant), bed & breakfast, self-catering apartments or with selected families, where students will be able to practice their Italian communication skills in day-to-day family life situations. Further lodging information (photos, prices etc.) on request.





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HOW TO REACH US

BY CAR

Highway A14, exit "Ancona Sud".
Then follow directions
to Camerano (4 km from the exit).



BY TRAIN

Ancona Railway Station (10 km).
Direct fast connections
to/from Bologna, Milan, Rome,
Pescara and all main Italian cities:
www.trenitalia.com



BY PLANE

"Raffaello Sanzio" International
Airport, in Falconara (Ancona)
is 17 km away from our school.



BY BOAT

Port of Ancona (10 km).
Daily links to Croatia and Greece.

