Milan, the stylish way to learn Italian!

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Welcome!
Welcome to International House Milan.

“This trip to Italy is a wonderful opportunity for you to learn or improve your Italian, make new friends and learn about a culture that has contributed so much to the world. I hope your stay with us will be both productive and enjoyable. Our goal is to offer our clients an efficient, personalised and student friendly service and to improve this service by listening to you and responding to your needs. We look forward to welcoming you to Italy, to Milan and our school.”

Sieglinde Wolkan & Claudio Tedesco
Managing Directors

Milan, the city of style

Milan is a fascinating city and a great place to study Italian.

Famous as one of the fashion and design capitals of the world, every year Milan hosts several international exhibitions that attract people from all over the world. Along its glamorous shopping streets you can rub shoulders with stars and those in search of elegance and style.

Milan has a population of over 1,300,000 inhabitants. It is the financial centre of Italy and the country’s economic engine.

It has been selected to host 2015 EXPO and is preparing to welcome millions of visitors.

But Milan is much more than this! It’s a city to be discovered little by little and has something to offer everyone.

“Milan is a very comfortable city to work and live. It is very well organised and full of unusual social events and activities”
Anna, Russia

Milan = History, Art and Culture: there are historical buildings to admire – such as the Duomo, our unique gothic cathedral, the Castello Sforzesco and Palazzo Reale – a great variety of museums to enjoy – among which the prestigious Pinacoteca di Brera, Milan’s largest art gallery and one of the most important in Italy, and the Museum of Science and Technology, dedicated to Leonardo da Vinci – villas, monuments and churches to visit – Santa Maria delle Grazie with Leonardo da Vinci’s Last Supper should not be missed! – and hidden treasures to discover – such as the Bohemian area of Brera with its art galleries, artists’ cafés, fortune-tellers and antique shops.

Milan = Knowledge: the city has a long tradition as a university centre for research and training. It has some of the most prestigious universities in Italy – such as the Politecnico di Milano, Università Bocconi, Università Cattolica, Università Statale – and specialist schools – such as IED, Marangoni and Accademia del Lusso.

Milan = Lifestyle and Entertainment: whatever your age, taste and expectations, you will find what you are looking for in Milan! Opera, cinema, salsa dancing, theatres and nightclubbing, restaurants and bars that cater to every taste. Aperitivi and International Nights in the Brera or Navigli areas. Every night the Milanesi meet after work or study to talk over a drink and delicious snacks in the many bars and cafés, the perfect opportunity for students to make new friends and enjoy a great evening out!

Milan = Shopping: shoppers of all kinds will love Milan’s many designer stores, especially during the winter and summer sales in January and July. Take a walk around the Golden Quad and enjoy the season’s creations of the world’s best known designers or lose yourself in the dozens of megastores and hundreds of shops that sell all kinds of clothes and accessories, from top brands to vintage.

Milan = Food: food is another Milanese joy, with more than 1000 restaurants that offer the excellence of Italian regional food, from Michelin starred to family-run trattorias and osterias, pizzerias and international cuisine.

Milan = Music: La Scala opera house is a shrine and treasure trove for opera and classical music lovers, with performances every night, but jazz lovers will find excellent venues in the Navigli (canal) district. Plus there are rock and pop concerts all year round.

Milan = Football: A.C. Milan and Inter are the two home teams, featuring many household names. A match at San Siro Stadium should not be missed!

When you have seen its main features, Milan is also an ideal place from which to explore the rest of Italy: easy to reach, near the sea, mountains, lakes and rival historical cities such as Venice, Florence, Verona and many more. Rome is just 3 hours away by high-speed rail!
International House Milan

Mission Statement

We are committed to Excellence in our language services.

We give you all the support and confidence you need to achieve outstanding communication.

We believe that your challenges are goals are BIG deal! Working together will help you reaching levels of success that just might surprise you...

Location

International House Milan occupies an entire floor of the famous Torre Velasca, one of the most important symbols of Milan, just a few minutes walk from the Duomo Cathedral, La Scala Opera House and the main shopping district of the city. The school is very well connected by public transport to all parts of town, just in front of the Missori stop on line 3 of the underground and very close to the Duomo stop on lines 1 and 3.

Accreditations

Facilities

Our modern, air-conditioned school is the perfect environment for language learning. The classrooms are bright and equipped with flat TV screens, DVD players and audio facilities. There is a comfortable common room - where students can relax, have a chat, read newspapers while drinking a cappuccino - and a self-study lab - for students willing to work on their Italian in a more structured way outside the classroom.

At IH Milan you’ll find:

› 13 bright & comfortable rooms, including 3 for the Executive Centre
› Flat TV screens, DVD players and audio facilities in every classroom
› Comfortable and informal common room
› Library corner with useful books and DVDs (wide selection of Italian movies available!)
› Self-study lab with computer and listening and reading facilities
› Computer corners
› Free internet and Wi-Fi

If you are looking for:

› One of the most centrally located schools in the city
› Highly trained native speaker teachers
› Friendly and welcoming atmosphere
› Professional and flexible approach
› Opportunities to meet Italian native speakers during Pub Quizzes and Happy Hours
› Extra school services, such as an accommodation office, organization of a rich social programme and support for visa applications

...IH Milan is the best choice for you!

We also have a centre in San Donato Milanese where, on request, we organise personalised programmes or closed groups.

“Everyone has been friendly and accommodating. I have enjoyed being in an “Italian only” environment. Italian without fear”

James, Australia

Torre Velasca is one of the most significant and famous buildings in Milan, a symbol of the Milanese landscape. Built at the end of 1950s to showcase the new side of Milan as the economic capital of Italy, it was designed by a group of Milanese architects. It has a mushroom shape and is almost 100 metres high. The Torre Velasca has recently been awarded protected status for its historical and architectural value.
Excellence in Teaching = Excellence in Learning

International House teachers are among the most highly qualified and respected in the world of language teaching. Like all International House schools, we are committed to providing high quality instruction in the classroom and to fostering a high degree of academic professionalism.

What does a typical lesson include?

› Practical task-based work that makes the class intensive and interactive
› Guided discovery to understand new grammar structures
› Reading and listening activities to develop comprehension, introduce new grammar structures and expand vocabulary
› Pair and group work to practice a specific aspect of the language
› Role plays that help you to speak Italian in a natural way
› Discussions on current affairs and cultural issues and a lot of speaking practice!
› Practical applications of language skills on Friday mornings with special lessons.

Do we use a course book?
Sure we do! But not only!

› Extra material is always used to complement the book and make the lessons more interactive.
› Italian films are used in class and specific tasks have been developed by our teachers for different levels. This is one of the best ways to “explore” Italian culture and language.
› Special Friday lessons are also an extra benefit to know Milan better and practice Italian with specific language targets
› Tailor-made material is also used in one-to-one and Executive courses.

The IH Milan teacher: is an Italian native speaker, holds the internationally recognised IH Certificate or CELTA equivalent, uses a wide range of modern approaches and techniques in the classroom, is funny, outgoing, highly professional, keeps updated on the latest trends of teaching methodology, teaches students how to communicate effectively in Italian, is coordinated and supported by a full-time Director of Studies.

Our students

Students come to Milan for many different reasons. They visit friends, enrol at a fashion or design school, study for an MBA, relocate to Milan with their family for business reasons, or are simply attracted by the vibrancy of our city. The nationalities represented are as varied as the students themselves, their ages and backgrounds. At International House they will make a lot of new friends who share the same interest in learning the language and exploring Italian culture.

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All-year round group courses

Group courses focus on combining the most important skills when learning a language: speaking, listening, reading and writing. The most up-to-date books as well as authentic material such as magazines, videos and newspapers are used to make the course stimulating and interesting.

Executive and personalised programmes

Our Executive and personalised courses are tailored to the specific needs of the student. They are aimed at clients who need to improve their level of Italian in a short period of time and might have to use Italian in their profession. They are ideal for clients who would like to focus on specific aspects of the language. Before the course start, a detailed needs-analysis and a language test are taken to identify the language needs and level. The aim is to make the course as effective and successful as possible. Lessons can be taken at our centres or in-company.

Courses can follow a General Italian programme and/or a Professional Italian programme, focusing on specific areas, such as:

- Business, Marketing and Communication, Finance, Law, Insurance and Human Resources
- Fashion and Design
- Medicine
- Music

Lessons via Skype are available.

Course formats - one to one

- Semi Intensive: 20 lessons per week
- Intensive: 30 lessons per week
- Full Immersion: 45 lessons per week
- One-day seminar: 10 lessons in one day
- Flexible one to one: min 20 lessons, flexible schedule

Italian in practice

This can be taken during any of the Individual Tuition Programmes and is the perfect opportunity to practice Italian in real life situations such as at the bank, the post office, the train station, the supermarket. Part of the course can be spent on practical information about living in Milan (e.g. how to enrol children in an Italian school, cross-cultural aspects, etc.). The cultural side of Milan can also be discovered with the teacher during visits to the Last Supper by Leonardo Da Vinci, the Duomo, the Scala Opera House and Brera Art Gallery.

Lunch with the teacher

Ideal to practice Italian in a more relaxed context. It can be booked in combination with all the Executive Programmes.
Special programmes

 italian for Fashion and Design
The course concentrates on the study of the Italian language, and develops all the linguistic skills. At the same time, it focuses on tailor-made group lessons created to meet the language needs of students and professionals of the Fashion and Design industry. A needs analysis is drawn up before the course starts to identify the main interests and expectations of each participant.

Key facts:
- 28 x 45 minute lessons per week
- 20 x Standard Course and 8 x Focus lessons on Italian for Fashion and Design
- Level: from Pre-Intermediate A2
- Course length: 2 to 4 weeks

Survival Italian for beginners
This is a Survival Italian course created especially for travellers wishing to spend a holiday in Italy. Everything you learn has a practical use: introducing yourself, ordering food and drinks in cafés or restaurants, asking for directions, booking a hotel room, buying food at the supermarket or shopping. Plus survival tips on how to buy train tickets, how much and when to tip, driving etiquette, etc.

Key facts:
- 15 x 45 minute lessons per week
- Course length: 2 weeks

Italian for Shopping
This course aims to teach students how to prepare some typical Italian dishes, learning traditional recipes to try out again back home! The course naturally provides an opportunity to practice your Italian, with special emphasis on the vocabulary of recipes, cooking and the kitchen. The “cuochi” will obviously taste everything they make!

Key facts:
- 15 x 45 minute lessons per week
- Level: from Elementary A2
- Course length: 2 weeks

Italian in the Kitchen
This course aims to teach students how to prepare some typical Italian dishes, learning traditional recipes to try out again back home! The course naturally provides an opportunity to practice your Italian, with special emphasis on the vocabulary of recipes, cooking and the kitchen. The “cuochi” will obviously taste everything they make!

Key facts:
- 15 x 45 minute lessons per week
- Level: from Elementary A2
- Course length: 2 weeks

Italian for Business
This course aims to provide the language skills needed to use Italian at work. You’ll learn how to write a CV, have a successful interview in Italian, speak about your background and experience, use language formally or informally in a range of context, give a presentation in Italian, write form and informal e-mails, speak on the phone, organise and take part in meetings.

Key facts:
- 10 x 45 minute lessons per week
- 14:30-16:00, Mon to Fri
- Level: from Intermediate B1
- Course length: 2 weeks

Enjoy 50+... e non solo!
The Enjoy 50+... e non solo! programme has been specifically created to cater for students of any age who prefer to discover Milan at a more relaxed pace and are interested in learning Italian while enjoying art, culture and our world famous cuisine. Lessons are organised at all levels and are very interactive. They focus on the most practical uses of Italian language, from facing everyday situations such as going shopping and booking a hotel room to using History of Art, Opera and Italian culture as springboards for discussion.

Key facts:
- 20 x 45 minute lessons per week + cultural and social activities
- Minimum entry level: Beginner A1

Italian with Internship
The Italian with Internship programme combines the study of the Italian language with the opportunity of working in the busy environment of our language school. The ideal candidate should be over 21 with at least a mid-intermediate level of Italian, should have a high school diploma or a degree and be a reliable, outgoing and hard-working person. It’s a 8-week programme and is made up of 4 weeks of course only and 4 weeks of course in the morning and work in the afternoon, for about 2 hours each day. Tasks include helping on the reception desk, making contacts with fashion and design schools and universities, helping the marketing department. The work is intended to help you put your Italian into practice and is unpaid. At the end of the work experience students receive a reference letter together with their End of Course Certificate of Attendance.

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Social and Cultural Programme

The best way to discover the city, meet other students, make friends, consolidate the language skills learnt during the classroom and... have fun!

Typical events include:

- Afternoon visits to places of interest such as Leonardo da Vinci’s Last Supper, La Scala Museum, Science and Technology Museum, Art Exhibitions
- Cooking classes and wine tasting evenings
- International happy hours, in famous cafés and bars, starting with an aperitivo and going on till the early hours!
- Dinners in typical Milanese restaurants and pizzerias to enjoy Italian cuisine with students, teachers and IH staff
- Italian Cineforum to enjoy some of the most successful Italian movies and share your opinions and impressions with other students and a teacher
- Excursions to nearby places of interest such as Bergamo and Monza, Lake Como, Genoa and the Ligurian seaside villages where tasting focaccia bread is not to be missed!
- On top of that, students can join for free the glamorous events organised by International Week in the most famous clubs and discos of Milan, such as Just Cavalli, Hollywood and Old Fashion!
- Finally, a unique opportunity to meet Italian native speakers during our Apertivi and Pub Quizzes!

“Social and Cultural Programme”

My host was fantastic! She made me feel very welcome right from the first day. Every evening I could practice my Italian while enjoying delicious home-made food.”
Rafael, Colombia

Accommodation

Our accommodation is carefully selected and visited regularly throughout the year by our accommodation department. They are all well connected to school by underground, tram or bus. The average travel time is around 25 minutes by public transport.

Host family

The best way to practise Italian and immerse yourself in the new culture!
The hosts may be “traditional families” with children, young couples with no children, single-parent families, a single person and retired couples whose children have left home. Students are always accommodated in single rooms (unless two friends ask to share) and never share accommodation with students of the same nationality, unless this has been requested.

It is possible to book half board or breakfast only. Executive host families with private bathroom are also available on request.

Shared flats, usually with permanent tenants

Self-catering option ideal for the students who wish to be a bit more independent. Students have their own single room and share the kitchen and bathroom with the other tenants. Shared flats will host no more than 2 people at the same time.

Hotels, Residences and Hostels

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Travel cards and bus passes

Several options are available, from daily to monthly passes. They are quite cheap (compared to other major cities) and can be purchased at the ATM Point near Duomo Cathedral.

Insurance

All students are advised to take out a travel insurance policy. The policy should cover medical expenses, repatriation, loss or theft of property and cancellation of courses.

Visas

Citizens of the EU do not require a visa to enter Italy. Citizens of non-EU countries may need a visa and should contact their nearest Italian Embassy or Consulate for further information. IH Milan offers full support for sending the required documents.

Arriving in Milan

Milan is served by three airports: **LINATE** is the most convenient, about 7 km from the centre. Take bus no. 73 or a taxi to the city centre. Travel time is around 25 min. **MALPENSA** is about 45 km from central Milan. Students arriving at Malpensa can either take the Malpensa shuttle bus to Stazione Centrale or the Malpensa Express train to Cadorna Station or Stazione Centrale. From there students can take the underground, a bus or taxi to their final destination. Travel time is around 40-50 min.

**BERGAMO ORIO AL SERIO** is about 60 km from Milan city centre. Students can take a shuttle bus to Stazione Centrale. Travel time is around 60 min. Check [www.sea-aeroporthimilano.it](http://www.sea-aeroporthimilano.it) and [www.sacbo.it](http://www.sacbo.it) for more details. Students arriving by train in Milan will arrive at Stazione Centrale.

Meeting service

An IH Milan representative can meet students on arrival if required and accompany them to their accommodation. As this is quite an expensive service, we suggest that students take a taxi or local transportation.

Getting around in Milan

Milan is a fairly compact city and getting from one part to another is easy. It is served by an efficient and user-friendly public transport system. Students can take the metro, the bus, the omnipresent orange trams or the train. For those who love cycling, it is also possible to rent a bike, using the BikeMi service.

Useful information

Climate

Milan has a typical continental climate and every season has its own appeal and advantages. Spring is sunny and warm, with temperatures ranging from 12 to 20 degrees. Summer can be hot and humid, reaching 30-32 degrees in July and August. Outdoor swimming pools, air-conditioning and the nearby mountains and the sea offer refreshment! Autumn is mild, but can be changeable and rainy. Winter is quite cold and the temperature can drop below 0°C in December and January.

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Our level test

At IH Milan all levels are available, from beginner to advanced. The level test is one of the most important tools used to place students in the right group or to outline the best one to one course for them.

Do you plan to arrive in Milan just before the course starts?

Then the test and a questionnaire will be sent by email and should be sent back at least a week before the course start date.

Are you already living in Milan?

Then the best option is to book your free level test and come to take it in school. The written test will be completed with an informal chat.

Needs analysis

A very important preliminary for clients who book one-to-one lessons, super intensive and executive courses, Italian for Fashion and Design programmes. Our Director of Studies and the teacher will plan the course according to the clients’ specific language needs and objectives.

End of Course Certificate

Issued on the last day, showing the number of lessons taken and the level reached.

CELI and CIC, Italian language Certificates

IH Milan is an authorised Exam Centre for the University for foreigners of Perugia Certificates, which are valid as European Certification within the ALTE-Association of Language Testers in Europe Framework. Exam sessions are held in June and November.
Getting to Milan

By plane

Milan is served by three airports that offer many flights, some from budget airlines:
- Linate - about 20 min from the centre
- Malpensa - about 45 min from the centre
- Bergamo Orio al Serio - about 60 min from the centre

Milan airports offer a 24-hour bus service to Milan city centre, with buses departing at regular intervals throughout the day. There are also frequent trains from Milano Malpensa airport. You’ll also find taxi ranks outside the airports exits.

By train

All the international trains arrive at Stazione Centrale or Stazione Garibaldi, from where you can take the metro or the taxi to reach your final destination.

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