

VIENI IN ITALIA CON RIT!  
TRAVEL TO ITALY WITH RIT!  
May 29 – July 9, 2009



**Location**

All instruction takes place in Genoa on the Italian Riviera, a lively port town in northern Italy with many attractions close by such as 5 Terre and with major cities such as Florence, Milan, and Turin only a few hours away. Genoa is a city where you can fully immerse yourself in the “true Italian life.”

**Instruction**

All instruction takes place at the centrally located *A Door to Italy Institute* in Genoa. Students will receive 20 hours of instruction weekly for a total of four weeks. They will be placed according to their performance on a brief placement test. 6 levels of instructions are offered and class sized will be ranging between 3-8 students. Each group stays with the same instructor for the duration of the course. The use of the latest classroom technology is integrated with more traditional classroom instruction. The sole language of instruction is Italian, of course.

**Number of credits (3 courses)**

8 credits for Italian language  
4 credits for Italian culture

## **Courses offered**

Beginning Italian I, II, III

Intermediate Italian I, II, III

Advanced Italian I, II, III

+ The course on Italian culture will be customized to meet the specific interests of students.

## **Work Abroad**

Student can also, in lieu of the culture course, seek a coop placement in an Italian company. These placements are made with great accuracy to match both student's field of study and language proficiency level. No one is placed in a scenario above their proficiency. However this is real work and everyone will earn a true experience in the company. Most students get placed in teams and all students work on specific projects established before arrival with the coordination of the program director. The program is also coordinated in collaboration with RIT Work Abroad Office.

Resume and cover letter are collected prior to placement to screen applicants and seek best placement. The program director coordinates all these contacts, which are long established in the city of Genova. We have already worked in companies for the following fields:

Art, & Design

Photography & Film making

Business & Tourism

Technology & Engineering

We will seek new companies every year and if the students are from different fields.

## **Cost of program**

Regular RIT tuition for three courses, which includes: courses, room, breakfast, and 1 meal during weekdays, daily visits to museums, boat rides, and organized activities in the city of Genoa, bus transportations in Genoa, 5 weekend excursions (trains, boats, hotels.)

## **Additional expenses**

(These figures can vary for individual students)

Program Fee: \$ 500 (this cost can raise or lower slightly depending on number of students)

Airfare: \$ 900 avg.

Meals at night or during excursions: will vary on personal basis

Spending money: will vary on personal basis

If you would like to give a look to our accommodation in Genoa, you can go to the link for the Bed and breakfast "Columbus Village" and look up the various options we will have such as "Appartamento San Gerolamo", "Chiaro di Luna", and "Villa Castagnola": [http://www.columbusvillage.com/case\\_eng.htm](http://www.columbusvillage.com/case_eng.htm)

For meals the faculty-in-residence will provide extensive information on possible choices.

## **Passports**

Students without a valid passport are urged to start the application process now. Allow at least 8 weeks for processing. Contact Professor D'Amanda if you need help.

**Visas** International students who need visas must get started several months in advance of the departure date. Please inform Professor D'Amanda and she can help you with the process.

## **Calendar Highlights**

May 29<sup>th</sup> departure from the US

May 30<sup>th</sup> arrival at Genoa airport where Professor D'Amanda will meet the students.

May 31<sup>th</sup> Introduction to the courses and meeting instructors.

Getting acquainted to the city, resources and transportations.

July 9<sup>th</sup> Departure from Genoa airport. Return in the US on the same day (due to the hour difference.)

## **Some Historic and Cultural Notes on Genoa**

The sea and the city have had, since pre-Roman times, a leading role in the history of Genoa. Indeed, the position itself of Genoa, right on the sea determined commercial relationships with the Phoenicians and Greeks. The Roman conquering, thanks especially to the great road network, further enhanced exchanges.

From the XI century, Genoa asserts itself as one of the great naval powers in the Mediterranean. The Genoese markets penetrate as far as China and establish commercial links with the powers of that era. The Republic of Genoa progressively extends its domain over the whole of Liguria and Corsica and in particular imposes itself - competing with the other Marine Republics - as one of the main ports of the western Mediterranean. In 1528 the alliance between the Doge Andrea Doria and the Spanish Emperor Charles V sees the start of the so-called Golden Century of Genoa, characterized by the extraordinary flourishing of Genoese financial investments all over Europe and the construction, in the city, of splendid houses and noble palaces.

The age-old habit the Genoese people have for independence finds expression in some of the most important figures of the Italian Risorgimento: Mazzini, Mameli, Garibaldi. Indeed the expedition of the One Thousand, which was to bring about the constitution of the united Kingdom of Italy, departed from Genoa.

The great urban development with the doubling of the population between the Nineteenth and Twentieth centuries and the role of maritime pole and great industrial city starting from the mechanical establishment of Ansaldo, where the first locomotives and iron ships in Italy were built, were due to the renewed importance of the port in the general picture of Italy as a monarchy. In the early Twentieth century, Genoa is the city of metal, mechanical and shipbuilding enterprises and a great merchant port crossroads of Italian emigration towards the Americas. The Second World War registers, coinciding with the second industrialization phase, the city's maximum demographic boom (850.000 inhabitants in the '60's).

Today, at the start of the third Millennium, Genoa has currently about 650,000 inhabitants and

once again it is in the history of the port that we can read about the history of the city: it is once again the most important in the Mediterranean, the place of commercial and industrial activities, but also the point of arrival and passing point for tourism and, indeed in its historical restructured part, (the Old Port), a tourist/cultural area par excellence which connects the splendid old part of the city to the sea.

Genoa has been selected at European level to be City of Culture 2004.

To view more about Genoa visit:

<http://www.comune.genova.it/>

<http://www.genova-2004.it/default.asp?id=376&lingua=ENG>

<http://www.acquario.ge.it/index.asp>

[http://www.apr.genova.it/inglese/index\\_gb.htm](http://www.apr.genova.it/inglese/index_gb.htm)

## **Proposed Excursions:**

### **Italian Riviera**

The coastline of the Riviera is a very varied region that ranges from very fashionable resort towns such as San Remo and Portofino to the most classical family Summer resorts. A very well organized area can provide entertainment for any age or taste. Even though the other main resource besides tourism is the sea and its products, this region has a very attractive countryside where one can appreciate the local production of some of the best olive oil as well as many food delicacies.

### **"5 Terre" National Park**

Nestled in the rocky coast of the Italian Riviera, this natural park accounts 5 fishermen's' villages that preserve their original beauty and traditions. In this area is possible to access hiking trails and end the day on the beach of the protected area with some of the best sea in northern Italy.

For more information visit:

[www.parks.it/parco.nazionale.cinque.terre/Eindex.html](http://www.parks.it/parco.nazionale.cinque.terre/Eindex.html)

### **Roma**

It is situated in the central part of the country, on the Tiber River. The historical site of Rome on its seven hills became the capital of the Roman empire It reached the peak of its grandeur and ancient population during the late 1st and early 2nd century AD. It remained the capital of the Roman empire until Emperor Constantine the Great dedicated Constantinople (now Istanbul) in AD 330. By the end of the 6th century, the protection of the city was in the hands of the Roman Catholic church, which achieved absolute rule only in the 15th century. The city flourished during the Renaissance and was the seat of the papacy and the Papal States. In 1870 it became the capital of a united Italy. It was transformed into a modern capital in the 1920s and '30s, and today is Italy's administrative and cultural center.

<http://www.comune.roma.it/eng/index.asp>

### **Torino**

The urban center of Turin blends historic charm with industrial vitality and offers many sites of historical interest as well as a vast assortment of urban cultural activities. Among them are the Royal Palace and Armory of the first Kings of Italy, Palazzo Madama (the first parliament of Italy), the Chapel of the Holy Shroud of Turin (which many believe to be the burial shroud of Christ), the Royal Opera theatre, the Abbey of St. Michael, National Museum of Cinema, Automobile Museum, Modern and Contemporary Art Gallery, the Egyptian Museum (second only to the Cairo Museum), a medieval village, and nearby prestigious wine, food and truffle regions of Italy. Likewise, numerous industries are centered in and around Turin including, FIAT corporation, Cinzano, Martini and Rossi, San Paolo Bank, and Ferrero (producer of Nutella.)

Turin is the home of the top ranking engineering university of Italy and home of the 2006 Winter Olympics. For further information on Turin visit:

<http://www.comune.torino.it/brochure/eng/welcome.htm>

## More Information on the Language Institute:

### A Door to Italy

[www.adoortoitaly.com](http://www.adoortoitaly.com)

*Accredited by the “Università degli Studi di Genova” as recognized Teacher Training centre for degreeing teachers in “Didattica dell’italiano per stranieri - Master for teachers of Italian as Foreign Language”*

The school is in the heart in Genoa, close to the doors of the greatest historical centre in Europe, in the university area, just a few steps from the animated area of the "Porto Antico", which today is a popular tourist location and emblem of the spirit of renewal and modernization that has driven Genoa's transformation in this last decade.

The school is located in an elegant and fascinating building of the 19th century, in the ancient and historical **Via Caffaro**, one minute from all the main important places in Genoa, such as Via Garibaldi (where the town hall is and two of the most important museums of Genoa are located: Palazzo Rosso and Palazzo Bianco), Piazza de Ferrari (the main square of Genoa with the beautiful Palazzo Ducale and the Opera House) and also the elegant Via Roma with its charming stores.

A door to Italy is specialized in the organization of study-holidays and offers fully equipped classrooms and a pleasant environment.

- 5 large classrooms, illuminated by natural light and simply but carefully furnished to supply the best comfort.
- A reception area to offer students a warm welcome from their first moments... as in the typical Italian way.
- An internet point, free of charge.
- Lounge area with library, daily newspapers and magazines.
- Coffee-machine
- Information point about Genova and Liguria.
- Student card for discounts at bars, restaurants and shops.
- Sell point for Genova's Museum Card and Aquarium's tickets.

