

## TEFL in FLORENCE, ITALY



### COURSE DATES 2023

- January 16 - February 10, 2023
- May 8 - June 2, 2023
- June 5 - June 30, 2023
- July 3 - July 28, 2023
- September 18 - October 13, 2023
- October 16 - November 10, 2023
- November 13 - December 8, 2023

**Tuition:** €1395

**Accommodation:** €675

### Get TEFL certified in one of the most beautiful cities in the world!

Situated in the middle of Italy, Florence has long been recognized amongst the most important cultural and political centers in Europe. The influence of such a great past is immediately visible to any visitor of modernday Florence, from Brunelleschi's famous Dome to it's oldest bridge, the Ponte Vecchio, that crosses the River Arno. As one walks around the city, it is possible to see buildings that still bare the Medici crest, symbol of their great rule, and the beautiful sculptures and paintings produced under their patronage by the Renaissance masters. Nowadays, Florence is a major European tourist destination and it is easy to understand why. Located in the heart of Tuscany, famous for it's wine and rustic cuisine, Florence is a perfect base from which to explore the surrounding towns and hilly countryside, with wonders such as Sienna and Assisi nearby. In the city itself, the easy accessibility of the sights to the pedestrian combines with a temperate year-round climate to make Florence and ideal destination. The school's central location in Piazza della Repubblica is just a few hundred meters from the Duomo, and places the student right at the center of this fascinating city.

### Via Lingua TEFL Training Center

The American Language Center of Florence is one of the leading American English schools in Italy. The American Language Center is located in Piazza della Repubblica, just a short walk from the world-famous Duomo. Our facilities include several multi-purpose classrooms, offices, library, and a terrace overlooking the historical city center. Air conditioning, WiFi, computers and an ESL Library are on the premises.

## Teaching English in Italy

Language schools start in September or October and finish up in May or June, and contracts are typically nine to 10 months. There are also summer camps in June and July. From February or March on is a good time to start looking for jobs as schools have a better idea of who is returning to teach. But there are also many jobs that open up very close to the beginning of the school year, sometimes mere days before the first day. There are also emergency openings throughout the year. Where you want to live can affect your search. The more flexible you are, the more likely you are to find something. Many English teachers choose to supplement their income by giving private lessons.



### FOOD AND CLOTHING

If you do not love Italian food, what on earth are you doing in Italy? Even if you do, however, figuring out what to wear in Italy is typical for a Western country.

When teaching, be sure to adhere to the local working culture. A dress in Italy is typical for a Western country. When teaching, be sure to adhere to the local working culture and basic ideas of professionalism. Business Casual is a safe bet.



### CLIMATE

Florence's location in a small basin encircled by hills is a determining factor for its changeable climate. Summers tend to be extremely hot and humid, and winters are cool and wet. The average monthly temperature for July and August is about 73 to 75 °F (23 to 24 °C), with an average daytime high of about 95 °F (35 °C); the average monthly temperature for January is 41 °F (5 °C).



### EXCURSIONS AND CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS

Because the course is so intensive, people can spend their month here without finding the time to see the beauty of Italy. To make the most of your visit here in Florence, we can offer a number of possible excursions to allow you to learn more about Florence and its environs. Here is a list of potential excursions for you to peruse what is offered during your particular course will depend on the season and the interest.

#### **Wine Tasting**

Offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 5:15 p.m. Discover the tastes of some of the most famous Tuscan wines and the foods that go with them. Advanced booking required.

#### **Cooking course**

Every Tuesday and Thursday beginning at 6:30 p.m. The menu changes every week. Please check in our offices for the monthly menu to decide which course you would like to sign up for.



### ACCOMMODATION

On request, Via Lingua will book housing accommodations. Please contact the center for more information.

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*-Kelly*

## SPECIAL OFFERS

Please refer to our main website, [www.vialingua.org](http://www.vialingua.org), for current special offers

# 10 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT VIA LINGUA FLORENCE

Via Lingua is proud to offer a world-class 4-week TEFL Certificate course located in the heart of Florence, Italy. To help you prepare for this course, we've compiled the most common and most important questions raised by our students in addition to advice & tips from actual graduates of the course.

## 1. How many hours will I be spending in class and on course work during the course?

The TEFL course in Florence, Italy is 130 hours in total over 4 weeks. The time commitment is mainly Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Throughout the course, students have class observations, lesson-planning, and teaching practice commitments, along with their regular input sessions. Assignments are monitored and assessed at regular intervals, with special times devoted to community education sharing and review periods; some weekend commitment is suggested to consolidate the learning process. The focus of the TEFL program is on providing in-class support for meaningful individual and group learning.

The course runs from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Students will have some flexibility in time commitments depending on their student teaching schedule.

## 2. In regards to student teaching, how many hours is it and when does it take place? Who are the ESL students? What ages and levels are they?

Student teaching is a total of 10 hours, and lessons are in the morning and early afternoon. The ESL students are typically adults of beginner to advanced levels. TEFL Students will be put into groups of 3 to 5 students to teach each day. TEFL students will also observe and interact with the ESL classes at the language center throughout the course.

## 3. How many assignments are there throughout the course and what do they consist of? How many hours of homework can I expect outside of class?

There are assignments which relate to each of the course components and include the following. The course assignments consist of grammar tests, methodology research, grammar activation and applied teaching techniques. Typically, students spend one to two hours per day outside of class on homework and lesson-planning.

- . One-to-one Project (individual lesson planning and delivery) 6-8 hours
- . Group Project (creative team-building on a TEFL theme) 2-4 hours
- . Portfolio (ongoing diary of progress and discovery) 4 hours
- . Culture Capstone (exploration of local cultural site for lesson-planning) 3 hours

## 4. Will grammar be taught during the course? Are there additional resources in the course materials?

Yes, grammar will be taught during the course. The school provides a complete, extensive grammar presentation program and review, along with demonstrations of the appropriate teaching techniques for each point. There is also a well-stocked Resource Center for grammar texts, DVDs, community study sessions, and online options.

## 5. Is there a textbook needed for the course? Do I need to purchase it before the course begins?

There is a textbook and portfolio handbook included in the cost of the course. Students will receive it upon arrival in Florence on the first day of class.

## 6. Are there any specific technology requirements for the course? Such as programs students need to know? Do they need to bring a laptop with them? Etc.

No, but, if possible, students should bring a laptop computer with them to Florence. We also have computers and printers reserved exclusively for the TEFL course participants.

## 7. How can students prepare to take their course in Florence? Are there any assignments they need to complete prior to the course?

There is a pre-course TEFL packet that students may complete before the course begins. Students will receive these lessons and exercises before the start date, along with a suggested TEFL reading list.

## 8. Does the school recommend accommodation or arrange it for students?

Students can arrange their accommodations through the onsite coordinator in Florence, and receive suggested alternatives. All our housing is within walking distance of the center.

## 9. What time should I arrive on the first day of class?

The school recommends arriving at 8:30 am on the first day of class. Along with a "Welcome Breakfast" students are provided with notebooks, pens, and study materials.

## 10. Is there anything else specific to the Florence course that prospective or current students should know?

Students will enjoy the following Florence-specific benefits:

- . Welcome Breakfast and Final Lunch
- . Conversation exchange with local Italian students
- . Chance to observe and interface with classes at the American Language Center
- . Opportunity to see international testing in action: TOEFL, iTEP, IELTS
- . Graduate Credits towards MATESOL programs

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