



DISCOVERING ITALIAN HIDDEN TREASURES

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Thursdays, 9:00-10:45AM

When people think of Italy, the first locations that come to their minds are cities such as Rome, Florence, and Venice. But Italy has an unlimited number of other, lesser known places that will leave you speechless.

During this class, students will learn about Italy's hidden treasures, from the beauty of the Alps to fisherman's villages on the Adriatic coast. The instructor will talk about the contribution of these places to the creation of Italian identities, from food to art, from music to natural resources.

Discover a different Italy, far from the tourist crowds! The instructor (born and raised in Italy), moreover, will give several suggestions on how to travel to those places, explaining important details, such as the closest airports and which hotels are the best to enjoy these hidden treasures.

This class is promoted by the cultural center Casa Italiana di Las Vegas.

Week 1: Bergamo, a small town only 50 minutes from Milan, with beautiful Venetian walls that just joined the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Week 2: The Liguria region and the lesser-known attractions of the world-famous Italian Riviera.

Week 3: Tuscany's hidden treasures, between nature, history, and tasty recipes.

Week 4: Padua, the city that hosts the oldest university in the world, only 30 minutes from Venice. Galileo used to teach there.

Week 5: take a journey through the locations of the most famous Italy-based movies, such as "Roman Holiday" and "La Dolce Vita." The instructor will introduce a research on film-induced tourism that she presented at the United Nations World Tourism Organization's Global Forum held in Mexico City in 2014.

Week 6: Assisi and its Basilica dedicated to St. Francis, a masterpiece painted by the great artist Giotto.

Week 7: Italy's capital cities... before Rome. Take a journey through Ravenna, on the Adriatic Coast, which was the capital city of the West Roman Empire from 402 to 476. And discover Turin, the capital city of the united Kingdom of Italy until 1865, with its royal palaces, the FIAT car factory, and the important Egyptian museum.

Week 8: take a journey through the famous "Made in Italy", from Milan fashion district to the ateliers of the most famous brands. You will discover how the most traditional arts and crafts influenced the world of fashion, such as leather bags in Florence, the silk industry in Lake Como, and the glass jewelry in Venice.

Week 9: The beauty of the Alps, between nature, history, and tasty recipes.

Week 10: Do you know where to taste the best pizza in Italy? Or what is the original Bolognese sauce recipe? Did you know that every Italian city has its own typical dishes? The instructor will take you on a virtual food tour around Italy, learning original recipes and the perfect places to eat them.