

# SAN GIOVANNI VALDARNO

Italy

San Giovanni is a beautiful, unspoilt and largely 'undiscovered' small medieval town in the heart of Tuscany, a short bus/train ride from Lucca, Siena, Florence and San Gimignano. With just 17,000 inhabitants, this is a quiet and friendly location in which to learn Italian, a place where it is much easier to meet and make friends with local Italians.

Our school is ideally located, just off the Main Square, in a charming medieval building – the Palazzo Salvati. There are 7 well-equipped classrooms, free Internet access, and a terrace. All accommodation is within walking distance of the school. The Italian Cookery and Wine Tasting Courses take place in the evening and are extremely popular 'add-ons' to the Italian course. Our school also runs a very popular 'Italian and Cycling' course, including Italian lessons, guided cycling tours, dinner with teachers, picnics and studio apartment accommodation. The staff and teachers are all exceptionally friendly and welcoming. For all students, the school offers regular guided walks, evenings out with teachers, film afternoons, visits to nearby vineyards (with wine tasting), plus excursions to Florence, Lucca, Perugia, Pisa, Arezzo, Siena and San Gimignano. Students can fly to Pisa or Florence and take the train to San Giovanni. At San Giovanni train station students are met free-of-charge by a representative of the school and taken to their accommodation.



San Giovanni Valdarno - Main Square



Excursion to Florence



The school



Italian class

## Courses

- Intensive Course (20 lessons/wk)
- Super-Intensive (20 group + 10 mini-group)
- Combined (20 group + 5 one-to-one)
- **Italian + Cycling** (Italian classes + cycling excursions)
- **Practical Italian Cookery** (8 lessons/wk)
- **Work Placement**

## Accommodation

- Host families • Private studios • Self-catering shared apartments

## Star Points

- ★ High-quality Italian courses in a beautiful Tuscan town
- ★ All accommodation within walking distance of school
- ★ **Exceptionally welcoming** environment in school, host families and town
- ★ **Ideal base** from which to explore Tuscany (40 kms from Florence / 50 kms from Siena)



Wine tasting



Italian and cycling



Italian and cookery



Inside the school

## How to get there

Fly to Pisa or Florence. Take train to San Giovanni. Airport collection also available.

## Work Italian and Work Placement Work

This is an ideal way to extend your stay in Italy, if you have at least 8 weeks to spare and do not mind hard work! The work placement is a minimum of 4 weeks and must be preceded by an Italian course in San Giovanni of at least 4 weeks. The placement is in hotels and restaurants in San Giovanni and the surrounding area. The work placement is unpaid, but students receive free food and accommodation during the time they are working. This is an excellent way to improve your Italian and stay longer in this beautiful part of Tuscany, at little extra cost.

