

HIGH SCHOOL hsp PROGRAM



COME AND EXPERIENCE ITALY



Navigando Turismo e Cultura is a well established company which organises education programmes for young people from its headquarters in Milan, Italy. HSP promotes global learning and exchange by providing excellent educational opportunities and an intensive cross-cultural experience to international high school students who get to know life in Italy, while Italian students stay abroad. Students develop a lifelong love of learning and the knowledge necessary to thrive in and contribute to a society marked by increased diversity.

Navigando Turismo e Cultura Mission

The Navigando mission is to prepare young students for their responsibilities by giving them the chance to interact with a changing and interdependent world, to build bridges of understanding among countries, to embrace those challenges and discover new opportunities for their future beyond their expectations.

Parental investment

Parents believe in their child and invest in their future because first they trust in his/her personal growth and in the positive impact of the experience on him/her, providing a strong sense of direction and self, all benefits which will last a lifetime; secondly they feel confident to give a better chance in the future working world.

Language and orientation course

In Italy a good knowledge of the Italian language is not required, but preferred. On arrival there is an orientation course which will help to prepare the Exchange Student for the adventure ahead: to share rules, school life, customs and traditions. The group of Exchange Students is cared for by the Navigando Team with the assistance of an Arearep and ex Exchange Students whose past experiences are invaluable.

When the Exchange Student attends high school, he/she will be provided with Italian lessons in the afternoon, designed to improve language skills. At the end of one academic year it's possible to take an examination in order to have a Language Certification.



Future

In today's competitive job market, fluency in another language coupled with the ability to know another culture offer the student greater variety when choosing a career.

Consequently a company searching for employees selects a candidate who is flexible, with an elevated level of maturity, with superior problem solving skills, with an understanding and predisposition towards people from other cultures.



The Italian Host Family

Host Families can be anywhere in Italy, in rural areas or in cities of middle or large sizes, which are still safe and have excellent public transportation. Our priority is to select friendly and suitable host families who are very keen on young students and happy to help them in their educational experience. Our host families are very interested in foreign cultures and lifestyles and very often their own children have already experienced it or they are deciding to send them abroad in the near future. They are also interested in sharing Italian culture with others. Our host families take in students on a voluntary basis and generally they

Italian Education System

Italian students start their schooling at the age of six and school is compulsory until sixteen. Primary school lasts five years, Middle school three years, High school five years. High school attendance is normally 6 days a week, from Monday to Saturday, generally from 8 am to 1.00 pm. The school year starts in the second week of September and finishes in the second week of June. High School has several Courses of Studies with different subjects:
 Liceo Scientifico: Italian, English, Maths, Latin, History and Philosophy, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, History of Art, Computer Science, P.E.
 Liceo Classico: Italian, English, Greek,

ask to host a student. The second step is the visit to the Host Family by the Arearep who inspects the house, checks the student's room and interviews the entire family. They are selected, trained and supported by Navigando's Arearep who belongs to the same community. The host family is not required to take the student around Italy, for this reason we organize two trips during the year: one to Rome, the Italian Capital for 4 days and one to an amazing region for one week whose destination is changed year by year. The students are free to join at an extra cost, which is very affordable because the students are generally hosted in families.

Latin, History and Philosophy, Maths, Physics, Biology, History of Art, P.E.
 Liceo Linguistico: Italian, three foreign languages, Maths, History and Philosophy, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, History of Art, P.E.
 Istituto Tecnico e Commerciale: Italian, English, Maths, History, Physics, Economy and Law, Accountancy, P.E.
 Exchange Students have a tailor made program which excludes subjects never studied or considered too difficult according to the knowledge of the Italian language of the student. The programming is flexible and agreed with the Tutor of the school.

Arearep

All around Italy Navigando has a network of people cooperating with our staff. They are often teachers, with vast experience with teenagers, who help them both at school as their Tutor and with the Host Family. If they are not teachers, they are supported by a Tutor.

Arearep duties are:

- to contact the local schools to explain the Exchange Program
- to prepare a tailor made school program for the Exchange Student to meet their requests and needs
- to screen and interview prospective Host Families prior to the student's arrival, verifying that they meet Navigando standards
- to conduct orientations with Host Families and Exchange Students, including a welcome orientation and a re-entry orientation, in some of them ongoing Italian Exchange Students will be involved to create a community where everybody helps each other.
- To keep Navigando Staff updated with regular reports about the Exchange Student and provide them with support, insight and encouragement in every situation



Preparation and Orientation

In Italy Navigando Staff organize meetings at schools to propose the High School Program to students with the support of Areareps and Tutors. During the application and acceptance process, the student is interviewed, screened for academic performance and English ability. Furthermore a psychological test is carried out and analysed by a psychologist to determine the level of emotional maturity and therefore select the most suitable course for each student to undertake.

Local and national orientation courses are organised before departure and even when the students return to Italy in order to ease them back into their school and social life.



Supervision and Guidance

Navigando Staff supervise the entire stay of the Exchange Student and also assure assistance to the coordinators. All our staff members are familiar with the program and they have often hosted a student themselves. The Areareps are trained regularly and meet to share experiences, both positive and negative, because it's the only way to support them in their important job. We never leave them alone to cope with a difficult situation. The National Office provides continual updates on students to the overseas agency which stays in touch with the students' parents. The same care is taken over the ongoing Exchange Student.



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