

**inlingua** COMO



## Welcome to inlingua Como

inlingua como is part of inlingua International Schools of Languages, with more than 300 language schools in 40 countries around the world. The inlingua method of learning languages is the result of 40 years of experience. Over 500,000 students learn languages with us every year.

Since inlingua was founded in 1968, it has grown to become one of the largest and most successful language organizations in the world. inlingua is constantly developing new concepts to meet the ever-changing needs of clients in all markets and to ensure that we are abreast of modern teaching and learning techniques and technologies. The inlingua Pedagogical Team in Bern, Switzerland, produces a wide range of teaching materials, written to be used with the inlingua method. The key features of the inlingua method and materials are an emphasis on oral communication; a carefully programmed building block progression of language, where new items are always taught using known ones; a high level of student participation; and systematic, comprehensive language practice. All this adds up to effective language courses and a correspondingly high degree of fluency development in our students in a very short time. inlingua Como school offers you a professional and enthusiastic way to really implement your learning path using the inlingua method. We offer courses in English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Japanese, Greek, Dutch, Portuguese, Russian, Croatian, Spanish, Swedish, German and Italian for foreigners.



inlingua como is located in the historical centre of Como

"We strive to provide you with a comprehensive educational experience by offering a rich academic program as well as diverse cultural experiences to ensure that you achieve your desired learning results and really enjoy your stay at Lake Como.



Vincenzo Forino  
School Director



## Why inlingua Como?

### Superb Location

inlingua Como boasts a safe, convenient location in the historical center of Como amongst shops and cafes. Students enjoy comfortable classrooms with natural light and views of the lake, Duomo and dramatic mountain landscape.

### We have a course to suit you

We offer over 14 languages, a full program of courses including business, cultural, sporting, amongst others catering for all levels, from complete beginners to fluent speakers. Our extensive range of courses allows students to choose a language program which best meets their individual learning objectives. We also have the Online Learning Platform (iOL) in 5 languages.

### Qualified and friendly teachers

Our instructors are qualified and experienced professionals with certified teaching credentials and extensive training in the inlingua method. They are young, dynamic, knowledgeable and passionate about teaching. Our students have great things to say about our teachers for their fun approach,

enthusiasm and dedication to your successful study.

### Flexibility and competitive prices

Our courses range from one week to one year and start every Monday of the year. Maximum class size is 5 for personalised contact with teaching staff. And inlingua Como's prices are among the most competitive and best value in Europe!

### Have fun while you learn!

You will make friends and have fun while you study at inlingua Como. We organize fun daily activities for students as well as fantastic trips like sightseeing in Bellagio, tasting the local cuisine on Isola Comacina, skiing in St Moritz, dancing the night away at Milan's hottest discos, or enjoying a day at Gardaland riding Italy's biggest roller coaster.

### Facilities

Our centre provides free access to computer resources, rooms for self-study, video and audio equipment for class and self-study, and regular newspaper and magazine access to improve language skills.

### Test your skills online

Take the online placement test at [inlinguacomo.com](http://inlinguacomo.com) to be placed within the inlingua level system and get a detailed assessment of your knowledge from the inlingua Como.

### We love to help you

We understand all the planning involved in studying overseas so we are here to help. We can assist you with booking accommodation and airport transfers so that when you arrive you are ready to study!

"Como is a dream location - we really get to enjoy the best of all seasons! It is a place that is rich in history yet dynamic and active. Our days are filled with teaching, learning, travelling, exploring, socialising... Not one day is ever the same!"



Stefania De Rosa  
School Manager

## About Como

Como offers a safe and friendly environment and everyone is made to feel welcome. Como is a beautiful town situated in a small valley surrounded by the Valtellina mountains and the point tip of the famous Lake Como. Just north of Milan and a few minutes from the Swiss border, the area is one of the most picturesque settings in Europe and the local Comaschi residents are some of the most friendly you will meet. It is an ancient, but lively town of about 85,000 and is the gateway to Lake Como. Depending on your desires, Como can be an oasis of tranquillity, natural grandeur, classical villas, a time for rest and relaxation or, for those with energy to burn, there is adventure, serious shopping, dancing and tons of fun and entertainment awaiting.

With a long history - the town was made part of the Roman empire in AD 172 - the centre has examples of pretty much anything from its past: Medieval walls, towers and streets; Renaissance Palazzi; a cathedral that took nearly four hundred years to complete; plenty of 18<sup>th</sup> century architecture and a particularly elegant early 19<sup>th</sup> century theatre.



★ We are here





## Just for fun!

Here at inlingua Como we take your learning very seriously. We like you to work hard but we also make time for fun activities! Lake Como has so much to see, do and explore, all catering to your personal desires, whether they be sporting, cultural or rest and relaxation.

## Sporting and adventure

We have sailing, rowing, windsurfing and kite surfing on the lake! Skiing in the Italian Alps, ice hockey with a former pro player and golf at one of the many courses. Le Robinie is the only Jack Nicklaus golf club in Italy and Menaggio has one of the oldest courses in Italy, built by the English aristocracy at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. There is mountain hiking or mountain biking along countless numbers of trails around Como with breathtaking views of the lake and beyond; climbing, horse riding, tennis, swimming or rent a Ducati or Motor Guzzi and take a ride around the lake perimeter stopping by the Motor Guzzi museum. There are also many cycle clubs for those racing enthusiast.

## Shopping and fashion

Universally renowned as the world's capital of silk, Como and the surrounding areas have kept this typical tradition alive over centuries. There are many stores and shops which sell silk foulards, ties, and clothes at extremely discounted prices. Milan is the pinnacle for designer shopping lovers! Gianni Versace, Miucca Prada, Giorgio Armani and Dolce & Gabbana all started their careers in Milan. If you are after the designer labels like Gucci, Dior, Armani, D&G at discounts of up to 70% then you are going to love nearby Foxtown!

## Wining and dining or just relaxing

If eating, drinking and being merry is more your style we can arrange cooking classes, wine tastings, grappa tastings, cheese tastings or even olive oil tastings all from the local producers along the lake and surrounding Como. Even just strolling through the streets of Como on a Saturday afternoon is part of the local culture. There are also many pools and lakeside beaches providing plenty of opportunity in the summer to work on your suntan. Cocktails can be included!

## Museums and monuments

The Volta Temple is a museum dedicated to the inventor of the electric battery, Alessandro Volta. Museo Didattico della Seta (Silk Museum) documents the history of the silk industry in Como. The Duomo, built between XIV and XVIII centuries, is in mixed Renaissance and Gothic styles. Teatro Sociale, Villa Olmo, built from 1797 in neoclassicist style, hosted Napoleon Bonaparte & Giuseppe Garibaldi and other eminent figures and Villa Melzi (1808-1810) where tradition says Franz Liszt composed some of his most famous piano sonatas, enjoys a magnificent panorama over the lake. Villa Carlotta (picture) has an English-style park; And that's just the beginning!



## Sample Activity Week

### Monday

We're taking the Funicolare to Brunate for a fantastic view of the Italian Alps and on a gorgeous sunny day you can even see the Duomo in Milano!

### Tuesday

Take a walking tour of the center of Como with a local guide who escort you amongst the museums and monuments, including the Duomo di Como, built in 1396 in the Gothic style. Its artwork is in the Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque styles. Its one of the most beautiful in Italy!

### Wednesday

An afternoon of art and culture. Explore the Villa Olmo and one of its International exhibitions like Klimt, Renoir, Cezanne or Picasso.

### Thursday

Aperitivo is very popular in Como and is a great way to unwind at the end of the week, so the inlingua Como crew love to get together and celebrate the approaching weekend! We have also been known to roll onto a disco to dance, sing and laugh the night away. Or if you are feeling lucky you might like to take a trip to nearby Casino di Campione, one of Europe's largest casinos.

### Friday

An afternoon of shopping in the quaint resort town Bellagio, which has many cafes and shops along steep stone walkways with bougainvillea-covered facade. You can stop for a bowl of gelato while browsing the stores and admiring the scenery.

### Saturday

You might prefer an early start and take part in a sailing regatta, go rowing, while the lake is perfectly still, or, if like many of who were out late and prefer a sleep in, we could have a later start and go for a long leisurely lunch at Locanda dell'Isola Comacina, located on Lake Como's only island. Here nothing has changed on the menu since 1947.

### Sunday

Go mountain hiking, take in some sun at one of the local lidos (swimming pools), go wandering through the center or sit back in one of the local cafes and sample some of Italy's best icecream!

\*Activities are available at special inlingua Como rates.





Alumni Social Club was formed by inlingua Como so past and present students alike could network, practice their language skills and have fun! We have weekly parties, bbqs and events, making it a great way to network and meet people from all over the world!



## Courses

Enrollment fee, including training material (Book + CD): € 95,00

\* Club courses can also be combined with Crash Intensity Program.

\* School hours are from Monday to Friday, 9.30 - 13.00 and 14.00 - 20.00 and Saturday, 10.00 - 13.00.

\*\* Excluding Italian Public Holidays.

### inlingua Online Learning

A collection of interactive multimedia activities which complement Italian, English, French & German language learning studies. It includes an extensive range of varied exercises and reference materials adapted for different levels and is designed to help with the acquisition of vocabulary, the development of speaking and listening skills, the deepening of understanding of grammar and the practice of functional language. Available 24 hours per day, 365 days per year, from anywhere in the world, from any computer connected to the internet.

### Special Interest

We can customise a course to suit you if you have other special interests. These can include sports (for example sailing, rowing, hiking, diving), cultural (for example gallery and museum tours), cooking and fashion. There are many possibilities that we can tailor to suit you. Call us and our reservation department can assist you with your needs.





## The inlingua Method

The inlingua method of teaching languages is the result of decades of practical experience. We know for certain that the method works, because we can look back on years of its successful implementation. The inlingua organization produces its own language resources, specially designed to complement the inlingua method. It is this combination of special inlingua books and special teaching techniques which entitles us to speak of "the inlingua method" as an effective and fast way to learn to speak languages. The primary aim of the inlingua method is to enable the learner to communicate as competently as possible in the foreign language. By "communicate" we mean the ability to speak and understand the target language. Of course, the inlingua method also helps the learner to read and write. The main emphasis, however, is on the spoken word. It is only by speaking the language that the learner will acquire oral competence.

## The Teaching Principles

1. *The teacher conducts the lesson in the target language only.* The student should start thinking in the target language as soon as possible. Translation confuses and wastes time.
2. *The teacher gives the learner the opportunity to speak as much as possible during the lesson.* The only way in which the student will learn to speak a language is by speaking it, just as one learns to play golf by hitting a golf ball with a golf club.
3. *The teacher conducts the greater part of the lesson orally, with the book closed.* It is a fact that a language is learned by using and hearing it, therefore, the student should be less reliant on his eyes during the lessons.
4. *The teacher concentrates more on teaching structures (i.e. how words are put together) than on teaching individual words.*
5. *The teacher controls his/her teaching in such a way that most of the sentences produced by the learner are correct.*
6. *The teacher diagnoses the extent of the learner's knowledge before supplying a model or providing a solution.* The teacher should build on the student's knowledge and fill in gaps as soon as possible.
7. *The teacher keeps theoretical explanations to a minimum.*
8. *The teacher encourages the learner to play a creative role in the learning process.* In order for the student to be constructive and creative in his use of the target language, he must experiment.
9. *The teacher observes the principles of applied psychology.* The goal of the inlingua method is to make language learning as efficient and pleasant as possible. The method is flexible to give the teacher the possibility to adapt his approach to the individual requirements of the student.
10. *The teacher combines the structural and functional approaches to language teaching.* A structural approach to language learning is one which places the main emphasis on learning the structures or grammatical items of a language. The functional approach emphasizes learning how to express oneself in situations which occur in everyday life. The most efficient teaching method is the combination of both approaches. The inlingua method teaches structure on the basis of functional situations.



"With inlingua you join much more than a language class, you also become part of a great community in Como that immediately makes you feel you are at home away from home we call it "The inlingua Social Club". It has sightseeing and many more!" *Sabine & Stefan, Nagold, Germany*



"I am from Australia and really enjoy learning Italian in Como. Como is beautifully picturesque and has many attractions from museums to great restaurants. inlingua Como's teachers and staff are very friendly and have made me feel very at home. We have a lot of fun and they are very helpful, being highly trained and very focused on the success of my studies." *Laura Bibic, Sidney, Australia*



"My husband and I decided to learn Italian to help us to assimilate into Italian culture. We joined inlingua Como and haven't looked back! Learning the culture and being able to converse with the locals is not only a necessity but also a great pleasure. inlingua is located in the heart of beautiful Como and the atmosphere is like a 'home away from home'. The staff are extremely friendly, professional and helpful. 'Thank you' inlingua for welcoming us into your 'family' and for turning a stressful lifestyle change into a wonderful, fun experience." *Jackie & David Cooke, Brisbane, Australia*



"I had Italian lessons at inlingua for 6 months and truly enjoyed them. inlingua employs young people who are flexible and have good experience on which course fits you best and I really appreciated the personal attention during lessons. It is great to see how fast you build a social network and the effort inlingua staff puts into maintaining that network. I had a great time in Como and I am thankful for having learned Italian. I consider the friends I have made during that time as a real gift! Thank you inlingua!" *Jasmina Kusuran, Amsterdam, The Netherlands*



"Living in Como is like being on holiday all year round! Like everyone else, when I arrived I looked for a school to learn Italian. I chose inlingua, simply because I wanted to learn Italian fast and the school allowed me to do that very effectively and more. I met friends, locals and started to socialise quickly even with my pigeon Italian. Now I am proud to say that I feel part of the community and part of the inlingua family. I would like to thank Stefania and Vincenzo for this. Without them it would not have happened!" *Karine Grivet, Nantes, France*





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