



CROATIAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL

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Croatian Language School Immersion Courses 2008 in Poreč - Istria

In addition to the language training in London, the Croatian Language School has also established courses in Croatia. Specifically called immersion courses, CLS has successfully managed these types of courses in various locations on Croatia's mainland and on the islands. The yearly programme for Poreč is well established with opportunities to enrol in Spring and Autumn every year. The courses offer students from the UK an opportunity to consolidate their learning from London and practice their knowledge in a genuine setting, while living and breathing the Croatian lifestyle. Added to this, is the welcome presence of other worldwide students – from Canada, USA, Australia and New Zealand for example.

For all students, immersion courses provide another forum for learning and a platform from which to improve their use of the Croatian language, combined with direct experience of Croatian life and culture, as well as a holiday in a beautiful part of the country.

The courses in 2008 will run in April/May and October/November

Each course runs for a week. Those wishing to make the most of this language learning opportunity can register for two consecutive courses, allowing progress from one level to the next, consolidating language skills and maximising opportunities for practice within the local community. For registrations of two weeks and for couples, we offer a special discounted rate.

What are the courses like?

Each course offers 25 hours of tuition per week (5 hours per day), and uses the latest methods and materials to enable students to master the language efficiently and enjoyably. Proficiency in conversation is the primary goal, though all of the four language skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing) are practised. Special emphasis is placed on pronunciation, intonation, stress and vocabulary building. Small classes ensure maximum opportunity for participation and attention to individual needs.

Spring course 19 - 26 April	Beginners/ Elementary	Intermediate
Spring course 26 April - 2 May	Intermediate	Advanced
Autumn courses		
18 – 25 October	Beginners/ Elementary	Intermediate
25 October – 1 November	Intermediate	Advanced

Each week two groups will run concurrently with a dedicated teacher for each group. Beginning each day at 09.00, the morning classes last 3 hours and the focus is on all four language skills, learning grammar and performing language exercises. In the afternoon, classes start at 15.30 and there is one hour of speaking practice followed by one hour of writing exercises. There are 30 minute breaks in both the morning and afternoon sessions as well as a lunch break from 12.30 until 15.30 for students to take lunch, relax or explore the local area with family or friends.

Tuition Fees

One Week: £ 450.00

Two Weeks: £ 405.00 (per week)

The cost of accommodation is separate and individually priced according to your requirements.

Registering for Courses

To register, simply request a registration form, (e-mail: clsporec@easycroatian.com), fill it in and return it to us along with a cheque for £225 per course to guarantee your place. Please note that this deposit is non-refundable. The balance of payment must be received no later than 6 weeks before the start of your course. Students registering less than 6 weeks before the start date will be required to pay the full course fee at the point of registration.

Where is Porec?

Porec is a small picturesque town on the west coast of Istria, a large promontory on the most northerly part of the Croatian coastline. It is the most popular holiday area in Croatia and contains such fine and interesting towns as Rovinj and Pula, which are within a short drive of Porec and it boasts the vineyards of some of Croatia's finest wines.

What is Porec like?

The opportunities for holiday and sporting activities are unlimited. The town itself is full of charm, with its ancient stone houses and their famous red roof tiles, and fascinating side streets.

In Porec, you will find the celebrated Basilica of Bishop Euphrasius, originally completed around 550 AD with a baptistery, campanile and Bishops Palace. The brilliant mosaics (embellished with mother of pearl) are some of the most famous outside of Italy. This site was listed in 1997 as a World Heritage site by UNESCO.

There are innumerable bars, and eating places of varying styles and cuisine, especially seafood. Sporting activities include scuba diving, water skiing, tennis, horse riding, sailing, cycling and more.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be in the very comfortable and central Hotel Hostin. This hotel has been recently renovated and has extremely modern, attractive rooms and facilities, friendly staff and excellent food. It is part of the Hostin hotel group which are well known and regarded.

The hotel is situated close to the town centre in a wooded area, with its own pebbled beach and ample parking. Rooms have their own bathrooms, air conditioning, telephone, TV, balcony and, on request, connection to the internet. The public areas are attractive and are air conditioned. There is a covered swimming pool, sauna and Turkish bath.

We will help you in organising your accommodation in the hotel. If you tell us what accommodation you require, we will be able to quote the hotel price for you. You will need to pay it directly to the hotel after receiving the confirmation and invoice.

Travel Arrangements

Students are responsible for their own travel arrangements. The nearest airports to Porec are Pula in Istria and Trieste in Italy. For UK students, Pula is served by Croatia Airlines and Trieste by Ryanair. Other possible airports for UK students to consider are Ljubljana airport in Slovenia served by Adria Airlines and Easyjet as well as Rijeka Krk airport served by Easyjet. There are also frequent flights from either London Heathrow or London Gatwick to Zagreb airport with Croatia Airlines.

Can I bring family and friends?

Certainly! While you will be involved with language training for 5 hours a day, you will have long lunch breaks and evenings to spend with family and friends.

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We look very much forward to seeing you in Porec on one of our courses!
