

Croatian Language School

MORE THAN A LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Growing Croatian Language School offers a wide range of courses and custom-made services for business clients in London and Croatia

Approaching its 10th anniversary, the Croatian Language School (CLS) in London, offers language programmes in a friendly environment, using the latest methods and materials for teaching Croatian. The school offers courses in small groups for beginners, intermediate and advanced students, classes for children and one-to-one tuition for all levels. The school has translation services and specialised programmes for corporate clients, including tailored business language courses to prepare business men and women for work in Croatia. Each spring, summer and autumn CLS organises immersion courses on the beautiful Croatian coast, offering study holidays that combine relaxation with learning. In addition, CLS is home to the Croatian Library, the UK's only specialist library dedicated purely to Croatia.

Proficiency in conversation is the primary goal of the *beginner's course*, though all four language skills - speaking, listening, reading and writing - are practised thoroughly. Small classes ensure maximum opportunity for participation and attention to individual needs. On completion students will have learned the basics of grammar including past, present and future tenses and will have sufficient vocabulary to participate in basic everyday conversation.

Intermediate and advanced courses provide students with the opportunity to build on the fundamentals mastered at beginner's level. Situational and functional language practice, attention to listening skills, use of authentic materials and role plays comprise a dynamic approach with effective communication as its goal. Responding to the needs of the growing number of multi-lingual families, CLS has launched Saturday *classes for children* aged 5-7 and 8-12. A lively and fun-filled approach offers a unique opportunity for children to learn Croatian. *Individual courses* from general to specialised Croatian can be arranged any time of the year for students at any level. Courses are tailored to individual needs and tuition can take place at the school in Ealing, at home or in the workplace (Central London).

In addition to these regular courses, the school offers *business language courses*, covering advanced general and business Croatian, bilingual office skills and translation, and relevant aspects of Croatian culture to help professionals prepare for business in Croatia. Courses are available for groups or individuals, and can be held at the school or the client's workplace. In addition, *custom-made 'language visits' to Croatia* can be arranged any time of the year, giving corporate clients the opportunity to test their language skills and explore the Croatian business culture. A similar arrangement providing English tuition, accommodation and tourist services is available to Croatian business visitors to the UK.

CLS also provides high quality *translation services* and is home to the *Croatian Library*, a not-for-profit venture by the FACET Trust, a charity dedicated to building contacts between people and institutions in Croatia and the UK. The library has a

substantial collection of books, audiotapes and videos in Croatian and English covering history, literature, culture and the arts.

Finally, for those who would like to experience the Croatian lifestyle and test their language skills, each spring and autumn the school arranges *immersion courses* in the picturesque village of Poreč on the beautiful Istrian coast. Summer courses are available on the stunning island of Lošinj, offering the perfect mix of study and holiday. Student Paul Fischer says: *"The week I spent in Poreč proved invaluable in improving my ability to speak and understand the language. There was plenty of*

hard work to be done but coupled with excellent teaching skills, everyone made good progress. However, that's only half the story! There was also time for social activities and ample opportunity to soak up the ambience of a beautiful part of Croatia."

For learning Croatian in London, immersion courses on the Croatian coast, language visits to historic Zagreb, preparing for business in Croatia or dealing with clients from Croatia, CLS has the right programme for you!

For more information on fees, timetables and any other questions, please contact the Croatian Language School:



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