

2010-2011 PROGRAM OFFERING

INCOMING TO ITALY

Offered by **Experiment Italia**

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM *for individuals*

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

We offer a homestay usually starting from September with simultaneous high school attendance as auditors (only a certificate of attendance will be issued) from a min. of 1 month to 9 months maximum. It is possible to start program at any time during the school year as long as application reaches this office 3 months before arrival date (deadline for September: 30th April).

DETAILS

We accept all levels of Italian speakers, but a minimum knowledge of Italian is advisable. Age of students: 15-17. Host families are carefully selected by our network of local coordinators all over Italy, excluding big towns like Rome, Milan, Venice and Florence. Schools can either be public or private (in this case will be asked to waive tuition fees or the student will be asked if he/she is prepared to pay the fees). Public schools are non religious, whereas private schools are very often Catholic. No uniforms are worn in Italy. Schools can have an emphasis on languages, scientific studies, classical studies (including Latin and Greek) or technical skills. Students are usually placed in the school year on the basis of their most recent school report but often attend some classes in other years depending on their Italian skills.

➤ **For non-EC citizens we must receive the complete dossier of the student at least 4 months before arrival because we have to send it, with the host family details and the school letter to the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, in order to obtain its approval, no later than TWO months before the student arrives in Italy.**

The Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, in collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Education, has added the Experiment Italia Organization to the list of the "authorized associations" for what concerns Visa issuing for non-EC students. For this reason we need to submit all the documents requested in time. The Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs is the only authority responsible for communicating the list of the non-EC students allowed to obtain the Visa to the different Consulates in the world.

A visa is needed to enter Italy and stay for over 90 days (for non EC students). A certificate of enrollment in the program will be issued by this office to be submitted to

the Italian Embassy/Consulate.

It is the duty of the sending office to make sure students arrive with a Visa. Non EC-students arriving without a Visa will be repatriated.

PROGRAM FEES

▪ 1 month:	Euro 1.700,00
▪ 2 months:	Euro 2.450,00
▪ 3 months:	Euro 3.070,00
▪ 4 months:	Euro 3.470,00
▪ 5 months:	Euro 4.100,00
▪ 6 months:	Euro 4.700,00
▪ 7 months:	Euro 5.120,00
▪ 8 months:	Euro 5.650,00
▪ 9 months:	Euro 6.200,00

Transfers from airport of arrival to family and vice versa: Euro 120,00 (Euro 60 one way).

Transfers from train station of arrival to family (if out of town) and vice versa: Euro 60 (Euro 30 one way).

Transfers from train station of arrival to family (if in town) and vice versa: no extra cost.

NOT INCLUDED IN THESE FEES

Text books, insurance (which is the responsibility of the sending office*), **school enrollment fee when required** (from 100€ to 300€ depending on the school), transport to and from school.

* a copy of the insurance policy must be sent to the office in Asti before students arrive in Italy.

CANCELLATION FEE and LATE FEE

Cancellation fee: A minimum of Euro 260,00 for cancellations any time after application papers are received by the Italian Office; 50% of the full fee if notified after host family and/or school placement has been communicated; 100% if notified less than 4 weeks in advance or after the program starts.

Late fee: € 150,00 if application is sent less than 8 weeks before arrival.

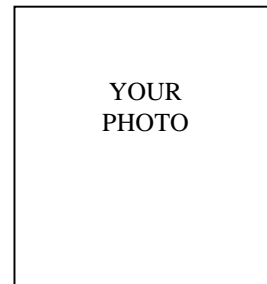
PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Payments should be made upon receipt of an invoice, before student's arrival and transferred according to the instructions written on the invoice. Amounts must be paid in Euro and net to us. Sending offices are requested to add Euro 25 to payment to cover bank fees.

Please, complete enclosed application form and dossier.



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HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

number of months requested:.....beginning from (time of the year):.....

Name.....
(first name + family name)

Address.....

Tel. No..... Mobile phone.....

Fax..... E-mail.....

Date of birth..... Type of school attended.....

Sex: M F Citizenship:.....

Religion Passport No.....

Emergency contact:
(name and number)

Insurance policy No..... (please attach a paper copy of the policy)

Do you have allergies that require special medical treatment?

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If you are allergic to animals, could you live with a family if the pet is kept out of your room?

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Do you have dietary restrictions due to food allergies, medications, religious beliefs or personal beliefs (e.g. vegetarian)?

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If vegetarian, would you be willing to eat meat/poultry/fish?

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Do you like children?.....Do you smoke?.....

Please describe your education (subjects studied):

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Please describe your family (names, ages, occupation, etc.):

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Please list your interests, activities and hobbies including sports, art, culture and membership in organizations, clubs, etc.:

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Have you lived or traveled abroad? (please list year and country)

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Who in the family initiated the idea of your participation in a high school program?

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Most students feel lonely and homesick at some point during their stay. How will you handle these feelings?

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What do you expect from this program?

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How do you intend to make this program a success?

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Foreign Language ability:			
English	<input type="checkbox"/> poor	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent
French	<input type="checkbox"/> poor	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent
German	<input type="checkbox"/> poor	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent
Italian	<input type="checkbox"/> poor	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent
Other:			

Date:.....

Signature:.....

PLEASE ATTACH:

- A PHOTO ALBUM SHOWING YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY
- A "DEAR FAMILY LETTER" (THIS SHOULD BE 2/4 FULL PAGES IN LENGHT. TALK ABOUT YOU HABITS, YOUR LIKES AND DISLIKES, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT WILL HELP YOUR FAMILY KNOW YOU BETTER)
- COPIES OF YOUR SCHOOL REPORTS OF THE TWO MOST RECENT SCHOOL YEARS (TRANSLATED INTO ITALIAN, IF POSSIBLE)
- A HEALTH CERTIFICATE (IN WHICH IT IS EXPLAINED IF YOU ARE UNDER ANY TREATMENT OR IF YOU ARE TAKING MEDICATION) AND A CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION (POLIO, DTP OR TD, HEPATITIS B, MEASLES, RUBELLA, MUMPS, CHICKEN POX, TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING AND TESTS).



STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

SECTION I – STATE LAWS

If a student is arrested or if it is reliably confirmed that the student has acted illegally, program sponsorship will be revoked, resulting in early return, as soon as legally possible, to the home country at the expense of the student's parents with no refund of program fees. The student is bound by all state laws, whether included in the Standards of Conduct or not:

1. Purchase of alcoholic beverages, including beer and wine, is illegal in Italy for persons under 18 years old. Students are not permitted to purchase or drink alcoholic beverages and to associate with any persons involved in the use of alcohol.
2. If a student is found to be a smoker after having stated otherwise, he/she may be placed on probation and may be expelled from program. If the student is a smoker, he/she must comply with all smoking restrictions imposed by the host family, host school, any public or private venue and state laws.
3. The student must not buy, sell, possess or use illegal or controlled drugs and medicines, unless prescribed for him/her by a licensed physician. If the student is taking prescription drugs, the name, dosage and length of time of use for each drug must be communicated to the Experiment Italia office. The student must not associate with any persons involved in illegal drug use or drug trafficking.
4. Students must not commit or take part in any act of violence against another person or property.
5. Shoplifting and theft are illegal and may lead to criminal charges and immediate repatriation with no refund.
6. Driving without a driver's licence is illegal. The student is not allowed to drive any car, motorcycle or other motorized vehicle and/or obtain a driver's licence while on the Experiment Italia program in Italy.
7. It is illegal for minors to access pornography on the internet, either printed or read.

SECTION II – HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

All decisions regarding grade placement, credit, sports eligibility and sports participation are at the discretion of individual high schools and/or school districts.

1. The student must accept and respect all decisions made by the school or school district regarding grade placement, credit, diplomas, sports eligibility and sports participation, and any other decision which the school has legal authority to make. A student who continues to lobby the school personnel and/or school district after a final decision has been made will be placed on probation.
2. A student who is dismissed or expelled from school for any reason will have the program terminated immediately with no refund and be sent home as soon as possible.
3. The student must obey all school rules, attend classes regularly, and be responsible for assuming a full course load and for making a good effort in all classes.

SECTION III – DRIVING A MOTORIZED VEHICLE

The student may not drive any car, motorcycle, motor scooter, all-terrain vehicle or other motorized vehicle during the program.

SECTION IV – STUDENT PLACEMENT, HOST FAMILY PARTICIPATION AND HOST FAMILY RULES

1. A private bedroom is not guaranteed. Only a separate bed is guaranteed.
2. The student must comply with all reasonable rules of host family (e.g. curfews, household chores, visitors, phone calls, etc.). If a student violates host family rules, a meeting will be set up with the student, host family, and local coordinator to discuss the situation and come to an agreement about necessary changes in behaviour and/or expectations. If the student violates the agreement, he/she will be placed on probation.
3. The student must keep the host family informed at all times of his/her whereabouts, with whom he/she is associating and times of departure from and return to the host family's home.
4. The student must not lend money to or borrow money from the host family or from any other source. **Natural parents must supply the student with an adequate amount of spending money at all times (€ 150-200 per month).**
5. The student must adhere to the host family's rules and restrictions regarding computer and internet use.

6. The student must speak with the Experiment Italia local coordinator about any problems he/she is having and refrain from speaking about his/her host family's private affairs to community members and friends.
7. Winters are very cold in most parts of Italy, especially the North, so students must have appropriate clothing.

SECTION V – BIOLOGICAL FAMILY VISITS AND STUDENT TRAVEL DURING THE PROGRAM

1. Visits from family or friends are discouraged until the very end of the program. Any visit during the program must have prior permission of the Experiment Italia National Office.
2. The student is not permitted to travel outside the local area by him/herself alone or with other persons without permission of the Experiment Italia office.
3. Overnight travel with the host family, another family, an approved responsible adult (at least 25 years of age) or approved group (e.g. school, church, etc.) is permitted if prior consent is given by the host family, the local coordinator, and the natural parents or legal guardians of the student, as requested at page 7 of these standards of conduct. The host family and the local coordinator must be informed of all such trips and have a phone contact to reach the student in case of emergency.
4. If a student travels outside Italy, he/she must always carry his/her personal documents and have the permission of the Experiment Italia office.

SECTION VI – LIFE CHANGING DECISIONS

1. Students will not be permitted to make life-changing decisions, including but not limited to marriage, religious conversion, and other decisions with social, political and legal ramifications.
2. Students may not conduct an unacceptable sexual behaviour, otherwise they will be placed on probation. Students found to be pregnant or responsible for a pregnancy while on the program will have the program terminated and returned home as soon as arrangements can be made, with no refund of program fees.
3. Students will not be permitted to tattoo or pierce any part of their body while on the program.

SECTION VII – CHANGING HOST FAMILIES, WITHDRAWAL OR TERMINATION FROM PROGRAM

1. A student may not withdraw from the program at any time without the permission of the Experiment Italia National Office. If the student leaves the program for any reason, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, he/she may not return to the program and will not receive a refund.
If there is death or serious illness in the student's immediate family, he/she may return home to deal with the crisis and will be accepted back to complete the program.
2. If the student is transferred from one host family to another, any transportation costs incurred are the responsibility of the student and biological family.

SECTION VIII – RETURNING HOME AT THE END OF THE PROGRAM

1. The student must return to the home country at the end of the program, i.e. 1 or 2 weeks after the end of the academic term for which the student was enrolled, unless prior permission has been granted for adult-supervised travel by the Experiment Italia National Office.
2. Unsupervised travel or travel with peers is **NOT** permitted at the end of the program. Adult-accompanied and adult-supervised travel may be permitted at the end of the program only if permission is granted in writing by the biological parents, the host family, the local coordinator and the National Office. A detailed itinerary of travel plans, including modes of travel as well as addresses and telephone numbers for emergency contact during the travel period, must also be submitted. Students must also extend insurance coverage, if necessary.
3. If a student leaves a host family with outstanding debts, including but not limited to medical bills, telephone calls or damage to the host family's property, the student's biological family will be responsible for the payment.

AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY THE EXPERIMENT ITALIA PROGRAM STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Experiment Italia expects the highest standards of behaviour from program participants at all times.

Violation of these Standards of Conduct will lead to disciplinary action, probation and possible repatriation with no refund of program fees. Violators of the Standards of Conduct will have an opportunity to explain their actions to the host family, the local coordinator and/or the National Office staff.

A decision about discipline and an agreement for future actions and/or behaviour changes will be made at that time. If violations are serious and warrant further action or the agreed-upon actions are not met, the student will be placed on probation. The decision for probation will be made in conjunction with the Experiment Italia National Office staff: the student, host family, school (in cases of academic probation), the representative (who will inform the natural parents) will be notified of the terms of the probation status. Further violation will lead to the decision to terminate the program and to repatriate the student at the parents' expense and with no refund of program fees. The Experiment Italia National Office will notify the Office, which will inform the natural parents that the student is being terminated from the program and is being repatriated.

We, the undersigned student, parents and/or legal guardians, have read and understood all of the above stated in the Experiment Italia High School Exchange Program Standards of Conduct. I, the student, agree to obey the Standards of Conduct and all conditions of participation in the Experiment Italia High School Exchange Program.

We, the parents, agree that our son/daughter will obey the Standards of Conduct.

We understand that the violation of these Standards of Conduct may lead to disciplinary action and possible termination from the Experiment Italia Program, which may result in an early repatriation at the parents' expense and with no refund of program fees.

Signature of the father/
legal guardian

Signature of the mother/
legal guardian

Signature of the student

TRAVEL RELEASE/AUTHORIZATION

We, the undersigned student, parents and/or legal guardians, authorize our child to travel within the guidelines as established in the Experiment Italia Program Standards of Conduct and accept full responsibility, including all costs, for our child's participation in any approved travel activities and to indemnify and not hold Experiment Italia and its local coordinators responsible for any claims and/or liabilities to third parties arising from our child's participation, except for what is covered by the insurance. (See BIOLOGICAL FAMILY VISITS AND STUDENT TRAVEL DURING THE PROGRAM and RETURNING HOME AT THE END OF THE PROGRAM).

We also understand that our child must return to the home country on or before the expiration date of his/her stay in Italy. It is understood that this Travel Release/Authorization is signed in advance and eliminates the necessity of obtaining our signatures at the time of any program-approved travel for the duration of our child's participation in the Experiment program.

Signature of the father/
legal guardian

Signature of the mother/
legal guardian

Date

MEDICAL RELEASE/AUTHORIZATION FOR EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT

In case of illness, accident, or injury, we grant permission to examine and treat our child at an appropriate medical facility and to make referrals to outside physicians and facilities as indicated. We grant permission to release information regarding our child's health to any individuals designated by Experiment Italia and its coordinators. We also grant permission for our child to receive any and all immunizations, tests, or screenings required by state or school authorities for participation in High School Exchange Program. We also accept full responsibility for any medical expenses for our son/daughter which are not covered by his/her insurance policy.

Signature of the father/
legal guardian

Signature of the mother/
legal guardian

Date

LIABILITY AND AGREEMENT RELEASE

To be read, signed and dated by the exchange student and both parents or legal guardians

LIABILITY AND AGREEMENT RELEASE

While under the sponsorship of the Experiment program, the student may not participate in activities defined as high-risk activities (e.g. parachute jumping, hot air ballooning, jet skiing, skydiving, scuba diving, rock climbing, bungee jumping, etc.).

We accept full responsibility/liability for our child's participation in the activities which are specified below. (please cross out all activities in which you **DO NOT** allow your child to participate):

- drive/ride/operate tractor or any other farm equipment
- drive/ride snowmobile
- drive/ride motorboat or other power-driven water vessel; sail kayak, canoe, sailboat, surfboard
- water skiing/snow skiing/snow boarding
- ride in private planes
- ride horses
- hunting/fishing (with an adult and in accordance with local law)
- wind surfing/swimming/board diving/snorkeling/free diving
- mountain biking

- other activity, please specify _____

In anticipation of our son's/daughter's acceptance to participate in the program proposed by Experiment Italia, we, the undersigned (parents or tutor/guardians of the student) hereby release Experiment Italia, its officers, staff, board of directors, agents, program directors, local directors, host families, high schools from any and all current and future claims, charges, costs, and/or causes of action for loss of property, personal injury, illness, accident or death sustained by our child during the time he/she is a participant in the Experiment program, whether covered by current insurance or not.

We further agree to indemnify and not hold responsible all of the above-named for any and all liabilities, including liabilities to third parties, which may arise from our child's participation in the program, including all activities specified herein, in the Standards of Conduct and elsewhere. In the event of any dispute arising out of this agreement or the performance of any service for Experiment Italia, those disputes shall be governed by the laws of the Italian State.

We, the undersigned, authorize the high school, medical, legal, government, and law enforcement authorities to release Experiment Italia any records or information necessary to provide the student with appropriate supervision and guidance.

We, the student and parents, certify that all information provided in the Experiment Student Application is correct and complete, including medical and inoculation history. We understand that withholding information or providing incorrect information may be grounds for possible termination from the Experiment program and repatriation at the parents' expense with no refund of program fees.

This agreement covers the period from the time our child boards transportation scheduled until the student leaves Italy at the end of the high school exchange program.

If we, the undersigned, do not sufficiently understand Italian or English, we can request from the Representative a translation of the Standards of Conduct and Agreement in our language to ensure that we understand the information stated herein.

Signature of the father/
legal guardian

Signature of the mother/
legal guardian

Signature of the student

Date