

HOUSING INFORMATION FOR STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS

Accademia Italiana collaborates with a number of landlords who offer apartments where we place our study abroad students each semester. We have worked with the same landlords for over many years now and the apartments are rented exclusively to Accademia Italiana students. Your housing contract is strictly between you and your landlord/landlady. The Accademia Italiana absolves itself fully from any legal, financial, contentious and/or other vested interests and/or responsibilities that may arise between you and your landlord/landlady.

The apartments are located within walking distance of our school and the Accademia Italiana Workshop Laboratories. All the apartments are completely furnished and include WiFi, a washing machine, complete kitchen equipment and one set of bed linens (flat sheet and pillow case) and covers (comforter and comforter sack) per bed, as well as one set of towels. You are requested to provide one set of bed linens, comforter sack and towelling for your weekly laundry change that you are responsible for. You might want to purchase the linens after you arrive in Florence, considering that bed sizes are different in Italy.

Prior to the commencement of each semester, the Accademia Italiana Student Services Coordinator checks all the student apartments before the students arrive in Florence to ensure that they are in good condition and ready to accommodate the students.

We accommodate study abroad students according to their preferences (a single room, a room shared with one roommate or a studio apartment) to our best ability, based on the availability of room types. Please note that the availability of single rooms is very limited. Some of the single rooms on offer are actually loft bedrooms (*soppalco*) and they do not have a door. We always take into consideration specific roommate requests or requests to live with international students. The price for student accommodation varies according to the semester period. These are the average 2019/2020 prices:

Semester	Accommodation type	Accommodation Prices Inclusive of utilities & WiFi
Fall (1 st September - 31 st December)	Shared double bedroom	450 euros
	Single bedroom	500 - 540 euros
	Single loft bedroom (<i>soppalco</i>)	480 euros
	One bedroom apartment	800 euros (Minimum)
Spring (1 st January - 31 st May)	Shared double bedroom	450 euros
	Single bedroom	500 - 540 euros
	Single loft bedroom (<i>soppalco</i>)	480 euros
	One bedroom apartment	800 euros (Minimum)
Summer (1 st June - 31 st July)	Shared double bedroom	500 euros
	Single bedroom	550- 590 euros
	Single loft bedroom (<i>soppalco</i>)	530 euros
	One bedroom apartment	850 euros (Minimum)

You will receive your Housing Assignment Letter from the Accademia Italiana Student Services Coordinator about six weeks before your arrival in Florence. The Housing Assignment Letter will inform you of:

- the name of your landlord/landlady.
- his/her personal contact details (email address and mobile phone number).
- his/her bank account details.

In order to guarantee and confirm your housing assignment, you are requested to make an advance payment, within and no later than the expiry date specified in the Housing Assignment Letter, for the following semester housing expenses:

1. **your rent due for the entire semester period** (Fall Semester = 4 full month's rent, Spring Semester = 5 full month's rent, Summer Semester = 2 full month's rent). A full month's rent is considered from the 1st day of the month to the last day of the month irrespective of your arrival and departure date in the said month.
2. **your Housing Security Deposit** (equivalent to one month's rent which will be reimbursed to you when you vacate the apartment on the condition that there are no damages to the apartment and/or its furnishings to be paid for by you).
3. **your 50 euros for the end of semester apartment service cleaning fee.**

The payment has to be made in one transaction only, via a bank wire transfer payable into your landlord's/landlady's bank account.

The Housing Assignment Letter will provide you with the bank details of your landlord/landlady so that you can make the payment.

Beneficiary (your landlord/landlady's) name & surname:	
His/her bank name & address:	
His/her bank IBAN code:	
His/her bank account no.	
His/her bank BIC/SWIFT code:	

You have to indicate on bank wire transfer the following information:

- your name and surname.
- your apartment address in Florence.
- details of the Semester Rent
- the amount for the Housing Security Deposit
- the 50 euros end of semester apartment cleaning service fees.

Request for alternative housing arrangement:

The Accademia Italiana makes every effort to provide affordable, comfortable and good quality housing for you. If you are justifiably dissatisfied with your housing arrangement, the Accademia Italiana will make every effort to find you an alternative solution but cannot guarantee it. In the event of you being dissatisfied with your housing arrangement, you have to make a request within the first three days of your occupancy of the apartment to the Accademia Italiana Student Services Coordinator justifying your request. If the request is accepted, and if an alternative housing option can be found for you, your previous landlord/landlady will reimburse your housing fees and the apartment service cleaning. However, the landlord/landlady will retain the housing security deposit that you paid.

Withdrawal from Accademia Italiana study program:

If you decide to withdraw from the Accademia Italiana study program and you have already paid your housing fees, your housing security deposit and your apartment service cleaning fees, your landlord/landlady will reimburse your housing fees and your apartment service cleaning fees to the person who made the payment. However, your landlord/landlady will retain the housing security deposit that you paid.

You have to inform the Accademia Italiana of your arrival date and time in Florence as soon as soon as you have bought your airline ticket so that we can inform your landlord/landlady.

If you have any housing queries please contact:

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