# Immerse Italy FAQ

**You teach Italian, but you are not Italian.** True! A lot of Italian programs require teachers to be mother tongue Italians, but I have been on the same journey as you! I learned Italian as a second language and can better relate to your experience than a native Italian speaker. During my 10 years in Italy, I went through the challenges of learning grammar forms, made embarrassing mistakes, and had to think and speak on my feet. I not only teach grammar and vocabulary, but also how to speak Italian with confidence.

**Don’t you have an American accent?** A bit. I perfectly trill my R’s and open the vowels sounds. I have studied local accents and been told that I sound Milanese… but I’m from Ohio and pretending to be anything else would be some level of cultural appropriation.

**Italian is not an international language, why learn?** Learning Italian puts you in touch with a country renowned for its culture, beauty and spectacular food. If you are of Italian heritage, it connects you with your ancestry. The leverage you will get in Italy if you speak to the locals in Italian will take you far beyond the average tourist visit. Also, Italian is an asset for careers in fashion, design, film, media, museum science, art history, finance, economics, food and beverage, music, performance, tourism, and travel.

**I don’t have time.** Learning Italian truly takes time and head space. As your instructor, I can assure you that my classes are motivational, fun, and engaging. Learning will come at your pace, and I will provide exercises that fit your learning style and schedule.

**I already speak Spanish, so I don’t need Italian.** The two languages share some basic similarities are but completely different. If you speak to an Italian in Spanish because you don’t want to seem like an ignorant tourist, you got this all wrong. Enjoy the eyeroll.

**Italian is too hard.** True, Italian is more beautiful sounding than easy to learn, but I’ve been in your shoes and will pave the way for you to learn and speak confidently with minimal frustration.

**I don’t need to be fully fluent.** As an all-or-nothing Scorpio, I personally can’t grasp this one, but I will work with you to outline your needs and purposes for studying to have you speaking Italian at your desired level.

**Too expensive.** Immerse Italy programs are content-rich and come with unlimited email support between lessons. I frequently offer discount codes and free public events online. Any financial concerns can be addressed to me privately and we can draw up a payment plan to fit your situation.