

# What's cooking in Italy?

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**Q:** *Can you recommend any great cooking schools in Italy?*

**A:** Italian cooking schools are very popular, with scores of choices. Most are held in the spring and fall. ShawGuides is a good resource for finding the right school. Reach them at (212) 799-6464, [www.shawguides.com](http://www.shawguides.com).

Several schools that get consistently good reviews include:

- Diane Seed's Roman Kitchen (011-39-0667-97103, [www.italiangourmet.com](http://www.italiangourmet.com)), which offers several courses in Rome, Puglia and on the Amalfi Coast. A six-day course with lodging in Puglia starts at \$2,800 per person double.

- Italian Cookery Course at Casa Ombuto in Tuscany (011-31-35-5310030,

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[www.italiancookerycourse.com](http://www.italiancookerycourse.com)). Prices start at \$2,135 double for eight days with lodging.

- Cooking With Giuliano Hazan (941-923-1333, [www.giulianohazan.com](http://www.giulianohazan.com)), held at the Renaissance Villa Giona near Verona. Prices start at \$3,700 per person double for a six-day session.

You can also consult a tour company specializing in Italian cooking vacations. Choices include Cook Italy (011-39-349-007-8298, [www.cookitaly.com](http://www.cookitaly.com)), the International Kitchen (800-945-8606, [www.theinternationalkitchen.com](http://www.theinternationalkitchen.com)) and Culinary Vacations (888-636-2073, [www.culinaryvacationsinc.com](http://www.culinaryvacationsinc.com)).