

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.

Several schools that get consistently good reviews include:

- Diane Seed's Roman Kitchen (011-39-0667-97103, 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). Prices start at \$2,135 double for eight days with lodging.

- Cooking With Giuliano Hazan (941-923-1333, 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), the International Kitchen (800-945-8606, www.theinternationalkitchen.com) and Culinary Vacations (888-636-2073, www.culinaryvacationsinc.com).

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