

YOUTH YEAR ITALY



IFX 
INTERNATIONAL FUTBOL X-CHANGE

PLAY SOCCER ABROAD!

➤ IFX welcomes you to our organization and we are looking forward to working with you during IFX experience. Your journey abroad will be challenging, yet rewarding in many ways. In order to prepare you for your program, please read through the IFX Program guide to learn about our different processes and for tips on different things while living abroad.

This guide discusses all aspects of your upcoming program including important information about the program region, the school, club placement process, and more. Please read thoroughly through this program guide and should any further questions arise, please let us know.

> DESTINATION



Carpi is an Italian town and comune of about 70,000 people in the province of Modena, Emilia-Romagna. It is a busy centre for industrial and craft activities and for cultural and commercial exchanges.

Carpi is distinguished by its great Renaissance square (piazza), called Piazza Martiri - the largest in the region. It is flanked by a portico with 52 columns. Other notable landmarks include the **Town hall** (Palazzo dei Pio) - formerly the castle of the Pio family. It includes parts from different ages, such as the merloned-tower of Passerino Bonaccolsi, the Renaissance façade and the tower of Galasso Pio, and the 17th century watch tower and the **Carpi Cathedral** - Originally designed by Baldassarre Peruzzi, drawings for it are located in the Gabinetto dei Disegni e Stampe in the Uffizi, Florence, and document Peruzzi's contact with Leonardo da Vinci. Construction begun 1514, Baroque façade added in 1701 and cupola completed 1774).

The biggest football team in Carpi is Carpi FC 1909 who play in the 4,144 capacity Stadio Sandro Cabassi. Carpi FC 1909 played in Serie B during the 2013-14 season, achieving a 12th-place finish ensuring second tier football remained in the town for another season. On April 28, 2015, the club clinched promotion to Serie A for the first time in its history.



Modena is a city and comune on the south side of the Po Valley, in the Province of Modena in the Emilia-Romagna region of northern Italy. It is well known for its automotive industry since the factories of the famous Italian sports car makers Ferrari, De Tomaso, Lamborghini, Pagani and Maserati are, or were, located here and all, except Lamborghini, have headquarters in the city or nearby. One of Ferrari's cars, the 360 Modena, was named after the town itself.

The University of Modena, founded in 1175 and expanded by Francesco II d'Este in 1686, has traditional strengths in economics, medicine and law and is the second oldest athenaeum in Italy. The Cathedral of Modena, the Torre della Ghirlandina and Piazza Grande are a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1997.

The city counts with an imponent 21,151-seater Stadio Alberto Braglia, where the dissolved Modena F.C., played in Serie B for many years until be dissolved in 2017



> HIGH SCHOOL

High School in Italy consists of secondary education of first grade and second grade. The first grade, formerly called middle school, lasts three courses and runs from 11 to 14 years. It is a generalist education with subjects such as language, mathematics, history, art. Upon reaching the second grade high school students can choose for the first time in their educational life.

“Il Liceo” offers theoretical training in an area of specialization, which can be art, humanities or science. It is aimed at creating a base that allows access to higher education and consists of five courses, ranging from 14 to 19 years.

High school prepares students for university studies, continuing the glorious tradition of humanistic and scientific studies, allowing easy access to a heritage of civilization, which recognizes the roots of European culture. Its main objective is to place student as a person who explores and knows the world and its expressions, respecting others and diversity, which becomes capable of independent learning rather than a simple recipient of the activity. Teachers and students develop their own path of knowledge, to build consciously their own future.

The resulting diploma allows access to all university faculties, post-diploma courses, and employment in the multi-faceted sectors of production and services. The proven level of general knowledge, the flexibility and dynamism of the knowledge learned are, in fact, an excellent and always safe resource to face positively and as protagonists the complexity of today's society.

All classes will be conducted in Italian. Exposure to Italian in the classroom and in their daily life helps them to master and become fluent in their foreign language skills. You will have an added advantage over other foreign piers with additional exposure to the Italian language through your soccer activities.



> CLUB TRIALS & EVALUATION PERIOD

During the first week after arrival, participants begin trials with IFX partner clubs to be evaluated by both the IFX staff as well as by the partner clubs. Training schedules for participants during the evaluation period can not be provided in advance but participants will be notified by the IFX representative generally the day prior or in the morning/early afternoon about their training for that evening. Participants may undergo several weeks of trials before a club ultimately decides to offer a spot on their team. In most cases, participants are placed within 2-4 weeks with a club. In some cases, it can be much quicker, or a bit longer, but the average is 2-4 weeks.

IFX places participants with clubs that are a good fit for their level. This means that we strive to place them with a club that will provide them with a challenging training and playing environment in order for them to improve all aspects of their game. On the other hand, participants are not placed with clubs where the participant is over their head and not have a realistic chance of getting playing time, or becoming a disruption to the partner club's training.



HOST FAMILIES



The students are placed with volunteer Italian families in the region of Northern Italy: Modena, Reggio Emilia, Verona, Bologna, Parma, Carpi and Mantua, as well as in small communities near these cities. Students are not allowed to choose the community nor the school but rather are placed within a community and family according to their interests, skills, and characteristics.

Many host families are the families of former participants of study abroad programs to the USA, Australia and Canada. The typical Italian family consists of a father, mother and one, two or three children. They live in the mentioned cities or outskirts of the cities. Students must follow the host family rules as the rest of the children in the family do.

Host families often have the responsibility of providing the participant with the experience of being "of" the host country. That can mean exploring attributes of the local culture, such as holidays, traditions, and religious celebrations. That can also mean showing typical day-to-day routines.



TRANSPORTATION



During the IFX participant's evaluation and trial period, IFX will assist participants with logistics of getting to/from training. Once a participant is placed with a club, they will be responsible to get to and from training with public transportation. IFX will provide guidance to each participant on how to go about obtaining a monthly transportation train/bus pass that enables the participants to travel unlimited on public transportation throughout the region. The cost ranges generally from 50 – 75 Euros per month depending upon the region and country.

Participants are not permitted to drive vehicles while in the IFX program and will be subject to program dismissal should they be found driving a vehicle.



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