ITS Cuccovillo Summer Campus 2022

17th – 27th July 26th July – 5th August Hotel Rifugio Sores (Trento)





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What is the Speak Summer Campus experience?

The **Speak Summer Campus** is an English immersion summer programme for university and college students (aged 18 – 30), which brings together native English speakers, our "Anglos", volunteers from all around the world and Italian students of English, in a wonderful location in the Italian Alps.

The Speak Summer Campus is a unique linguistic, social and cultural experience based on English conversation filled with days that are stimulating and fun, with no preparation on your part – all you need to do is speak English!

Our *Anglos* and Italian students, our *Learners*, live alongside each other, sharing the experience of an innovative and exciting/diverse summer programme, while immersing the Learners in a dynamic environment of natural English conversation. We are looking for English-speaking students from around the world to volunteer with us as Anglos. We are particularly interested in Anglos who are studying or have experience in mechatronics, engineering, electronics, design or related fields.







Language Immersion

We focus on the language skills of *speaking* and *listening* through natural conversation, supported by lessons and workshops led by our **experienced teaching team**. Through a series of *One-to-One conversations*, social time and a range of activities, games and practical challenges, you will be helping Italians to develop their *English fluency and confidence* naturally.



Social Experience

The social experience is an important part of every day of the Campus - whether enjoying a delicious meal, sharing a coffee break, *trekking in the forest*, on *excursion*, participating in activities during social time or simply taking in the natural surroundings. After dinner social time provides the opportunity to participate in fun and lively *evening entertainment*.



Unique location

Rifugio Sores is located in the beautiful Alpine setting of the Val di Non in Trentino. Sores is the ideal location for our English Summer Campus and is home to the Sores Adventure Park and a range of *sporting and leisure facilities*, a *spa*, shop, en-suite accommodation and a dining room offering the *best of local cuisine*.



Our Italian Learners

Learners at the Speak Summer Campus 2022 are young people in their first and second year of studying mechatronics at a *technical college in Bari*, southern Italy.

Our Italian Learners are coming to Speak specifically to improve their competence in speaking and listening through *natural conversations* with native English speakers and help them develop their skills for their future careers.

What is the Anglo role?

We create a unique **English immersion experience** that allows Learners the real possibility to develop their fluency and confidence to speak English, while enjoying what is an incredible social and cultural experience.

Our Anglos are essential for bringing English to life through meaningful interactions and supporting the Learners by being patient and willing listeners. For Learners, the opportunities to practice and improve their English spans the whole day. At our Campus, our Anglos are joined by our experienced English teaching and academic staff. Together they provide English learning that immerses the student in dynamic environment of natural conversation and linguistic support, offering the opportunity for continual practice – by speaking – with different native English and fluent English speakers, from around the English-speaking world.

For our Italian speakers to be immersed in the English language, our Anglos will need to:

- Listen to and engage in real-life discussions
- Support and encourage our Learners
- Be able to offer Learners error corrections
- Share stories, work on projects and explore topics
- Help Learners develop confidence in English
- Relax and enjoy the experience



Would I be suitable for the Summer Campus?

At Speak we aim for diversity among our Anglos – including age, nationality and experience. This ensures that our Italian speakers can enjoy talking with and learning from *people from a wide range of backgrounds*.

For the Speak Summer Campus we welcome applications from all *college and university students* and are particulary interested in applications from Anglos with a techincal background or experience, particularly in the fields of:

- Engineering (electrical, mechanical, structural etc)
- Mechatronics/robotics
- Sciences, Life sciences and IT

Our Anglos will be engaged throughout the day in conversation and activities. So, if you are sociable, love conversing, meeting new people and can help learners to feel at ease then you are the right person to be part of the Anglo community at Speak.

It is also important that you are able to travel independently and use the internet in order to complete our online application, correspond with us and plan your trip.

Nationality

Speak welcomes mother-tongue or fluent English speakers from *all over the world*, with a broad range of English accents and backgrounds.

Age

The Speak Summer Campus is looking for Anglos of between **18-30 years of age**, bringing together students from diverse experiences and cultures.

Background

From a range of backgrounds with a preference for those from **technical backgrounds**, our Anglos may be studying, finishing their studies or already working.

Camp Dates:

- FROM:
 Sunday 17th July (Meeting in Trento)

 TO:
 Wednesday 27th July (Departing from Sores)
- FROM: Tuesday 26th July (Meeting in Trento)
 TO: Friday 5th August (Departing from Sores)



Anglo Testimonials

Speak for me was actually my first ever time in Italy, and I couldn't have asked for a warmer welcome or more memorable experience. Delightful company and delicious cuisine with the beautiful location providing a spectacular backdrop. It was a joy from start to finish thank you Speak!

Hannah Berkeley

Biomedical Engineer, Auckland, NZ

Lots of happy memories of the days spent in beautiful Puglia in a lovely masseria with excellent food and good company. Such pleasant times spent walking through the olive groves in conversation with our new Italian friends. Thank you to all at Speak.

> *Sheila Robinson* French Teacher, Ravenshead, UK

My time as an Anglo at the Speak course for Italians was a truly worthwhile experience in every way. The location was outstanding as was the cuisine and everyone was friendly. The students were willing to learn and exchange ideas and I came away enriched by my time with them.

> Sally Veall Blogger, Spain

My Speak experience of working one-to-one and in discussion groups with highly motivated Italians in a beautiful setting was great fun. It also gave me many fresh insights into Italian life and culture. A really great experience!

> **Tony Holden** Consultant, Nottingham, UK



Discover more about Hotel Rifugio Sores

Location

Located in Italy's *Trentino* region in the stunning *Val di Non*, the alpine Hotel Rifugio Sores is surrounded by forests and overlooks the Dolomite mountain range which is a *UNESCO World Heritage Site*. Trentino is in the heart of the *Italian Alps* and Hotel Sores is around 45 minutes north of the city of Trento.

Facilities

Rifugio Sores is the perfect location for our summer camp experience, with plenty of green spaces and surrounded by beautiful forests with *Sores' own high-ropes Adventure Park* adjacent to the hotel. Facilities include a spa and sports fields as well as a restaurant, bar and shop. The rooms are all *en-suite* and have an *external balcony* overlooking the valley or forest.

Dining

Rifugio Sores' bright and spacious dining room serves great Italian cuisine using *local ingredients* sourced from the surrounding areas. The catering team can also provide alternative menus in the case of allergies or intolerances.

Outdoor Spaces

The communal areas are bathed in sunshine, overlooking the forest and mountains, offering the perfect spaces for our activities. The stunning *50 hectare* forest surrounding Sores offers a rich variety of flora and fauna and a great opportunity for treks and sporting activities around the Sores grounds.







What is Speak?

Speak is a company offering residential English language immersion programmes in Italy.

We bring together native English speakers from around the world to immerse Italian learners in an environment of authentic English conversation. Our programmes develop the language skills of speaking and listening at the same time as supporting Learners with targeted workshops and language sessions lead by our team of qualified English teachers.

This immersive experience develops the English skills of the Learners and importantly, lifts their fluency and confidence to speak English. Our Anglos and Learners, live alongside each other, sharing the experience of an innovative and diverse programme which offers a unique linguistic, social and cultural experience.

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