



**BLU**  
ISCHIA

### **The island of Ischia**

In the ancient world it was known as Pithecusae, Aenaria, Inanime, Iscla, today it is called Ischia. Situated on the extreme western part of the Gulf of Napoli, is amongst some of the most renowned coastal areas for thermal centers, both in Italy and abroad. The island has a circumference of only 39 kms, an area of 47km sq. And a population of around 60.000 inhabitants spread throughout the six communities (Ischia, Casamicciola, Lacco Ameno, Forio, Serrara Fontana, Barano). The highest part of the island is at the top of Mt. Epomeo (788ft) which has been an extinct volcano since 1302. The island enjoys a mild climate, with temperatures around 18-20 ° by day and falls to 12-14 ° at night. Recently it very rarely drops lower than 15° Celsius.

### **Therms and Tourism**

Colonised by the ancient Greeks which named the island, PITHECUSAE which referred to the terracotta vase production; the island has always been sustained by fishing and agriculture since. It was the Romans who discovered the curative potential of the thermal springs, it became the most prestigious nucleus for thermal baths in the Roman Empire. Today there are 120 thermal bath establishments and of which GIARDINI POSEIDON, il NEGOMBO e il CASTIGLIONE are the biggest and most recognised, along with their hotels. Other than the famous baths, the island is also distinguished by its natural heritage the gorgeous beaches and beautiful bays (almost all of which contain natural springs). "Il coniglio all'ischitana" (rabbit) and the "zuppa di pesce" (Fish soup) are the island's tradition platters along with the other Mediterranean dishes so appreciated abroad, the gastronomic flair contains the double spirit of the island, that of Marine and woodland.

### **The coordinator**

Eduardo Cocciardo was born on the island of Ischia on 17.10.1975. In 1999 he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Music and Drama from the University of Siena, obtaining the maximum grade possible, equivalent to a First Class Honours. Eduardo has been a lover of the theatre since he was a child; when he was thirteen he won a poetry competition reciting "A livella di Totò". From '95 to '98 he worked for the theatre company RIDI PAGLIACCIO based in Grosseto. In '99 he participated in a workshop on narrative theatre and dramatic literature under the tutorship of Laura Curino. From March to April 2001 he took part in a workshop on the comic qualities of the tragic and the tragic qualities of the comic held by Lello Arena at the "Scuola Professione Cinema" in Rome. For the last five years he has been working mainly alone, on the idea of a kind of theatre-cabaret that reinvents the traditions of classical drama, disarming it of its high pretensions that distance it from the audience. July 2005 sees the publication of a book written by Eduardo on the life and career of the artist Massimo Troisi. His great passion in life is also the cinema. He has produced two half-length films and a documentary on the fishermen of Forio in Ischia. Eduardo has been working for Soc. Dante Alighieri in Siena as a teacher for language and theatre programmes.

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### **The School and the courses**

Classes are conducted by expert teachers of Siena. Taking advantage of the nice and mild climate, classes could be held outdoors, in secluded and shady spots, on the terrace of the hotel or inside our classroom. All of these solutions have a very friendly and pleasant atmosphere. The school is open all year round and offers minigroups or individual lessons as well as an exciting social program.

### **BLU Senior, 50+**

**Week-end:** 2 nights in single room (dinner included) + 2 hours of individual lessons + 1 Discovery Ischia at 190.00 € in Residence or 210.00 € in Hotel\*\*\* ;

**Week:** 6 nights in single room (dinner included) + 15 hours of language lessons (3 hours / day from Monday to Friday) + 1 Discovery Ischia + 1 wine tasting + 1 special lunch in Trattoria at 910.00 € in Residence or 960.00 € in Hotel\*\*\* ;

### **BLU Young, indicated for group**

**Week-end:** 2 nights in single room in Hostel (arrival Friday / departure Sunday—dinner included) + 2 hours of group lesson + 1 hour of Discovery Ischia. Price on request

**Week:** 6 nights in hostel (arrival Sunday / departure Saturday—dinner included) + 15 hours of group language lessons (3 hours / day from Monday to Friday) + Orientation + 1 happy hours + 1 Theatre workshop. Price on request

### **General info**

Classroom: from 1 to 3 students; Transfer from/to hotel/residence/hostel at: 30.00 € (one way); The lesson, usually, are taken with the following schedule: Absolute beginners: 9.00/11.00 - Elementary: 11.10/12.10 - Medium: 14.00 - 16.00 - Advance: 16.10 - 18.10; Text book, transfer and social activities are not included; At the end of the course, the student receive a certificate of attendance.



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