

PRESS RELEASE
INTENSIVE SUMMER COURSE OF ARMENIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE
August 2022

Even though the pandemic is not over, the Padus-Araxes Association is proud to announce that it will continue to organize the intensive summer course on Armenian language and culture in Venice in August 2022, which has been a tradition since 1986, as it did in 2021 following anti-Coronavirus regulations. The 36th edition of the Intensive Summer Course of Armenian Language and Culture, organized by the Association “Padus-Araxes”, will take place from **August 8th to August 23rd. Examinations on August 24th.**

ARRIVALS: August 7th (check-in); DEPARTURES: August 25th (check-out).

Application DEADLINE: March 30th.

To apply, fill out the application form: [https://APPLICATION FORM.pdf](https://APPLICATION_FORM.pdf)

AGE LIMIT: at least **18 years old** (exceptions should be submitted to the Director of the Course).

LESSON SCHEDULE: Four basic levels from the Absolute beginners to the Advanced; **65 hours of lessons** spanned from Monday to Saturday, in the morning. **ATTENDANCE IS COMPULSORY.** Lessons will be held at Seminario Patriarcale di Venezia:
<https://www.seminariovenezia.it/cms/galleria/il-seminario/>.

FREE AFTER-CLASS cultural and leisure activities are offered in the afternoons and evenings. Attendance is not compulsory. Extra-curricular activities include guided tours of the Mechitarist monastery of San Lazzaro, participation in the Armenian Divine Liturgy in the Armenian church of the Holy Cross, and in occasion of the feast of the Assumption at the Monastery of San Lazzaro with the traditional blessing of the grapes, scholarly lectures on Armenian studies (the program will be available in Spring). Free courses of DUDUK and ARMENIAN DANCE will also be offered in the afternoons, if the Covid-19 situation allows it.

TUITION FEE: 850 € (including 65 hours of lessons; tutorship; educational material, except for the lessons of duduk; examination certificate).

LODGING FEE (from August 7th to August 25th, 18 nights):

- ✓ **670,00 € per person in double room. Service included:** en-suite bathroom, kitchenette, AC, WI-FI, bed linen and towels, city tax. **There is no hairdryer in the room.**
- ✓ **1000,00 € for a single room. Services included:** en-suite bathroom, AC, WIFI connection, bed linen and towels, hairdryer, breakfast, city tax. **There is no minibar in the room.**

The city tax in Venice is mandatory since 2011 and applied to all guests. Lodgings facilities cash it on behalf of the municipality.

THE ASSOCIATION PROVIDES ACCOMMODATION, AT ABOVE SAID CONDITIONS, FOR 18 NIGHTS, FROM AUGUST 7th TO AUGUST 25th. WITHIN THIS PERIOD ANY PER DIEM CALCULATION IS NOT PERMITTED FOR ANY REASON. THE STUDENTS HAVE TO ARRANGE ANY OVERNIGHT OUTSIDE THIS PERIOD BY THEMSELVES IF YOU DO NOT NEED ACCOMMODATION, PLEASE LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

The applicant is required to send as enrolment fee WITHIN JUNE 30th € 850. The enrolment

fee must be sent by bank transfer. The rest of the total amount (tuition fee plus lodging fee) may be also transferred by the 30th of June. It is also possible however to pay the rest of the total amount **ON THE ARRIVAL DAY** in one of the main Western currencies or by an international cheque. This is an **ABSOLUTELY BASIC CONDITION FOR THE ACCESS TO THE LODGING and THE ATTENDANCE OF THE COURSE.**

Once paid, the enrolment fee **WILL NOT BE REFUNDED**, except for **ASCERTAINED ILLNESS OR COVID-19 HINDRANCES.**

Those who have attended the course for at least two summers with a positive result in the final exam, have a 10% reduction, that is also applied to their close relatives (parents, siblings, husband, wife) as well.

Please, contact the Secretary (info@padus-araxes.com) to get the Association's BANK DETAILS for the transfer. ALL bank expenses WILL BE CHARGED to the applicant.

NOT INCLUDED:

- ✓ MEALS.
- ✓ CARTA VENEZIA UNICA (MONTHLY PASS REQUIRED FOR DISCOUNTED TRANSPORT. (N.B. a one-way ticket costs € 7.50 per person WITHOUT CARTA VENEZIA UNICA).

For further INFORMATION, send an e-mail to info@padus-araxes.com and cc benedettacon@gmail.com.

For urgent information, call on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 10.30 to 13.00 **a.m.** (ITALIAN TIME) at the mobile phone +39.3791330687. BE SURE to take into account time difference from your own country. In case of no reply, send a message with your NAME and PHONE NUMBER possibly reachable by WhatsApp. You will be called back.

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