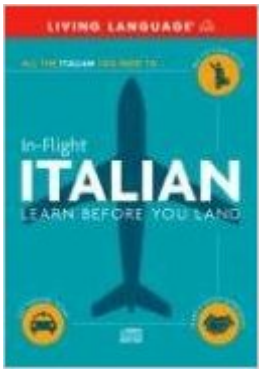
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In-Flight Italian: Learn Before You Land (Italian And English Edition)



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Synopsis

Living Language In-Flight Italian is the perfect boarding pass to learning Italian before you land.There’s no better way to make use of all that spare time on a plane than to master the essentials of a language. This 60-minute program is the simplest way to learn just enough to get by in every situation essential to both the tourist and business traveler.The program covers everything from greetings and polite expressions to asking directions, getting around, checking into a hotel, and going to a restaurant. There are even sections for meeting people and spending a night on the town.Short lessons make In-Flight Italian easy to use, and a handy pocket-sized insert is included as a cheat sheet for use on the go.

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Customer Reviews

I’m a fan of most of these "In-Flight" hour-long CD’s. I usually take one trip a year overseas, and I enjoy learning enough of the local language to ask directions, order dinner, and make a little small talk. Last time it was Turkey, and "In-Flight Turkish" plus one short book explaining Turkish grammar (verb conjugation, etc.) got me up to speed in a couple of months to where I could approach strangers, politely ask directions, and understand their responses. And order good vegetarian meals. Now I’ve got 6 weeks to become somewhat comfortable with Italian, and I have no doubt that "In-Flight Italian" will do the trick (made even easier by a background in Spanish). Again, I’ve also got a supplemental book, Barron’s E-Z Italian, for my own edification about verb conjugation and such, but the CD would be enough. The CD teaches the essential phrases

(numbers, asking directions, etc.), and is excellent for hearing Italian pronunciation (couldn't guess that based on Spanish). The format of all the "In-Flight" series is the same for each language (greetings in unit 1, "at the airport" in unit 2, etc.). They don't waste any time with fluff like ethnic music. The pace and clarity are perfect.

Easy to learn the basics

We loved the CD. However, we never took it seriously that we would learn Italian in 60 minutes. We bought the CD well ahead of our trip and listened to it whenever we were in the car with the kids. It was fun! We probably listened to it 10-20 times. The tracks are there for you to go back over sections (Which you will need to do!)We liked the short format and the subjects they taught were correct for someone just visiting Italy for a week.If you are somewhat fluent in Spanish, you will pick up Italian quickly. French is close too.While in Italy, we used the cheat sheet as a guide. Using this method, we found that in a couple days we began to feel very comfortable in restaurants and shops in Italy. For us, the biggest hurtle was overcoming our fear of saying the wrong thing. Fortunately, the Italians are very gracious and accommodating so it was fun to try!We lost our original CD and I'm buying another one.

This CD is good for a brief introduction to the language, but it is not really enough for full conversation once you get off of the plane. I listened to this in my car the weeks leading up to my vacation and it was definitely helpful, but unless you have a Disc-man, you probably won't be listening to this on the plane! Worth it for a quick intro, but don't expect to become fluent!

This language CD is a good refresher for those that know a little of the language. It is certainly not realistic to absorb this information on the flight. You will need to listen to it for at least a couple weeks before your trip. I would have liked to see them repeat the phrases a couple of times, but it's nice to hear the phrases in the native language.

I used this program in 3 different languages and it helped me immensely. I do recommend listening to it as soon as you can, not just on the flight, because it is a lot to absorb in 60 mintutes but all the basics are there. Get some practice before your flight and it will work GREAT!This was my comment to tsar@indianalliance.com about his spamming review of this product and others:Let me get this straight, you didnt like the 60 minute version of a language learning track for people that just want to

learn the basics for $11.86... so you recommend to everyone Pimsleur's German I thru III!?! THOSE THINGS ARE 15 HOURS EACH FOR A TOTAL OF 45 HOURS AND COST $700!!!! Because you didnt learn an entire language in 60 minutes for $11.89, everyone else should run out and by a 45hr long program for $700? Also, if anyone checks your reviews you give the IDENTICAL terrible review for several language programs and give stellar reviews for Pimsleurs. Hmmm, seems like someone is spamming.

This CD only state the phrase once and expect you pick it up.I gave up after several hours of trying but it just did not work.I bought the car version which is better because it gradually builds on the difficulties, repeats and reviewseach lesson. The car version of multiple CDs was more helpful.

this is a great way to learn basic Italian. For the visual learners, it comes with a guide pamphlet that you can follow along with.

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