



NRDC-ITA Wives International Club



Ladies, are you new to the area? Do you want to meet new people? Would you like to visit local tourist sites and find out where the best shops and markets are? Do you want to practice your language skills or learn Italian? If so, you should join us at a NIWIC Coffee Morning.

NIWIC stands for the NRDC-Italy Wives International Club. It is a voluntary association within the NRDC-Italy Morale & Welfare Programme. Every spouse or partner who holds an NRDC ID card can be a member, as well as any female military personnel serving in the NRDC.

As well as providing a friendly, informal opportunity to meet other spouses, NIWIC also

has a busy calendar of social, cultural and educational activities. Recent highlights have included:

- Free Italian lessons

Many of us arrive in Italy with little or no knowledge of the Italian language. NIWIC arranged Italian classes with a local language school. These were a great success last year, as wives of all nationalities learnt to communicate in Italian. Classes will run again from October 2010 to March 2011. It is intended to have 3 groups – complete beginners, intermediates and one for the more advanced. Details will be available later in the year.

- A 2 day trip to the beautiful city of Venezia

We stayed in the Foresteria on the banks of the Canal Grande by the Piazza San Marco. As well as visiting some of the many museums, we managed to sample the delights of Venetian cuisine, sip Prosecco in the local bars and find time to buy handbags, Murano class, carnival masks.....!

- A visit to see the Turin Shroud (La Santa Sindone di Torino)

The Shroud was on display to the public for the first time in 10 years. Over 20 NIWIC members spent a busy day in Torino, visiting the Shroud and enjoying a wonderful lunch at the Dowagers' Palace.

- Christmas Fair/Mercatino di Natale.

Every year NIWIC holds a mercatino di natale in the O Club. Each nation has a stall selling Christmas treats traditional to their country. As well as showing off their baking and craft skills, members raise money for charity. Last year over 1000 euros was raised, which was distributed between WarChild, a charity that helps children in war torn countries such as Afghanistan, and the Croce Rossa Italiana (Italian Red Cross).

Why not make the most of your time here by joining NIWIC?

Coffee mornings take place on the first Thursday of the month in the morning (except during the month of August), from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. We usually meet on the third Thursday of the month for trips and activities. Children are also welcome at coffee mornings, although we recommend that you bring a drink and a toy for your child as unfortunately we do not have a day care facility.

New members and new ideas are always welcome. If you would like more information, or would like to join us at one of our Coffee Mornings, please contact Sherry Bates-Wilson (babybates42@hotmail.com) or Lesley Onslow (communitycoordinator@ymail.com).

