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Off to Italy... no plane required

Nostalgic for the tastes and sounds of your Italian summer holiday? Well, pine no longer. There's a little slice of Italy in the heart of Dublin at the Italian School of Cooking



who have just opened at new premises in Rathmines with a range of cookery courses from pasta making to risotto, patisserie to seafood. The personable team at the school aim to bring the Italian culture of food, wine—and music!—to the people attending their cooking classes. Enjoy a couple of glasses of wine with some antipasti as you watch and learn from charming chef Marcello Musilli. While he teaches authentic, traditional recipes from various regions in Italy, entertainment is provided by his wisecracking sideman Marco Giannantonio, who also serenades the class as they eat the prepared dishes together at the end of the evening. The classes are a lot of fun, with the chance to learn plenty of useful skills. Just one tip: don't bother eating beforehand! www.italianschoolofcooking.net