

**"Lucia has always shown respect in every situation and she is always ready to cooperate."**

## Lär känna Lucia

Lucia är född 2008 och kommer från Italien. Hon kommer i augusti 2025 och stannar under ett läsår. Intressen är bl. a klättring, scoutkåren, sällskapsspel och matlagning. Hennes favoritämnen i skolan är engelska och historia.

Dear Host Family,

My name is Lucia. I really like it. It comes from the latin name "Lux" and it means "light". But I prefer being called Lux, or Cia, like my friends do. I think it's also easier to pronounce, for people outside of Italy. Anyway, whatever you choose to call me, I'm still a sixteen-year-old girl who lives in a small village. I can't believe I'm finally writing this letter! I've been looking for this moment for years, and I can't wait to make my dream come true! I don't know who you are, I don't know anything yet. But no, wait, there's something I know. I know you're amazing people. I don't think everyone would've offered themselves to host a foreign stranger. But you did. It's thanks to you that I'll live the most wonderful experience of my entire life. But let me tell you something about my life in Italy!

My family is composed of 3 people: my father, who is 59 years old and is an engineer, my mother, who is 55 years old and she's a housewife, and me. I also have a black cat, Picàciuna. She is 3 and she's very sleepy but trust me, when you get to know her, she becomes a play seeker. We all live in a quite big house in a small but lively place. I like living here. It's a cozy place and I'm surrounded by the sounds of nature. But sometimes I wish I lived in a different place, with different people and a different culture. That's one of the reasons why I decided to do this experience. My favorite subjects are History and, of course, English. I don't know where my love for it comes from, but I've always been able to understand it or to speak it quite naturally, so I've never had the need to study it hard. But sometimes I think: how amazing would it be to fill my cultural baggage even more? How extraordinary would it be to learn a totally different language? From what I've heard, Swedish is very fascinating, and I can't wait to start learning about it!

When I have some free time I like spending it at best. I usually enjoy playing board games or reading books, but I also like hiking, especially when surrounded by beautiful landscapes. As I've already said, I can play the French horn. I'm not the best at doing it, but I have so much fun playing it in the band that I almost don't even care if I'm playing it perfectly. Sometimes I sing too, but I hope for your ears I won't do it during the exchange year. I like listening to music but if I have to be honest, I much more prefer to listen to a good podcast. I currently practice climbing at the local gym; fortunately I live near the Alps and I hope that one day I will climb them like the other climbers do. It must be really hypnotizing to feel the wind in the hair while being tied to a rope at 20 meters above the ground. In winter, instead, we prefer staying at home and celebrating Christmas with the entire family: grandparents, uncles, aunts and one of my 6 cousins! But I've never experienced a "snowy Christmas" even though we are in the north of the country (so in one of the coldest areas), in my village I've seen snow really rarely, so I hope I will do it there, in Sweden, with you. Another aspect of my personality is that I'm very talkative and friendly, even though I know how to act in serious situations. I'm an open-minded person and I've always believed that differences between people are the most beautiful details and that they make us so interesting and curious at the same time. So if you chose me I thank you, with all my heart. Thank you for giving me this amazing opportunity and for finally making my biggest dream come true. I already love you so much.

See you soon,  
Lucia

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