

Ferrara has the ability to combine the ancient and the modern, remaining an eternally modern city, with an architectural style that combines both the Renaissance and De Chirico's Metaphysics

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# WELCOME TO FERRARA!

The city of bicycles with its history, art, food, wine and nature can be discovered slowly by bike or on foot.

With the help of professional guides, InFerrara offers a wide range of hand-picked experiences for groups, ensuring that no detail is overlooked to create the perfect stay.

Our suggestions do not end with what you will find in the pages of this catalogue: our team are available to design bespoke programmes for the needs and interests of a group or class.

To complete the package, we can also organise accommodation to welcome you and meet your every need.



# FERRARA

# CITY OF ART AND CULTURE



Capital of the Renaissance, metaphysical city, city of art, the names given to this city are a reminder of how art and culture are omnipresent in Ferrara, in the nature of the city itself and its possible visitor itineraries.

As the first example of a modern city, Ferrara was the site of one of the most important urban projects in Italian history, the Addizione Erculea, which sought to harmoniously integrate the city with its medieval side. The Estense Castle, the Palazzo dei Diamanti, which today hosts major international exhibitions, the Palazzo Schifanoia with its museum and the entire historic centre are essential stops to understand the Ferrara of yesterday and today, with its metaphysical overtones and the base for the writings of Bassani.



An evocative journey through the centuries, discovering the ancient military fortress and symbol of the city, accompanied by stories and anecdotes from a local guide. A backdrop to the splendours of the ducal court, the Estense Castle is a place rich in history and charm. Amidst cursed loves, court intrigue, illustrious personalities and sumptuous banquets, a journey through time takes shape: from the dungeons that bear witness to the sad affair of Don Giulio d'Este, to the magic of the Orange Garden, Ariosto's inspiration for the enchanted landscapes of Orlando Furioso, through the frescoed halls of the piano nobile.

### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

**Duration: 1h30** 

Meeting point: The Estense Castle Courtyard

Time: to be agreed

**Cost:** €110

Participants: maximum 25 per group

Additional info: rates do not include entrance fees to the

Estense Castle



A spectacular palace of the splendid court of the Este family, who used it to escape the boredom between parties, dances and banquets, the Schifanoia Museum is one of the most important buildings in the history of Italian art. In the **Salone dei Mesi you can admire an imposing cycle of frescoes** by the masters of the Officina Ferrarese, Francesco del Cossa and Ercole de' Roberti. The experience is made even more fascinating by the **modern layout, opened in 2020** to preserve an incredible civic, historical and artistic heritage, but with the exciting dynamism of storytelling.

## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

**Duration:** 1h30

Meeting point: in front of the Museum entrance

Time: to be agreed

**Cost:** €110

Participants: maximum 25 per group

Additional information: rates do not include entrance

fees to the Museum



Founded in 1929, the Cathedral Museum found its permanent home in 2000 in the former church of San Romano, the most important sacred temple of Este spirituality. It houses priceless artefacts dating from the early Middle Ages to the 19th century. The monumental organ doors depicting St George, the Dragon and the Annunciation are by Cosmè Tura, while the Master of the Months created the 13th-century panels that adorn Porta dei Pellegrini. Instead, Jacopo della Quercia is credited with having painted the splendid Madonna of the Pomegranate. Skilful staging and carefully considered lighting enhance these works of rare wonder.

### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

**Duration: 1h30** 

Meeting point: in front of the Museum entrance

Time: to be agreed

**Cost:** €110

Participants: maximum 25 per group

Additional information: rates do not include

entrance fees to the Museum



The Museum of Casa Romei is the ideal place to discover precious remains of everyday life and art in Ferrara during the Renaissance. **This architectural complex, unique in the city,** typical of the period of Leonello and Borso d'Este, invites you to immerse yourself in the atmosphere of a **noble Este residence**. The two courtyards in late Gothic style, the Piano Nobile with its richly decorated loggia walls and the Salone d'Onore with its beautiful wooden rhomboid ceiling, the **famous Sala delle Sibille** (Hall of Sibyls) with its delicate frescoes and the **Sala dei Profeti** (Hall of Prophets) will delight any visitor.

### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

**Duration: 1h30** 

Meeting point: in front of the Museum entrance

Time: to be agreed

**Cost:** €110

Participants: maximum 25 per group

Additional information: rates do not include entrance

fees to the Museum



Inside the **prestigious Palazzo Costabili**, **also known as Palazzo "of Ludovico il Moro"**, is the National Archaeological Museum of Ferrara. The magnificent finds from the excavations of the ancient city and necropolis of Spina are housed in this treasure chest of antiquity. Every room in the museum evokes and bears witness to the city's wealth: from the **Cortile d'Onore** to the **Sala degli Ori** (Hall of Gold Jewellery), from the **Sala delle Carte Geografiche** (Hall of Maps) to the **Sala delle Piroghe** (Pirogues Room), from the **Sala del Tesoro** (Treasure Hall) with frescoes by Benvenuto Tisi, known as Garofalo, between 1503 and 1506, with a masterly trompe-l'œil effect, finally losing oneself in the **green and silent labyrinth of the Palazzo Costabili gardens**.

### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

**Duration:** maximum 2 hours

**Meeting point:** in front of the museum entrance

Time: to be agreed

Cost: €120

Participants: maximum 25 per group

Additional information: rates do not include

entrance fees to the Museum



The jewel in the city's crown, **Palazzo dei Diamanti is the leading exhibition venue in Ferrara** as well as housing the National Picture Gallery. Every year, the halls of the landmark building of the Addizione Erculea, fresh from a masterful restoration, host exhibitions of international renown.

**Achille Funi. Un maestro del Novecento tra storia e mito** (Achille Funi. A 20th-century master between history and myth) | 28 October 2023 - 25 February 2024

**Filippo de Pisis e Robert Mapplethorpe, tra grazia e dannazione** (Filippo de Pisis and Robert Mapplethorpe, between grace and damnation) | 23 March - 18 August 2024

#### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

**Duration: 1h30** 

**Meeting point:** in front of the Palazzo dei Diamanti entrance

Time: to be agreed

Cost: €110

**Participants**: maximum 25 participants per group, including chaperones. Rates do not include admission tickets to exhibitions, which can be purchased at the ticket office and online

# WALKING TOUR

# ONE CITY, MANY POSSIBILITIES

**Ferrara is a city of many souls and personalities**: our walking tours will take you on a journey of discovery, with itineraries designed to show you the most important places, monuments and views, and themed itineraries that will allow you to discover the stories and personalities that are inextricably linked to the Este capital, from ever new angles and perspectives.



## **MEDIEVAL ITINERARY**

To really understand the origins of the city of Ferrara, you need to immerse yourself in the Middle Ages. What better way than a fascinating tour of the city's historic heart with an experienced local guide? Medieval Ferrara includes some of the most evocative places in the historic centre, from the splendid Via delle Volte, which followed the course of the river Po, with its magnificent arches, to the characteristic views of the Jewish Ghetto, the backdrop to the daily life of one of the oldest communities in Europe, through the Piazza della Cattedrale and Piazzetta Municipale. A stop at the Estense Castle, still surrounded by an imposing moat and drawbridges, the majestic symbol of the city, is not to be missed.



## **RENAISSANCE ITINERARY**

The most famous face of the city is certainly that of the Renaissance. Although the city's history is inextricably linked to the events of the Middle Ages, it is the 15th-century Addizione Erculea - a UNESCO World Heritage Site - that defines Ferrara as "the first modern city in Europe", and which also sets the tone for its future development. The itinerary, accompanied by a qualified guide, will take you along the majestic Corso Ercole I d'Este, the intersection of the Quadrivio degli Angeli, which connects the Estense Castle to the Porta degli Angeli. A diversion from the ancient Corso towards Piazza Nova, Piazza Ariostea, the stage for the traditional Palio races, designed by the famous architect Biagio Rossetti. Between the majestic palaces, you can get a glimpse of the Massari Park and the magnificent Certosa Monumentale. This is the perfect route to appreciate the modernity of the Este city.

The tour can also be organised with a focus on the places of the aristocracy or the ladies of the court of the Este family.



# **JEWISH ITINERARY**

The history of the city of Ferrara is closely linked to that of its ancient Jewish community. The medieval district is still home to the synagogue and preserves the historical memory of the past, among the streets of the old ghetto. Via Mazzini was the heart of the commercial and social life of the community. Starting from the Cathedral of San Giorgio, we walk through the streets of the city centre, discovering the history of the city community, with a look at Corso Ercole I d'Este and Corso della Giovecca. There are many places to visit here to get an understanding of everyday Jewish life, traditions and cuisine.

It is possible to extend the itinerary with an in-depth look at the life and works of the Ferrarese writer Giorgio Bassani and/ or a visit to the Jewish cemetery in Via delle Vigne (subject to opening days and hours).

The itinerary can be rounded off with a visit to the MEIS - Museo Nazionale dell'Ebraismo Italiano e della Shoah (National Museum of Italian Judaism and the Shoah), whose mission is to tell the story of over two thousand years of Jewish history in Italy, and which was set up in Ferrara, a city that symbolises a thousand years of Italian Jewish history.

#### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

Guided service up to 2 h €110 up to 20 people €3 for each additional participant up to a total of 40 Guided service up to 3 h €140 up to 20 people €3 for each additional participant up to a total of 40

Themed routes can be combined and an indoor visit to one of the city's museums can be included with an outdoor walking tour.



## **MYSTERY TOUR**

A guided tour to discover legends, astrological symbols and mysteries, to uncover some of the most compelling secrets and stories from the city's history, in the picturesque alleyways, ancient churches and noble residences. Starting with the façade of the cathedral, with its hidden esoteric symbols, and the Church of San Domenico, famous for its "Devil's Footprint", the unsettling adventures of the magician-engineer Bartolomeo Chiozzi, straddling history and popular legend, will be re-enacted. The itinerary then takes us to the Oratorio dell'Annunziata, the ancient seat of the Confraternita della Buona Morte (Brotherhood of the Good Death), and to Via Savonarola, where the mysterious death of the court poet Ercole Strozzi took place; or from Torquato Tasso's cell along Corso Ercole I D'Este, ending at Palazzo dei Diamanti, a visible example and culmination of Borso d'Este's great passion for astrology.

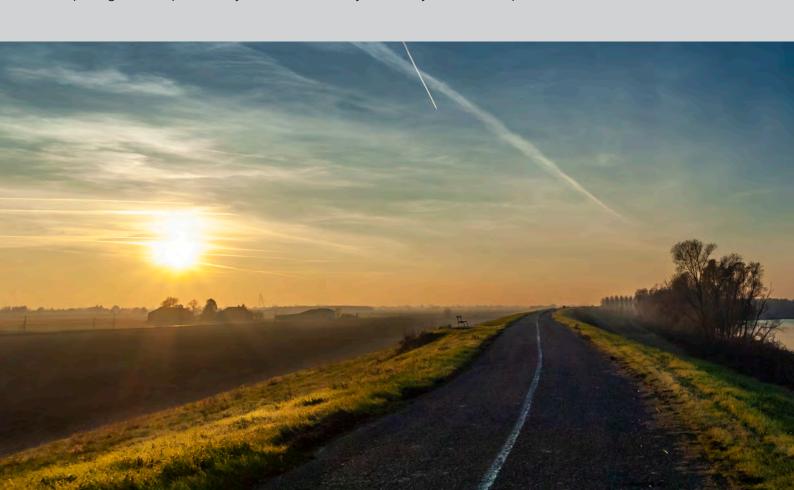
## **WALKING TOUR BY NIGHT**

The charm of the night offers a new perspective on Ferrara: accompanied by the guide's stories, this night-time walking tour takes us through the charming alleys of the mediaeval district and the wider Renaissance boulevards. The UNESCO World Heritage city is even more atmospheric when lit only by the traditional orange street lamps of the old town. From the airy Piazza della Cattedrale to the magical Via delle Volte, a mysterious place among the dark arches, passing through the narrow streets of the old Jewish ghetto. An itinerary to admire another side of the city under the veil of night, from the shadows of the Estense Castle, link between the ages, to the twilight view of Corso Ercole I d'Este, breathing in the relaxed and enchanting atmosphere. The entire history of Ferrara, under moonlight.

# FERRARA TO BE LIVED SLOWLY

# SLOW TOURISM

An ideal place for slow tourism, Ferrara is a city of bicycles, crossed by picturesque rivers. Cycling is a way of life for its residents, who have been accustomed since childhood to getting around quickly and comfortably on two wheels. Flat and "on a human scale", Ferrara has a compact historic centre surrounded by 9 kilometres of restored ancient walls and about 13 kilometres of sottomura, where bastions, towers and gates bear witness to the city's ancient defences. Together with the Bassani Urban Park, this green embrace of pedestrian and cycle paths forms the natural lungs of the city. In Ferrara, the call for slow tourism is so compelling that to spend a day on the Po River by bike or by boat is an experience not to be missed.





**Ferrara, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is known as the "city of bicycles"!** From the heart of the historic centre, a slow itinerary begins along the ancient and green walls, between the bastions and remains of the original fortifications. From Porta Paola, through the archaeological park of Porta d'Amore, this two-wheeled tour is the perfect way for cycling enthusiasts and the merely curious to travel to the famous Porta degli Angeli. We return to the centre across the splendid Corso Ercole I d'Este, a delightful way to explore the city from a new perspective.

**USEFUL INFORMATION** 

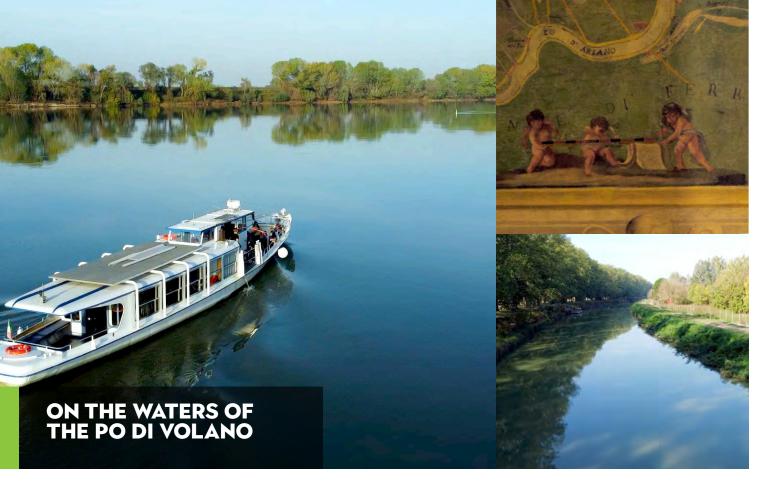
**Duration:** 2h30

Meeting point: in front of the Cathedral

Time: to be agreed

**Cost:** €140

Participants: max. 20 per group Surcharge for bicycle hire: €6 each



Boat trips from the dock in Ferrara on the Po di Volano, an ancient branch of the Po delta which, together with the Po di Primaro, gave rise to the first urban settlement in the Byzantine period. We will sail along the waters of the ancient river, parallel for a long stretch to the city walls, catching sight of the towers of the Estense Castle and the medieval bell towers of the square, until we reach the bell tower of the first Cathedral of San Giorgio, in front of the city's defensive walls, and the Ferrara countryside. A small aperitif during the cruise is included.

## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

**Duration:** approx. 2h

Meeting point: departure and arrival at Via Darsena

57, pier Wunderkammer **Time:** to be agreed

**Cost:** €560 for groups of up to 35 people **Participant surcharge**: €16 for each additional participant, up to a maximum of 50 people



**Excursion on board the historic Nena, an ancient Venetian steamboat** to discover the river origins of the Este city and its evolution through the Middle Ages and the Renaissance up to the present day. Boarding at the San Paolo dock, in the heart of the city, close to the historic centre. We sail on the waterway that joins Ferrara to the Po. An unusual cross-section of the city, a natural corridor where herons, bee-eaters and turtles live undisturbed. Passing through the Pontelagoscuro reservoir, a scenic backdrop to the majesty of the Po River with its spectacular views, you will skirt Giarina beach, the ancient Isola Bianca (Lipu Oasis) and discover its heronry with nesting herons. A small aperitif during the cruise is included.

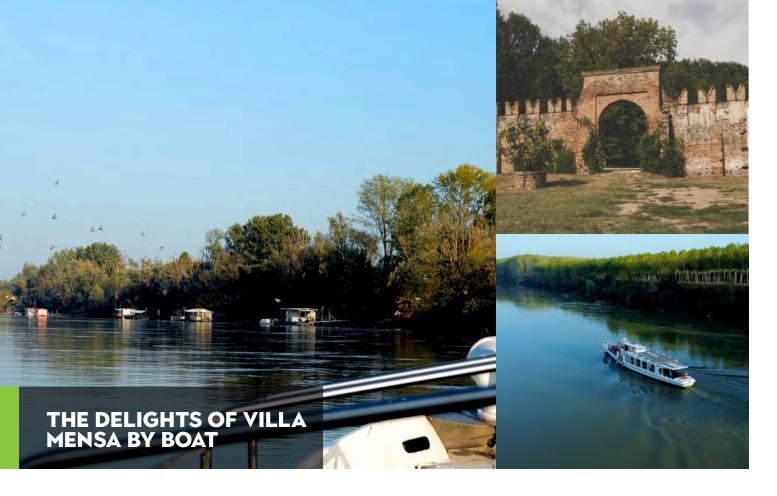
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A cruise along the Po di Volano, **on one of the ancient waterways beloved by the Este family**, along which they built the most beautiful *Delizie*, summer residences created for recreation and pleasure. From the dock in Ferrara, through the countryside of Ferrara with its small villages, we will cruise to the Villa La Mensa, an ancient 15th-century villa, one of the *Delizie* residences of the D'Este family and the only one still accessible by water.

Stop for a guided tour of the villa (2 hours).

### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

**Duration:** 2h outward - 2h return

**Meeting point:** departure and arrival at Via Darsena

57, Wunderkammer Pier **Time:** to be agreed

**Cruise cost:** €20 one way | €25 return **Participants**: minimum 35 people

**Guided tour of Villa Mensa**: €5 per person



# TASTE FERRARA

# FOOD AND WINE EXPERIENCES

**Cristoforo (from) Messisbugo**, in his mid-sixteenth century cookbook "Libro novo. Nel quale s'insegna a far d'ogni sorte di vivande (...)" was the first chef to put down on paper several recipes using ingredients that are very common today. A ducal attendant at the Este court, he was first a *scalco* (a skilled meat butcher) and then a chef. **We owe many specialities of Ferrara cuisine to his creativity between the Middle Ages and the Renaissance,** including *pasticcio di maccheroni*. With ancient traditions and curious anecdotes (it is said that egg *tagliatelle* were inspired by the hair of Duchess Lucrezia Borgia), **Ferrara offers a cuisine with surprising combinations**, such as those that make *Cappellaccio* so unique.





A fun and engaging way to discover one of the essential aspects of Ferrara's tradition and folklore, its food and wine specialities!

A fun cooking class held by a professional chef, where you can literally get your hands in the dough and learn about the techniques, trivia and legends behind the most famous traditional dishes.

**The "coppia", a Ferrara bread** with an unusual cross shape, whose croutons were apparently inspired by Lucrezia Borgia's blond curls, and the "ricciola", a typical aromatic breakfast pastry to be enjoyed while relaxing at the café or strolling in the shadow of the Estense Castle.

**Pumpkin cappellacci**, a stuffed pasta that has become the city's signature dish.

Pasticcio Ferrarese, a short pastry basket with a rich and tasty filling.

**The "torta tenerina"**, a mouth-watering cake with a soft centre, and the **"brazadlin"**, a traditional crumbly **home-made biscuit**. When the traditional creations come out of the oven with their unmistakable aroma... all you have to do is taste them and let yourself be carried away by the authentic and unforgettable flavours of dishes made with your own hands.

You can also choose between a tasting session in the kitchen or, after the practical lesson, a dinner in the splendid rooms of Palazzo Pendaglia, where the course is held, to enjoy a rich meal of several courses prepared by the participants with the help of the chef.



### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

Basic cooking class Duration: approx. 2h

Meeting point: atrium of Palazzo Pendaglia

(Via Sogari 3) **Time:** to be agreed

**Price**: €45 per person

Minimum 15, maximum 20 people

4-course cooking class + dinner service

**Duration:** approx. 5h

Meeting point: atrium of Palazzo Pendaglia

(Via Sogari 3) **Time:** to be agreed

**Price**: € 70 per person

Minimum 20, maximum 24 people

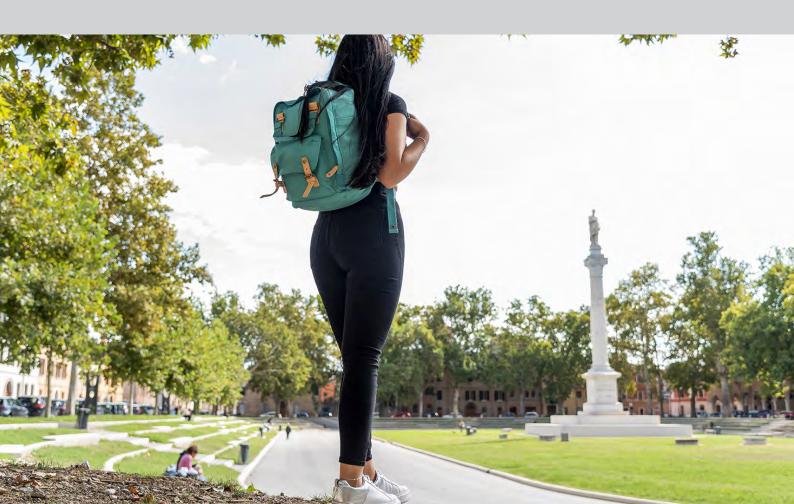


A city with an extensive culinary tradition, as noted above, **Ferrara offers a wide range of food and wine specialities** to please all palates. To taste a little of everything, InFerrara offers personalised tasting sessions in breathtaking locations such as the splendid Porta Paola, the green and famous Piazza Ariostea or the not-to-be-missed Palazzo dei Diamanti; tasting a local speciality in places that symbolise the city's history guarantees an authentic Ferrara experience!

Whether tasting Ferrara bread with a slice of "zia", a tasty local salami, the famous cappellacci di zucca or discovering traditional desserts, the right panorama becomes an integral part of the experience.

# FERRARA, CITY OF EVENTS

In Ferrara, culture, entertainment and fun are a constant throughout the year! The city, with its eclectic, creative and sophisticated soul, offers a rich programme of unmissable events and manifestations, capable of attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors every year: from New Year's Eve to great concerts in the most evocative locations in the city centre, from food and wine festivals to the now historic Ferrara Buskers Festival and the great exhibitions at the Palazzo dei Diamanti. Ferrara is constantly buzzing and has something to please everyone, of all ages, with an ever-changing calendar of events!





The major exhibitions at the Palazzo dei Diamanti are internationally renowned, the masterpieces of the great names of ancient, modern and contemporary art come to life again in halls of the palace, symbol of the Addizione Erculea and the Ferrara Capital of the Renaissance. The installations, curated by the **Ferrara Arte Foundation**, respect the historic site, enhancing the works and creating an exciting combination of ever-changing interpretations. The exhibitions often create virtuous connections with the city, including focus and in-depth studies, as well as targeted events and ad hoc festivals, often **involving the theatre "Teatro Comunale Claudio Abbado"**. A complete experience, from the discovery of the magnificent palace to a visit to the city. In a city like Ferrara, a dive into art is a must.



Too difficult to choose which dishes to sample during your few days of holiday? **The Ferrara Food Festival gathers the city's food and wine excellence**, bringing together all the specialities in a single event! The *Listone*, the long, wide, metaphysical pavement of Piazza Trento Trieste, is transformed for a few days into the most magical of outdoor areas, where tradition is served with small samples of typical products, tastings, cooking shows and even some theoretical moments. An event like this isn't complete without an excellent traditional dinner or, why not try a cooking class: we'll make your culinary experience unforgettable!



# Experience the wonderful festive atmosphere: Christmas and New Year in Ferrara.

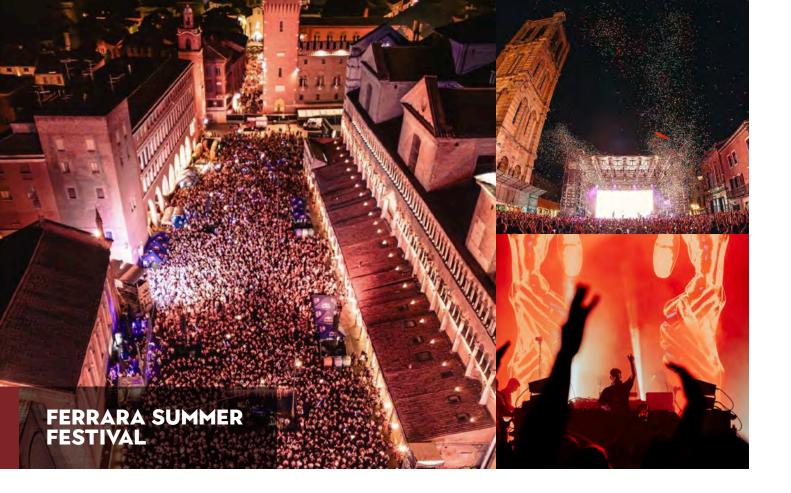
Kilometres of lights and decorations illuminate the old town, climbing up the main streets, while the impressive decorated tree watches over the square, adorning the view of the Cathedral of San Giorgio. There is no shortage of traditional markets on the *listone* of Piazza Trento and Trieste, to help residents and tourists fill any empty space under the tree. Pretty little wooden chalets also grace Piazza del Municipio.

A range of large and small events, shows and surprises accompany us as we head towards Christmas and on to the final celebration on New Year's Eve. Famous across Italy, **the fire at the Estense Castle marks midnight, bringing in the New Year**.

If you are a Christmas lover or a New Year enthusiast, Ferrara has something for you: during the holidays, wishes come true!



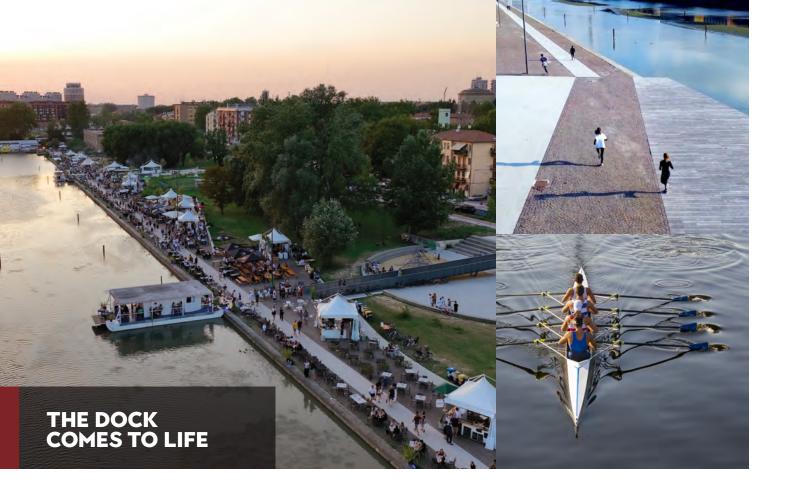
The Palio di Ferrara is one of the most important and oldest events the city has to offer. Discover the **unique atmosphere of Piazza Grande - the magnificent Piazza Ariostea -** in the days leading up to the races. The Palio is not just the important final competition between the **eight city quarters**, watched over by the Corte Ducale, the races are preceded by the historical parade, the flag-waving and music competitions in Piazza Municipale and, above all, the traditional propitiatory dinners. To experience the Palio is to live a few moments of typical folklore, excitement and energy; and the parade of the historical procession is an enthralling experience that takes you back to the glorious past of the Este court.



The Ferrara Summer Festival is when great music comes to town! Almost two months of entertainment in Piazza Trento Trieste, on the characteristic *Listone*, with big names from the national and international music scene, and more: theatre, comedy, musicals and... you name it! Every year, the Ferrara Summer Festival attracts visitors from all over Italy for its varied programme of events for all kinds of audiences: from the Fluo Run, for lovers of sport and fun, to concerts by the greats of national music and the most famous contemporary bands. Over the years, artists of the calibre of Gianni Morandi, Francesco De Gregori, Antonello Venditti, Eros Ramazzotti, but also Litfiba, Europe, the Black Eyed Peas, and internationally renowned DJs such as Solomun, Paul Kalkbrenner, Disclosure, Peggy Gou and Nu Genea, as well as the well-known Coma Cosa, Madame, Lazza or Sangiovanni have performed on the Ferrara Summer Festival stage.



A favourite habit of many Ferrara residents, proud of their little gem of a theatre located in the city centre, is to spend an evening there. The Teatro Comunale of Ferrara has been located a few steps away from the Estense Castle since the end of the 18th century, when the Cardinal Legate Borghese commissioned it from architect Antonio Foschini and Cosimo Morelli. Renovated in the mid-twentieth century by the Ferrara engineer Carlo Savonuzzi, it has since offered major seasons of drama, dance, opera, classical and other music, as well as experimental theatre. Since 2014, the theatre has been named after the great conductor Claudio Abbado to commemorate his wish to establish the Chamber Orchestra of Europe there. A magnificent example of Italian–style theatre, acoustically excellent and directed by Moni Ovadia. An evening at the theatre, with the customary aperitif before entry, could be the perfect opportunity to do something different during your stay in Ferrara. The wonderful architecture of the interior also provides the ideal setting to enjoy the season's events to the full!



Every year, the dock comes to life during the summer months. **The city dock, a space overlooking the Po di Volano that has been reclaimed and returned to the city,** contributes today to the programme of events, including cuisine, wine tasting, music, theatre and dance. Many different organisations are involved, offering a non-stop variety of highly acclaimed events. All you need to do is pick and choose a few you like the sound of!



The Ferrara Buskers Festival has become a tradition: since 1988, and on an international scale, the festival brings street arts to the city, with a focus on music from around the world. It is an important mission in terms of the promotion of the art of those who do not often have their talent in the limelight. An event to share and with intense emotions, where different cultures meet Ferrara. The city is filled with music and art, on the street corners and across the squares. The Ferrara Buskers Festival has a festive atmosphere that brings joy and cheer as we near the end of summer: the festival has always been held in the last week of August, ushering in the month of September.

For the past few years, invited artists have been performing a "preview" in magnificent Comacchio, known as Little Venice, for an enchanting evening by the canal. The Ferrara Buskers Festival is part of the history of Ferrara, an opportunity not to be missed for a special visit full of festivity and tradition.



The InFerrara team is also on hand to create **bespoke packages for companies** wishing to offer **team-building** experiences to employees, **a short break with unique touches** to customers or suppliers, or to **make the most of a business trip** with a special experience. Whether it is a weekend getaway at the end of a trade fair week, an incentive trip or a group dinner after a business meeting, our team can help you find the best solution for every occasion.

For team building or as a gift, we offer shared opportunities for educational recreation, such as cooking classes, themed city tours or treasure hunts, as well as relaxing bike rides and tastings. Ask our operators for advice in organising an unforgettable experience!



## 1night | 2 days stay

Accommodation in a 3\* hotel or B&B, bed and breakfast basis

### DAY 1

10 a.m. outdoor city tour 12:30 p.m. lunch in a typical restaurant 3 p.m. guided tour of the Estense Castle

### Free time in the afternoon

Check-in at the accommodation, dinner and overnight stay.

### DAY 2

**Breakfast at the hotel and check-out 9:30 a.m.** cruise on the Po di Volano with departure from the Ferrara dock **12:30 p.m.** lunch in a typical restaurant **3 p.m.** guided tour of the Schifanoia Museum
End of services

Stay can be extended to include a visit to Comacchio and the Po Delta Park.



### 2 nights | 3 days stay

Accommodation in a 3\* hotel or B&B, bed and breakfast basis

#### DAY 1

**10 a.m.** guided tour of Palazzo Schifanoia, followed by a guided tour of the mediaeval historical centre

1p.m. light lunch

Check-in at the accommodation

**3.30 p.m.** guided tour of the Estense Castle **5:30 p.m.** cooking class followed by dinner with the food prepared together

Overnight stay

#### DAY 2

Breakfast at the hotel

9 a.m. departure for Comacchio and Po Delta

**11 a.m.** Cruise through the Comacchio Valleys and brief visit to the historic centre of Comacchio

 $\begin{tabular}{l} \textbf{1 p.m.} lunch in a restaurant with traditional dishes \\ \end{tabular}$ 

**3:30 p.m.** guided visit to Pomposa Abbey followed by tasting of the sand wines and local products

Return to Ferrara, dinner and overnight stay

#### DAY<sub>3</sub>

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

**9 a.m.** guided tour of the Jewish cemetery and walk in the Renaissance part of the city

 $\textbf{11:30 a.m.} \ \text{pottery workshop with local craftsman}$ 

1:30 p.m. lunch in a typical restaurant

Free time

Fnd of services

# AND TOURISM FOR SCHOOLS...

Walking tours and visits to the city's museums designed for groups are also available for school groups of various levels and ages. Thanks to the collaboration of experienced guides, who share their know-how and experience with students, guided tours become an opportunity for cultural learning and enjoyable study opportunities.

The educational offers and workshops on the exhibitions at the Palazzo dei Diamanti, the city's most important exhibition centre, and the discovery of the waterways on board the historic boat "La Nena" (from March to November) are of great interest.





# SOGNARE IL MITO (DREAMING THE MYTH) - VISIT WITH WORKSHOP

"Sognare il mito" is a journey that starts from the work of Achille Funi to investigate the avant-garde and the main trends of the early 20th century through the language of drawing. Dedicated to all schools, of all levels, "Sognare il mito" is a large collective and participatory project, designed to help students understand and represent their own belonging and cultural tradition, in line with an idea of education for active citizenship, to be encouraged and promoted. After visiting the exhibition, the workshop activity allows each participant to contribute to a unique animation inspired by the "Myths of Ferrara" painted by Achille Funi in the Sala dell'Arengo of Palazzo Municipale.

The visit to the exhibition and the proposed workshop activities change depending on the age group, taking into account varying levels of graphical and artistic skills and abilities.

USEFUL INFORMATION
Suitable for schools of all levels
Duration: approx. 1h30
Meeting point: Palazzo dei Diamanti

Time: Monday to Thursday 9:30 a.m. | 9:40 a.m. | 11:30 a.m. |

11:40 a.m.

**Cost:** €80 per school group, excluding exhibition tickets



An itinerary to immerse oneself in the life and works of Achille Funi, one of the most important Italian artists of the 20th century, from his early studies in Ferrara and at the Brera Academy, through his contact with Futurism and the avant-garde, to the birth of the Novecento group and the muralism of the 1930s.

A visit to the exhibition will provide an insight into some of the most important movements of the last century through the works on display. Funi was also a refined student of traditional techniques, from drawing to painting to frescoes. His drawings will guide participants through the revolutions and changes of the century. During the visit, short workshop activities will be offered in the exhibition rooms.

#### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

Ideal for primary, junior and secondary schools

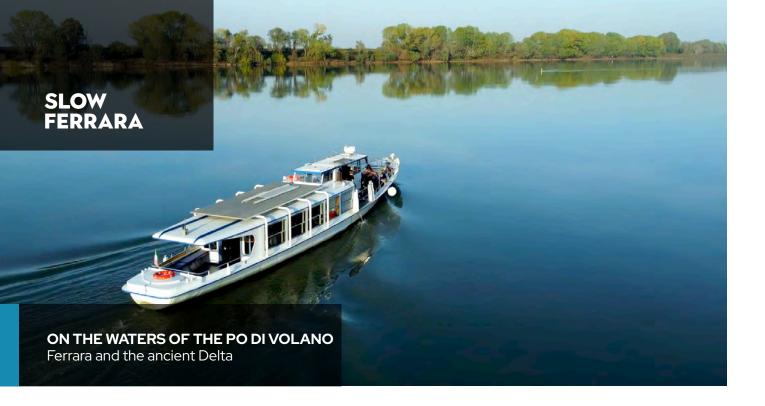
**Duration:** approx. 1h30

Meeting point: Palazzo dei Diamanti

Time: Monday to Thursday 9:30 a.m. | 9:40 a.m. | 11:30 a.m. |

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Cruise from the Ferrara dock on the Po di Volano, an ancient branch of the Po Delta that together with the Po di Primaro gave rise to the first city settlement in the Byzantine era.

We will sail along the waters of the ancient river, parallel for a long stretch to the city walls, catching sight of the towers of the Estense Castle and the medieval bell towers of the square, until we reach the bell tower of the first Cathedral of San Giorgio, in front of the city's defensive walls, and the Ferrara countryside.

USEFUL INFORMATION
Ideal for primary, junior and secondary schools
Duration: approx. 1h30
Meeting point: departure and arrival at Via Darsena 57,

Wunderkammer pier

**Timetable:** to be agreed **Cost**: €12 per person, groups of minimum 35 people, maximum 70 people



**Guided tour to discover the river origins of the Este city and its evolution** through the Middle Ages and Renaissance to the present day. Embark at the San Paolo dock in Ferrara, on the Po di Volano, located in the heart of the city a stone's throw from the Castle.

We sail on the waterway that joins Ferrara, which was founded in ancient times on the banks of the river, to the Po. An unusual cross-section of the city, a natural corridor where herons, bee-eaters and turtles live undisturbed. Passing through the Pontelagoscuro reservoir, a scenic backdrop to the majesty of the Po river with spectacular views, you will skirt Giarina beach, the ancient Isola Bianca and discover its heronry with nesting herons.

USEFUL INFORMATION Ideal for primary, junior and secondary schools Duration: approx. 2h30 Meeting point: departure and arrival at Via Darsena 57, Wunderkammer pier

**Timetable:** to be agreed **Cost**: € 14 per person, groups of minimum 35 people, maximum 70 people



Pellegrina Pibigas and Captain Atze, two surviving pirates of the Po, will take children on a real and imaginary journey down the river through the stories of the river people, populated by animals and fantastic creatures who are not always in a good mood, as in the story of the old pirate Sapan.

Between animal sightings, tattoos and pirate songs, the children, the new young pirates, the stars of this river adventure, will be able, in a sort of collective ritual, to make a wish and entrust it to paper boats that will float to the sea pushed by the river current.

USEFUL INFORMATION Ideal for primary and infant schools Duration: approx. 2h30

Meeting point: departure and arrival at Via Darsena 57,

Wunderkammer pier

**Timetable:** to be agreed **Cost**: €16 per child, groups of minimum 35 people, maximum 70 people - also suitable for family groups



A cruise along the Po di Volano, on one of the ancient waterways beloved by the Este family, along which they built the most beautiful *Delizie*, summer residences created for recreation and pleasure. From the dock in Ferrara, through the countryside of Ferrara with its small villages, we will cruise to the Villa La Mensa, an ancient 15th-century villa, one of the *Delizie* residences of the D'Este family and the only one still accessible by water. Stop for a guided tour of the villa (2 hours).

USEFUL INFORMATION
Ideal for primary, junior and secondary schools
Duration: 2h outward - 2h return
Meeting point: departure and arrival at Via Darsena 57,
Wunderkammer pier

**Timetable:** to be agreed **Cost**: €16 one way - €21 return per person, for groups of at least 40 people Guided tour of Villa Mensa: €4



## 1 night | 2 days stay

Accommodation in a 3\* hotel, bed and breakfast basis

#### DAY 1

**10 a.m.** Visit to the Jewish Cemetery and guided tour of the medieval district and Jewish ghetto Free time lunch break\*

**4 p.m.** Cruise on the Po di Volano with departure from the Ferrara dock

Check-in at the accommodation and free time at dinner or half-board

#### DAY 2

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

**9 a.m.**Guided tour of Ariosto places, Renaissance Ferrara and the Palio

11:30 a.m. Guided tour of the Estense Castle

Free time lunch break\*

2:30 p.m. Stop at the Corpus Domini Monastery3:30 pm Guided visit to the Museum of Palazzo SchifanoiaEnd of services and departure

\*Packed lunch option indoors in case of rain, subject to availability. From €1 per person charge.

Stay can be extended to include a visit to Comacchio and the Po Delta Park.



# 2 nights | 3 days stay

Accommodation in a 3\* hotel, bed and breakfast basis

#### DAY 1

**10 a.m.** guided tour of the National Archaeological Museum followed by a guided tour of the medieval city centre

Free time lunch break\* and check-in at the accommodation

**3:30 p.m.** guided tour of the Estense Castle **5 p.m** Guided tour of Renaissance Ferrara

#### DAY 2

Breakfast at the hotel

**8:30 a.m.** departure for Comacchio and the Po Delta **10 a.m.** cruise in the Comacchio Valleys and brief visit to the historic centre of Comacchio

Free time lunch break\*

**3:30 p.m.** Guided visit to Pomposa Abbey Return to Ferrara

#### DAY 3

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out **9 a.m.** guided tour of the Casa Romei Museum

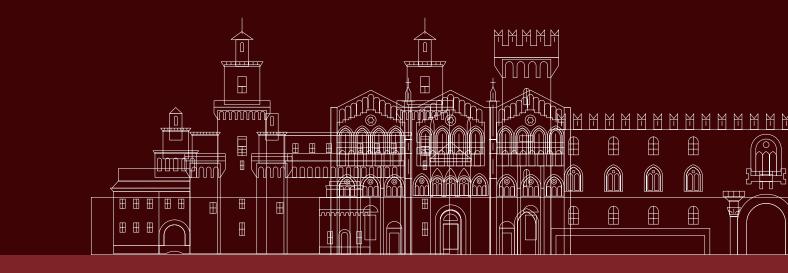
11 a.m. Bike tour along the city walls

Free time lunch break\* and free time

End of services and departure

\*Packed lunch option indoors in case of rain, subject to availability.

From €1 per person charge.



# **TARIFFS AND SURCHARGES**

**Radioguide hire**: €2.50 per day

Bicycle hire: €6 - €15

Full-day guided service (max 6h): €190

Surcharge for guided services on holidays and in the evening:  $\le 10$ 

Surcharge for guided services in a foreign language:

- Short tour (max. 2h) €25 - HD tour (max. 3h) €35

- FD tour (max. 6h) €40

Additional guide surcharge in museums for groups of more than 25 people: €95

Purchase of entrance tickets to museums and exhibitions: €20



# **HOW TO BOOK**

**Send a request**: To book any of our services, please send an email request indicating your preferred itineraries, the date of the visit and the number of participants. We will send you a quote of the cost with details of services and availability on the requested date.

**Confirmation of services**: To confirm your quote, simply send an email with the following information so we can prepare the contract and issue your invoice: - date of visit - number of people - name and mobile phone number of contact person - full details: name and surname or company name, address, tax code and/or VAT number. The details given must be those of the party responsible for making the payment

Payment: Only payments by bank transfer or in an IAT-Tourist Information Office are accepted

- 30% deposit of total upon confirmation
- balance 5 days before the date of the services.

No refunds will be given for any changes after the balance has been paid.

**Vouchers**: After the services have been paid for, vouchers will be sent by email with a summary of the services, meeting points, addresses and telephone contacts for group assistance.

#### Conditions and cancellation:

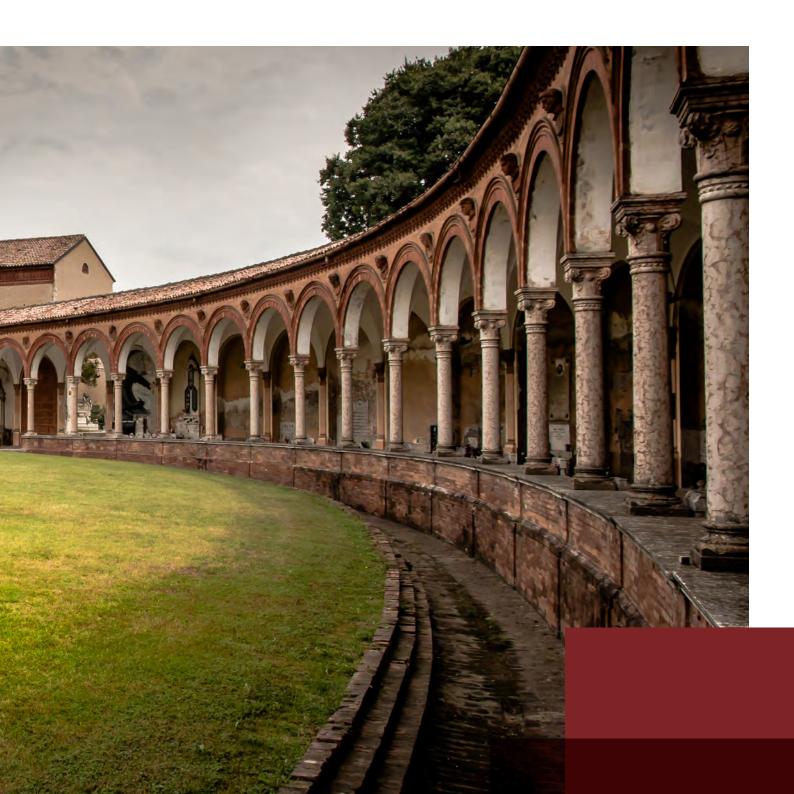
<u>Cancellation - withdrawal by the customer</u>. In the event of cancellation of the booked services, the following penalties will be applied:

- 30 days before the date of the service, the deposit will be forfeit
- 5 days before the date of the service, and/or in the event of a no-show on the same day 100% of the amount due.

<u>Changes - Cancellation by the organiser</u>. In the event of force majeure, adverse weather conditions or vessel breakdown, the organisation reserves the right to cancel confirmed bookings without any compensation other than the refund of any amounts already paid. The organisation is not responsible for any extraordinary closures of museums and monuments, which are announced after the time of booking and cannot be foreseen.

**Insurance**: to cover the risks to persons, arising from participation in the programmes, Po Delta Tourism ADV has taken out policy No. 501648707 - Enterprise Liabil - 14.







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