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Discovering Ferrara: art and culture, good food, events and slow tourism. The Renaissance capital in its entirety, with in-depth and tailor-made programmes.

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 is 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.

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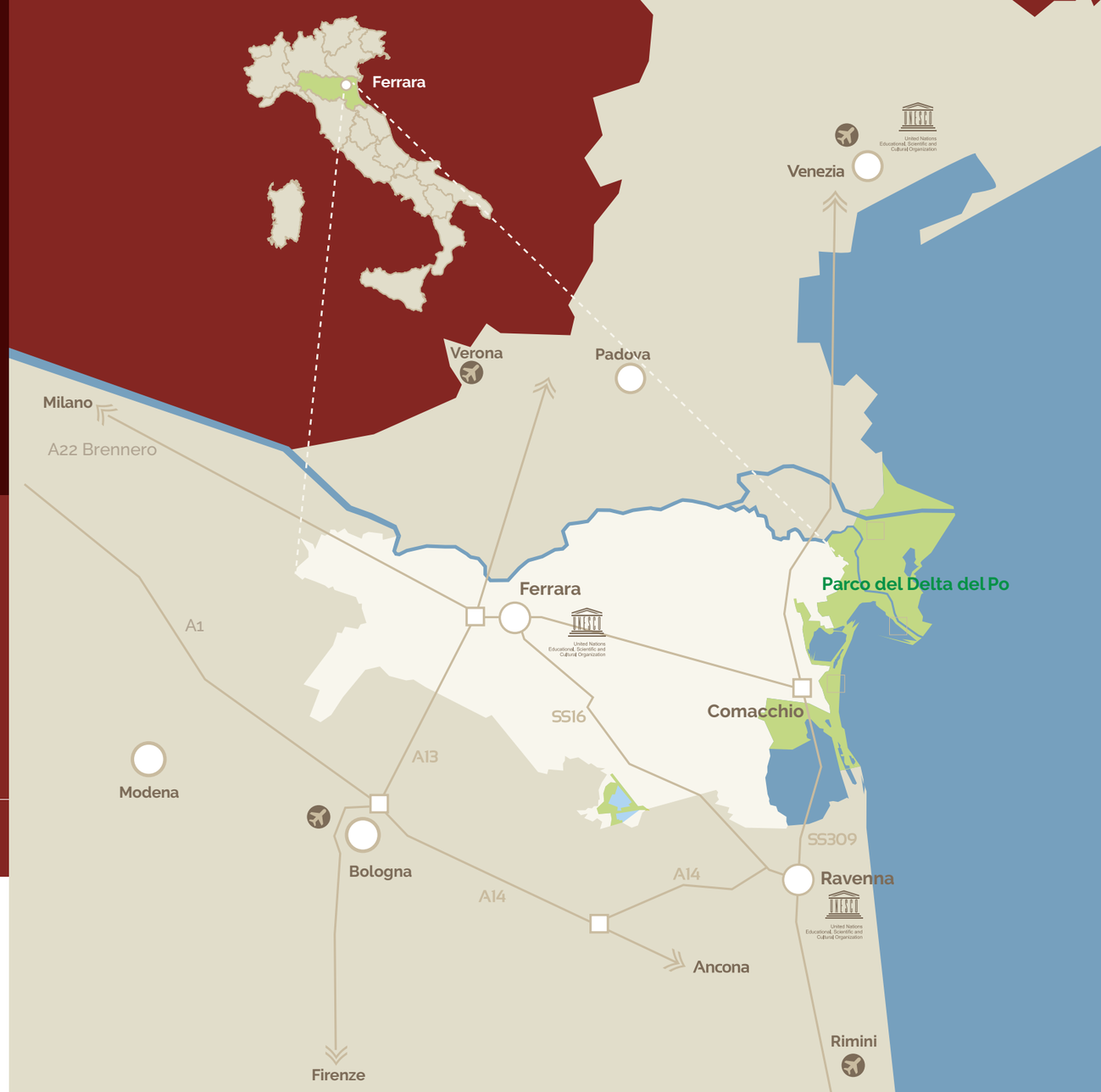

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FERRARA

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 Este 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.

In Ferrara, every corner tells a story, and with us, you can discover the one that best suits your travel spirit.

THE ESTENSE CASTLE

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 Este 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

Rate: €110
Additional info: maximum 25 participants per group. Rates do not include entrance fees to the Estense Castle, available for purchase at the ticket office or through InFerrara.

SCHIFANOIA MUSEUM

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 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

Rate: €110
Additional info: maximum 25 participants per group
Rates do not include entrance fees to the Museum, available for purchase at the ticket office or through InFerrara.

CATHEDRAL 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 artifacts dating from the early Middle Ages to the 19th century. T**he 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

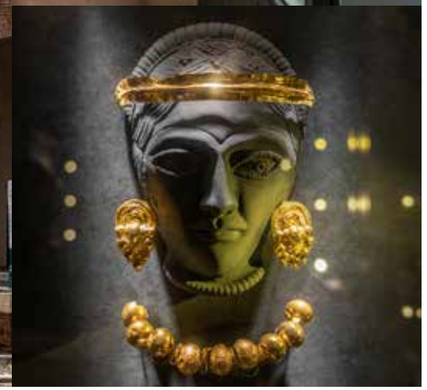
Rate: €110
Additional info: maximum 25 participants per group
Rates do not include entrance fees to the Museum, available for purchase at the ticket office or through InFerrara.

MEIS - NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ITALIAN JUDAISM AND THE SHOAH

The National Museum of Italian Judaism and the Shoah was established with the mission of recounting over **two thousand years of Jewish history in Italy**. Ferrara, a city rich in history, serves as an emblematic location that encapsulates various experiences of this millennia-old history. Since the time of the Este family, Ferrara has woven an inextricable relationship with the Jewish community. The museum's site itself is deeply symbolic, as it is located in the former city prisons where anti-fascists and Jews were imprisoned in the early 20th century. Through a guided tour that weaves between the ancient and recent history of Italian Judaism, visitors are led through the **key milestones that have shaped the experiences and movements of the Jewish people**—from the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem to the creation of ghettos, with a focus on the tragedy of the Shoah.

USEFUL INFORMATION
Duration: 1h30
Meeting point: in front of the Museum entrance
Time: to be agreed

Rate: €125
Additional information: maximum 25 participants per group
Rates do not include entrance fees to the Museum, available for purchase online or through InFerrara.



NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL 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'Onor**e 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'oeil 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

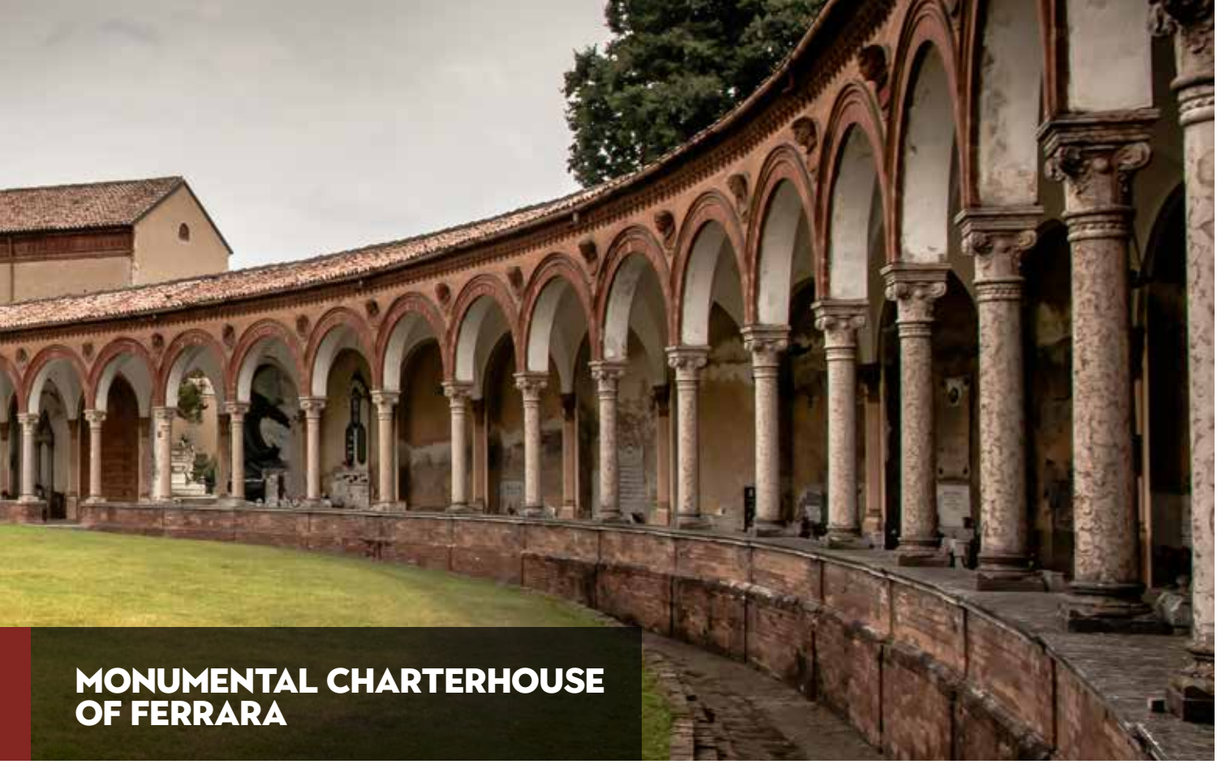
Rate: €125
Additional information: maximum 25 participants per group. Rates do not include entrance fees to the Museum, available for purchase at the ticket office or through InFerrara.

PALAZZINA MARFISA D'ESTE

Palazzina Marfisa d'Este invites visitors to immerse themselves in the refined Renaissance life of Ferrara, amid art, history and courtly atmospheres. The residence, now restored to the city through a careful **restoration** and enhancement **project**, was the home of Marfisa d'Este, niece of Lucrezia Borgia and known for her charismatic personality, culture and patronage of the arts. The visit winds through **frescoed rooms, antique furnishings, paintings, ceramics and precious period objects**, in a journey where architecture and collections interact harmoniously: a story through the centuries to discover the events and characters of one of Ferrara's most important historic residences.

USEFUL INFORMATION
Duration: 1h30
Meeting point: in front of the museum entrance
Time: to be agreed

Rate: €110
Additional information: maximum 25 participants per group. Rates do not include entrance fees to the Museum, available for purchase at the ticket office or through InFerrara.



MONUMENTAL CHARTERHOUSE OF FERRARA

The Monumental Charterhouse in Ferrara, **a real open-air museum**, is a place of surprising tranquillity and beauty where history, sacred art and memory intertwine, giving rise to fascinating and deeply evocative itineraries. Located in **the city's Renaissance Addition**, the large complex is also a precious green lung, whose silent avenues preserve masterpieces of sculpture and architecture and the stories of men and women who have marked the cultural and civil life of Ferrara. The **guided tour** evokes poets, artists, filmmakers, architects and protagonists of the 19th and 20th centuries - from De Pisis to Boldini, from Antonioni to Alda Costa - as well as key figures in the history of the Este family, such as Borso d'Este, the first Duke of Ferrara.

USEFUL INFORMATION
Duration: 1h30
Meeting point: in front of the entrance (via Borso, 1)
Time: to be agreed

Rate: €110 up to 20 participants, € 3 for any additional one
Additional information: depending on the size of the group and in order to ensure maximum respect for the site, the use of whispers may be required.

GUIDED WALKING TOUR

WALKING TOUR - EVERY CORNER TELLS A STORY

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.

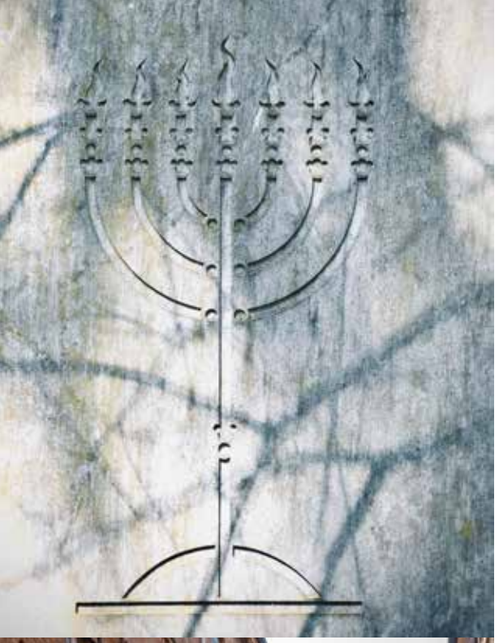
MEDIEVAL ITINERARY

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 aspect of the city is its Renaissance heritage, recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site. It is the 15th-century Addizione Erculea that characterized **Ferrara** as '**the first modern city in Europe**', shaping its features even in future developments. 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 detour to 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 Ariosto-related sites or on the notable women of the Este court.



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 center, 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 - National Museum of Italian Judaism and the Shoah.

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** (not accessible) along Corso Ercole I D'Este (not accessible), ending at Palazzo dei Diamanti, a visible example and culmination of Borso d'Este's great passion for astrology.

FERRARA AND THE CINEMA

From Michelangelo Antonioni to Florestano Vancini, from Luchino Visconti to Vittorio de Sica, and even to the directors of more recent TV series, Ferrara's relationship with the world of cinema has been established for over a century. Accompanied by a guide, you will explore the locations that have served as set for important films, whose charm has inspired famous movies, short films, and TV series embedded in the collective imagination, most notably The Garden of the Finzi-Contini. The itinerary winds through the medieval historical center to the Renaissance Addition, following in the footsteps of cinematic protagonists and stories that still echo through the city's alleys, gardens, and squares.

Upon request, the tour can be enhanced with a visit to the Spazio Antonioni, the museum dedicated to the life and work of one of the greatest figures in modern cinema.

PRICES FOR GUIDED WALKING TOURS

Rate: €150 up to 20 people, €3 for each additional participant
Additional information: Rates do not include entrance fees to Spazio Antonioni, available for purchase at the ticket office or through InFerrara

USEFUL INFORMATION

Duration: maximum 2h30
Meeting point and time: to be agreed

It is possible, upon request, to combine thematic routes or to integrate the walking tour with an interior visit to one of the city's museums.

SLOW TOURISM IN FERRARA

A CITY TO BE LIVED AT A SLOW PACE

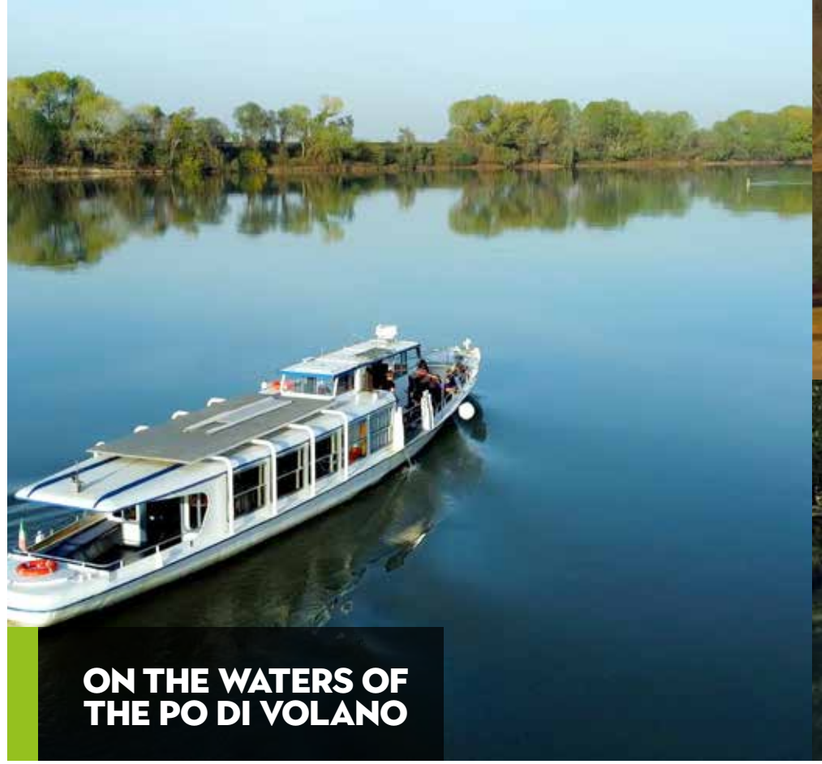
An ideal place for slow tourism, Ferrara is a city of bicycles, crossed by picturesque rivers. Cycling is a way of life for its residents, who have been accustomed since childhood to getting around quickly and comfortably on two wheels. Flat and "*on a human scale*", Ferrara has a compact historic centre 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.

BIKE TOUR

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 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 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: maximum 2h30
Meeting point: in front of the Cathedral
Time: to be agreed

Rate: €150 up to 20 people, € 3 for any additional participant
Additional info: max. 25 participants per group
Surcharge for bicycle rental: €10 each
Surcharge for radio guide rental (mandatory): €2 each



ON THE WATERS OF THE PO DI VOLANO

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

Rate: €560 for groups up to 35 people
Participant surcharge: €16 for each additional participant, up to a maximum of 70 people

FROM FERRARA TO THE PO GRANDE

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.

USEFUL INFORMATION
Duration: approx. 2h30
Meeting point: departure and arrival at Via Darsena 57, pier Wunderkammer
Time: to be agreed

Rate: €630 for groups up to 35 people
€18 for each additional participant, up to a maximum of 70 people

TOWARDS THE DELIZIA OF VILLA MENSA BY BOAT

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 rate: €20 one way | €25 return (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 including "pasticcio di maccheroni**". With ancient traditions and curious anecdotes, Ferrara offers a cuisine with surprising combinations, such as those that make Cappellaccio so unique.

COOKING CLASS

A fun and engaging way to discover one of the fundamental aspects of Ferrara's tradition and folklore: its food and wine specialties! In this cooking class, you will literally get your hands dirty with dough while learning technical skills, fascinating facts, and legends about the most famous traditional dishes, all culminating in a final tasting. You'll discover the "coppia", Ferrara's bread with its unusual cross shape, whose crunchy twists are said to have been inspired by the golden curls of Lucrezia Borgia, and the "**ricciola**", a fragrant, savory breakfast ring. Then, the "**cappellacci di zucca**", pumpkin-filled pasta that is a symbol of the city, followed by the rich and indulgent "**torta tenerina**" with its soft, melting heart, and the "brazadlin", typical homemade cookies, delightfully crumbly.

USEFUL INFORMATION
Duration: approx. 2h
Meeting point and time: to be agreed

Price: starting from €45 per person
Min. 15 participants

TASTING SESSIONS IN FERRARA

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 personalized tasting sessions in breathtaking locations such as the splendid Piazza Ariostea, the not-to-be-missed Palazzo dei Diamanti or directly overlooking Castello Estense; 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.

And for those who wish to delve deeper into the tradition and see who still carries it on, the tasting can be accompanied by a small workshop on pasta dough, held by a Ferrara-based **sfoglina** (pasta maker), with whom you can try your hand at some of the preparation steps, such as closing the cappellacci.

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 center, 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!

MAJOR EXHIBITIONS AT PALAZZO DEI DIAMANTI

Palazzo Diamanti, a splendid gem of the Ferrara Renaissance with its unmistakable cladding of **over 8,500 white and pink marble diamonds**, has become a symbol of contemporary life thanks to the major international exhibitions it hosts.

The rooms of the palace - **centrepiece of the Addizione Erculea** and one of Ferrara's most iconic symbols- bring to life the masterpieces of **the great names of ancient, modern and contemporary art**. The exhibitions and itineraries, curated by **the Ferrara Arte Foundation**, are designed to immerse visitors in the atmosphere created by the works on display, enhancing the important historical context that hosts them and creating virtuous connections with the city through focus and in-depth analyses, as well as targeted events and ad hoc exhibitions.

A well-rounded experience, starting with the discovery of a marvellous Renaissance building and opening up to the city where, after all, a dip into art is a must!

FERRARA FOOD FESTIVAL

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, and other squares, are 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!

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR IN FERRARA

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

The Palio di Ferrara is one of the most important and oldest events the city has to offer. **Discover the unique atmosphere of the ancient Piazza Nova -** 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.

FERRARA SUMMER FESTIVAL

The Ferrara Summer Festival is when great music comes to town! Nearly two months of entertainment in the historic center, featuring big names from the international and national music scenes, along with theater, comedy, and performances.

The Ferrara Summer Festival attracts audiences from all over Italy each year with its eclectic program: from sporting events to concerts by legendary Italian and international artists, as well as performances by the most popular contemporary bands and comedy shows.

Over the years, the Ferrara Summer Festival stage has hosted artists of the caliber of Gianni Morandi, Francesco De Gregori, Antonello Venditti, Pooh, Giuseppe Giacobazzi, as well as international stars like Europe, the Black Eyed Peas, and renowned DJs such as Paul Kalkbrenner, Disclosure, and Peggy Gou. Other notable acts include Coma Cose, Calcutta, and Annalisa.

AN EVENING AT THE THEATRE

A favourite habit of many Ferrara residents, proud of their little gem of a theatre located in the city center, 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. S**ince 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. 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!

LIVELY DARSENA

The Darsena comes to life, every year, during the summer months. **This space, restored and returned to the city, overlooks the Po di Volano, the urban branch of the *great river*** Po. It is the quintessential place to spend the warmest evenings, refreshed by the river breeze. In just a few years, the Darsena has become one of the most beloved gathering spots for the people of Ferrara, especially during the summer season.

Whether it's for a jogging session, an aperitif, a picnic or as a boarding point for a river excursion, the Darsena is a space to enjoy at any time of the day.

In summer, it buzzes with a rich program of events, including food, wine tastings, music, and dance, organized by various local associations that create a diverse, almost non-stop festival from mid-May to September. All that's left is to choose one -or more- of the many events according to your tastes!

FERRARA BUSKERS FESTIVAL

The Ferrara Buskers Festival has become a tradition: since 1988, and on an international scale, the festival has brought street arts to the city, with a special focus on music and cultures from the most diverse corners of the world. Its important mission is to highlight art in all its forms and the talent of artists who are often not in the spotlight.

The city fills with music and art, in street corners and in the shadows of magnificent historic buildings. This is an event of sharing and great emotions, where every step reveals a new cultural and human dimension, creating a festive atmosphere in the final days of August.

For the past few years, invited artists have given a preview performance in the nice Comacchio, the jewel of the Po Delta, for an evening filled with atmosphere among the town's bridges and canals.

It's a unique opportunity to visit Ferrara and its Po Delta Park and to experience all its nuances.

MIX BUSINESS WITH PLEASURE... WHY NOT!

The InFerrara team is also on hand to **create tailor-made 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. Contact our booking center for advice in organizing an unforgettable experience!

TRAVEL IDEAS

CITY BREAKS IN FERRARA

1 night | 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 and "sfoglia" workshop

3 p.m. guided tour of the Este 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

The stay can be extended including a visit to Comacchio and the Po Delta Park.

CULTURE, TASTE AND NATURE

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 medieval historical center

1 p.m. light lunch with tasting of typical products
Check-in at the accommodation

3.30 p.m. guided tour of the Este Castle

5:30 p.m. cooking class

Free dinner
Overnight stay

DAY 2

Breakfast at the hotel

8 a.m. departure for Comacchio and Po Delta

10 a.m. Cruise through the Comacchio Valleys and brief visit to the historic center of Comacchio

1 p.m. lunch in a restaurant with traditional dishes

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

Return to Ferrara, free dinner and overnight stay

DAY 3

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

9 a.m. bike tour along the ancient walls and through the Renaissance area of the city, with a guided visit to the Jewish Cemetery.

11:30 a.m. guided visit to the Spazio Antonioni

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

Free time
End 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.

Of great interest, and regularly updated, are the educational programs and workshops related to the exhibitions at Palazzo dei Diamanti, the city's premier exhibition venue, and the discovery of the waterways aboard the historic boat 'La Nena' (from March to November).

FERRARA BETWEEN MIDDLE AGES AND RENAISSANCE - HALF DAY

The tour explores the most representative sites of Ferrara's historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage site that perfectly balances the Middle Ages and the Renaissance period. The visit begins at the Este Castle, an imposing fortress, ultimate expression of the court power and patronage. It then moves towards the central squares, such as Piazza Savonarola and Piazza Trento e Trieste, stopping at the Cathedral and the Ducal Palace.

The itinerary continues through the medieval streets of the oldest part of the city and the district of the ancient Jewish ghetto, concluding with a view of the monumental Corso Ercole I d'Este, the main axis of the so-called Renaissance Addition.

Available upon request the visit of Palazzo Schifanoia, Cathedral Museum, Palazzina Marfisa d'Este or Casa Ariosto instead of the Este Castle tour.

USEFUL INFORMATION
Duration: max 2h30
Meeting point: bus drop on/off point at Viale Cavour 11 (near the gardens adjacent to the Este Castle)
Time: to be agreed

Rate: € 8,00 per student - group leaders free
Additional info: minimum 20 students
Additional guide inside the museums for groups exceeding 25 people: €105.00
Rates do not include any entrance tickets to the museums, which can be purchased at the ticket office or through InFerrara.

FERRARA BETWEEN MIDDLE AGES AND RENAISSANCE - FULL DAY

A comprehensive guided tour through the medieval heart and the Renaissance district, known as the Addizione Erculea. After an optional bus tour to admire the ancient city walls, you will visit Ariosto's house, where the poet spent his final years, and then head to the famous Palazzo dei Diamanti. Passing through Piazza Ariostea, which hosts the Palio races in May, the itinerary continues towards the Este Castle (external view). Free time for lunch. In the afternoon, a walk through the central squares and medieval streets, such as Via delle Volte, famous for its arches, and the Jewish Ghetto; the Cathedral and the Ducal Palace. The last stop is Palazzo Schifanoia, with the splendid frescoes of the so called "Hall of the Months".

As an alternative to Palazzo Schifanoia, you can visit the Este Castle, the Cathedral Museum, the National Archaeological Museum, Palazzina Marfisa d'Este or MEIS. The itinerary can also be enhanced with an interactive walk through the medieval district, where students will be engaged with simple riddles or clues to be found around the city.

USEFUL INFORMATION
Duration: max 5h (including lunch break)
Meeting point: bus drop on/off point at Corso Porta Mare (near Parco Massari)
Time: to be agreed

Rate: € 12,00 per student - group leaders free
Additional info: minimum 20 students
Additional guide inside the museums for groups exceeding 25 people: €105.00
Rates do not include any entrance tickets to the museums, which can be purchased at the ticket office or through InFerrara.

GUIDED TOURS "IN COSTUME"
Special for Kindergarten and Primary Schools

Discover the most important museums of Ferrara accompanied by a special guide who, dressed in Renaissance attire, will make the visit a playful and interactive experience. The young visitors will explore the magnificent "Hall of the Months" at Palazzo Schifanoia, being enchanted by a world of zodiac signs, astrological icons, and court figures that adorn the walls of this outstanding palace, formerly called "delizia". They will be led through the evocative halls of the majestic Este Castle, the prisons, and the beautiful hanging Garden of the Oranges, where they will relive, through simple games and riddles, life during the time of the Dukes of Ferrara—what they ate, how ladies and knights spent their leisure time—accompanied by the guide's anecdotes.

Additionally, they can immerse themselves in the fascinating atmosphere of the Cathedral Museum, rich in symbolism and stories, discovering the legend of the city's patron, Saint George and the Dragon.

USEFUL INFORMATION
Duration: max 1h30
Meeting point: in front of the Museum entrance
Time: to be agreed

Rate: € 7,00 per student - group leaders free
Additional info: minimum 20 students - maximum 25 people
Rates do not include any entrance tickets to the museums, which can be purchased at the ticket office or through InFerrara.

THEATRE VISIT

A guided tour to discover the fascinating Teatro Comunale of Ferrara, considered one of the most remarkable examples of "Italian-style" theatres, with its architectural structures that have remained almost entirely unchanged over its more than 200-year history, and the somewhat magical, open yet seemingly hidden space known as the Rotonda Foschini.

The internal guided tour offers the opportunity to immerse oneself in an atmosphere of creativity, music, and performance, revealing some of the behind-the-scenes secrets. Visitors will explore the Main Theatre Hall, the Ridotto Rooms, the Library, and the evocative Sala degli Argani, a "non-place" located in the attic of the building that houses the original winches, dating back to the 18th century, which were used to raise the chandeliers.

USEFUL INFORMATION
Duration: around 1h
Meeting point: in front of the Theatre ticket office
Time: to be agreed (between 9 and 12 a.m.)

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Meeting point: in front of the Theatre ticket office
Time: to be agreed (between 9 and 12 a.m.)

FERRARE SLOW

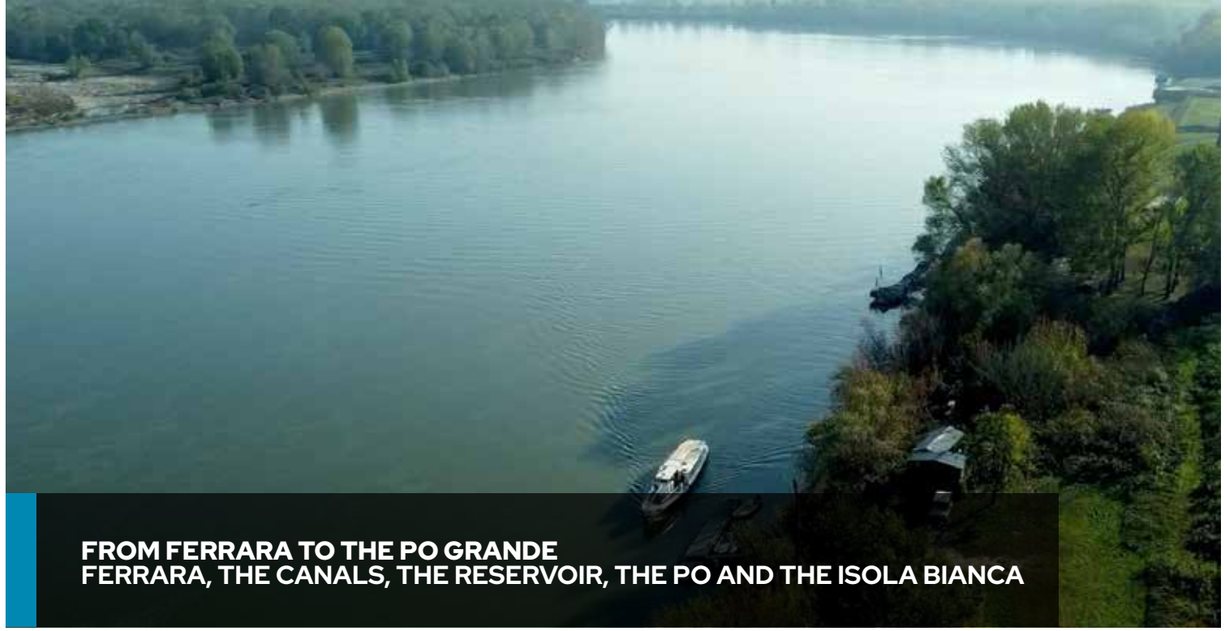
ON THE WATERS OF THE PO DI VOLANO

Ferrara and the ancient Delta 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

Time: to be agreed
Cost: €12 per person, 1 teacher free every 15 students
Groups of minimum 35 - maximum 70 people



FROM FERRARA TO THE PO GRANDE FERRARA, THE CANALS, THE RESERVOIR, THE PO AND THE ISOLA BIANCA

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 student, 1 teacher free every 15 students
Groups of minimum 35 maximum 70 people

THE PIRATES OF THE PO
GUIDED CRUISE AND WORKSHOP

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, infant schools and families
Duration: approx. 2h30
Meeting point: departure and arrival at Via Darsena 57, Wunderkammer pier

Time: to be agreed
Rate: €16 per child, 1 teacher free every 15 students
Groups of minimum 35 - maximum 70 people

THE DELIGHTS OF VILLA MENSA BY BOAT
ON THE ANCIENT WATERWAYS OF THE ESTE FAMILY

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

Time: to be agreed
Rate: €16 one way - €21 round trip, per person, teachers free
Groups of minimum 40 - maximum 70 people
Guided tour of Villa Mensa: €4 per person

MULTI-DAY EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

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 discovering Ariosto places and Renaissance highlights

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

Free time lunch break*

2:30 p.m. Stop at the Corpus Domini Monastery

3:30 pm Guided visit to the Museum of Palazzo Schifanoia

End of services and departure

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

Stay can be extended including 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 center

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

3:30 p.m. guided tour of the Este Castle
5 p.m Guided tour of main Renaissance spots in Ferrara

DAY 2
Breakfast at the hotel
8:30 a.m. departure for Comacchio and the Po Delta Park

10 a.m. cruise in the Comacchio lagoons and brief visit to the historic center of Comacchio

Free time lunch break*

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

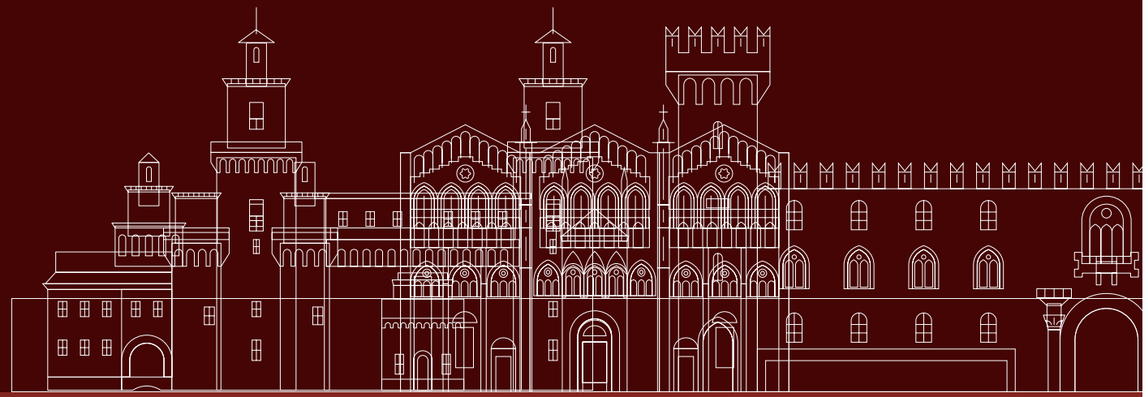
DAY 3
Breakfast at the hotel and check-out
9 a.m. guided tour at the Cathedral and its Museum

11 a.m. Bike tour along the ancient 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.



RATES AND SUPPLEMENTS

Full-day guided service (max 5h): from €230

Supplement for holidays and days before holidays services: €10

Supplement for guided services in National Archaeological Museum – National Portrait Gallery - MEIS: €15

Supplement for guided services in a foreign language:
- Short and half-day tour (max. 2h30) €40
- Full day tour (max. 5h) €50
German-language quotation on request

Additional guide supplement in museums for groups exceeding 25 people: €105

Supplement for interactive walking tours: €10

Supplement for guided services outside Ferrara: starting from €30

Supplement for pre-purchase of museums and exhibitions' tickets: €20

Radio guide rental:
- HD service up to 4 hours: €2.50
- FD service up to 8 hours: €3.50

Bicycle rental: € 10 -€25

Some of the proposals described in this catalogue are provided in Italian. InFerrara reserves the right to verify the possibility of providing support in a foreign language where permitted.

HOW TO BOOK

Send a request: In order to book any of our services, please send a request by email, 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.

Payment: Payments are accepted only via bank transfer or in person at the IAT-Tourist Information Office of Ferrara.

• A 30% deposit of the total amount is required upon confirmation.

• The balance must be paid 5 days before the service date.

No refunds will be issued for any cancellations communicated after the balance has been paid.

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

Conditions and cancellation:

Cancellation - withdrawal by the customer. 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 case of no-show on the same day 100% of the amount due.

Changes - Cancellation by the organiser. In the event of force majeure, adverse weather conditions or vessel breakdown, the organization reserves the right to cancel confirmed bookings without any compensation other than the refund of any amounts already paid. The organization 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 people, arising from participation in the programmes, Po Delta Tourism ADV has taken out policy No. 501648707 - Enterprise Liabil - 14.

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