



BOLOGNA & EMILIA ROMAGNA



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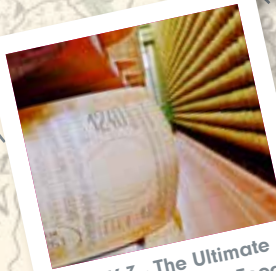
DAY 5 - Discovering
Modena and Parma



DAY 2 - Discovering
Ravenna & Ferrara



DAY 4
Ferrari Experience



DAY 3 - The Ultimate
Emilia-Romagna Food
Experience



DAY 1 - Guests arrive
Bologna airport.



DAY 6 - A Walk in
Bologna: History, Flavors and
Aromas



DAY 1 - GUESTS ARRIVE IN BOLOGNA AIRPORT.

Pick up by dedicated vehicle at the plane, fast track and porter service Mercedes vehicle transfer to the accommodation.

DAY 2

DISCOVERING RAVENNA & FERRARA

Step off the beaten path, discover central Italy's lesser-known marvels: mosaic-studded Ravenna and charming Ferrara! Start your day in Ravenna, home to eight superb UNESCO-listed buildings and the world's most amazing collection of early Christian mosaic artwork. Meet your specialized art-history guide and explore the city, once capital of the Western Roman Empire, headquarters of the Ostrogoth Kingdom and stronghold of the emperor of Byzantium, today paradise on earth for mosaic-lovers. Discover the Basilica of San Vitale, and marvel at its glowing mosaics, rich in deep greens, blazing golds and blues. Continue your polychrome journey in the small Mausoleo di Galla Placidia, which houses the most ancient mosaics in Ravenna, Basilica di Sant'Apollinare and stunning Mausoleo di Teodorico.

Then travel on to discover castle-crowned Ferrara, once governed by the elegant noble Este family, a splendid capital of Renaissance grandeur with Medieval vestiges and a unique innate charm! Travel in style, with the privilege of private transportation, and meet your guide at Palazzo dei Diamanti to explore the city. UNESCO World Heritage Site thanks to its one-of-a-kind urban plan, which harmoniously blends Medieval vestiges with superb Renaissance details Ferrara boasts an authentic unspoiled atmosphere and serene ambiance, all to be experienced! Follow your guide through the historical center to discover its glorious past, roam the evocative Medieval streets admiring sumptuous palaces such as Palazzo Diamanti and Palazzo Schifanoia, and experience true marvel visiting the Cathedral Museum. Home to the Cathedral's ancient highlights the museum comprises the stunning 15th decorative panels of the organ depicting the Annunciation and St. George and the Dragon, the 13th century panels from the Porta dei Mesi, and a collection of hymnbooks and paintings. Then visit the fascinating fairytale-like Estense Castle, located right in the heart of the city, surrounded by an actual moat and crowned by four graceful towers. Learn all about the family's eventful history exploring the lovely courtyard frescoed with portraits of the members of the Este clan, wander through the medieval rooms, ducal flats, kitchens and eerie prisons.



TIPS FROM OUR SENIOR TRAVEL DESIGNER

Daniela's to do list

- ✓ Try fresh tortellini in Bologna, a true symbol of local cuisine!
- ✓ Visit the Byzantine mosaics in Ravenna, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- ✓ Take a tour of the vinegar cellars in Modena to learn about traditional balsamic vinegar





DAY 3

THE ULTIMATE EMILIA-ROMAGNA FOOD EXPERIENCE

Thank Heaven for Emilia-Romagna, its welcoming people, creativity and glorious food! Birthplace of Fellini and composer Verdi, home to the world's most ancient university and some of Italy's most famous carmakers (including Ferrari and Ducati), this is the native land of some of the best Italian food. Embark on a luscious journey along the famous Via Emilia, the 162 miles long road which connects the region's main towns and fills the world with sensational flavor. Just think Parmesan cheese, balsamic vinegar, lasagna, tortellini and Parma ham all come from here! Join the local taste-bud frenzy and enjoy a memorable firsthand experience, visit Parmesan cheese, balsamic vinegar and prosciutto producers. Stop at a local cheese factory and learn all about the meticulous process which makes it so very special: the producers use only raw milk from grass-fed local cows, press the curd into giant wheels and age these for 12 to 36 months. Taste a selection of differently seasoned cheeses, then drive on to a prosciutto plant, to learn all about this luscious local treat made, according to tradition and with painstaking attention, by the skilled 'salting masters'. Crown your visit with a typical lunch here! Travel on to a fascinating 18th century vinegar farmhouse which produces excellent balsamic using only its own grapes and traditional techniques. Meet the friendly in-house staff, get under the labels and into the bottles of this precious delicacy exploring the must decanting room and aging area. Savor the rich aromas of different types of balsamic (including a 100 years old one!) directly from the wood barrels.



DAY 4

FERRARI EXPERIENCE

Ferrari, Lamborghini, Maserati, the legendary Morini, Malaguti and Ducati, and the grand Imola and Misano race tracks... brilliantly creative, stylish, and passionate about speed the people of Emilia-Romagna are the virtuosos of engines and design, and no place in the world boasts such a constellation of top-notch high-calibre car and motorcycle companies!

Reach Maranello, the "hometown" of Ferrari. Private guided "VIP" tour at Ferrari Museum in Maranello starting with a welcome drink and including personal badge and a Ferrari gift.

After the visit, Lunch at Cavallino Restaurant by Massimo Bottura, chef and owner of 3 Michelin star Osteria Francescana, for menu tasting lunch paired with wine tasting.

Continue to the Modena racetrack, meeting with your professional pilot-instructor, welcome drink and briefing. Then, Test Drive of 5 Laps with a Ferrari F488 Challenge or similar. The pilot-instructor will be on your side to assist you during the activity (driving licence is required)



Did you know that
Ferrari cars are
still hand-built in
Maranello?





DAY 5

MODENA & PARMA

Explore the beauty of an unparalleled cultural and artistic heritage. Modena, known as Italy's cars capital is also the paradise of food and wine and a World Heritage Site that includes the Ghirlandina Tower, Piazza Grande, and Modena's Cathedral, a masterpiece of human creative genius and one of the best examples of Romanesque style in the world.

Then travel on to discover Parma.

Elegant streets virtually free of cars lined by fine shops and regal cafés, astounding museums and cathedrals and scrumptious local specialties, like prosciutto and parmesan cheese. Prosperous, metropolitan, stylish and musical Parma has given the world a rainbow of refined "goods" we all delight in, from the composer Verdi to the best ham and cheese you can find! Spend a day discovering this fascinating city's most remarkable highlights, lose yourself in its unique charm..

Follow your guide through Parma's historic center and marvel at its religious centerpiece: the Cathedral, the Baptistery and Bishop's Palace. Admire the exquisite Piazza del Duomo explore the charming Cathedral, one of the most important expressions of the Po Valley Romanesque style, and continue on through the well-groomed center, discovering the main highlights and landmarks.





DAY 6

A WALK IN BOLOGNA: HISTORY, FLAVORS AND AROMAS

Admire the sights, taste the best, savor the local Dolce Vita! Discover warm welcoming Bologna, haven of brilliant talents and treasure chest of culture and history led by a local guide and indulge your taste buds with the flavors of scrumptious local specialties. Founded by the Etruscans, the city reached its peak as an independent state in the 12th century when it also became the leading European university. Wealth, and the locals' innate creative energy, brought splendid palaces, porticoes – covered walkways – and graceful towers, 15 of which still stand today. Capital of Emilia-Romagna Bologna is also the kingdom of gastronomic delight; just think Parmesan cheese, balsamic vinegar, lasagna, tortellini and Parma ham all come from here! Stroll down the fine colonnade lined-streets, discover the city's charm and grandeur admiring the airy squares, such as grand Piazza Maggiore with the city hall, and evocative palaces and churches such as the Sala Borsa, Basilica di San Petronio and Basilica di Santo Stefano, and get ready to be surprised by the city's luscious typical specialties and most iconic sight, the fascinating leaning towers Torre Garisenda and Torre degli Asinelli! End your tour with a flavorful bang: a luscious tasting of fine local specialties.

In the afternoon, enjoy an unforgettable cooking class experience in Bologna!

Immerse yourself in the culinary delights of Bologna with our thrilling cooking class experience! Spend 3-4 hours crafting delectable dishes under the guidance of our expert chefs. From kneading dough to perfecting sauces, every step of the process is a flavorful adventure waiting to be explored. But the excitement doesn't end there! Once the cooking is complete, indulge in a lavish feast featuring your culinary creations paired with exquisite wines sourced from the picturesque hills of Bologna. It's a true celebration of flavors that will tantalize your taste buds and leave you craving for more. Feeling adventurous? Customize your experience with special menus tailored to your preferences. Whether you're a pasta aficionado or a risotto enthusiast, we'll cater to your culinary desires with finesse.



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Embark on a journey through Bologna and Emilia Romagna, where culinary traditions and rich history come alive.

Stroll through Bologna's medieval streets, savoring its iconic pasta and lively markets. Explore Emilia Romagna's rolling hills, famed for balsamic vinegar, Parmigiano Reggiano, and fine wines. With Italy's Finest, dive into the heart of Italy's gastronomic and cultural heritage, where every moment offers a taste of authenticity and charm.

