



BOLOGNA, THE FOOD & MOTOR VALLEY



HALF DAY WALKING & TASTING TOUR

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 knowledgeable 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 charmand 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.

DURATION: 2.5 hours

INCLUSIONS:

- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide for 2.5 hours
- Tasting of typical products



A MELODIOUS ITALIAN GEM

DISCOVERING FERRARA

Magnificent, peaceful, refined and inspiring. 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 explore the city led by the charisma and knowledge of a specialized local guide. 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 unspoilt 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 by Turà, 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. Finally, for an all-round Ferrara lifestyle experience, enjoy a tasty bite of local fare: the city is famous for its signature "coppia" bread and luscious pumpkin-stuffed "cappellacci" pasta.

DURATION: full day

INCLUSIONS:

- Private transportation from/to your hotel in Bologna and throughout the day as needed
- Entrance fees to the Cathedral Museum and Estense Castle
- Private specialized English-speaking art-historian guide for 5 hours

Lunch is not included. Ferrara offers a variety of charming typical trattorias and restaurants. Your guide will be pleased to suggest options and book on your behalf.



HISTORY, ART AND ELEGANCE

DISCOVERING 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. Meet your private dedicated English-speaking guide and set off to stroll the streets and avenues; synonymous with nature, history and art Parma boasts a range of admirable artists such as Antelami, Correggio, Parmigianino, (and Toscanini for the music fans!) which all left their in this sophisticated and graceful jewel of a city. 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.

DURATION: 3 hours

INCLUSIONS:

- Private English-speaking guide for tour of Parma (3 hours)
- Entrance fees to the Cathedral



A LUMINOUS DREAM COME TRUE

DISCOVERING RAVENNA

Dazzling, gleaming, inspiring. Discover Ravenna, once capital of the Western Roman Empire, headquarters of the Ostrogoth Kingdom and stronghold of the emperor of Byzantium, today paradise on earth for art and history fans. Home to eight superb UNESCO-listed buildings and the world's most dazzling collections of early Christian mosaic artwork the city is... a mosaic lover's dream come true! Travel in style and comfort, with the privilege of private transportation and explore this refulgent city led by the charisma and knowledge of specialized art-history guides. Discover the splendid Basilica of San Vitale, one of the most striking examples of Byzantine architecture in Italy, and marvel at its glowing mosaics, a unique rainbow showcase of deep greens, blazing golds and blues, depicting scenes from the Old Testament and of the Byzantine emperor Justinian with San Massimiano and Empress Theodora. Continue your polychrome journey in the small Mausoleo di Galla Placida, built for Emperor Honorius' half-sister, home to the most ancient mosaics in Ravenna, (probably dating back to AD 430!), and Basilica di Sant'Apollinare. Crown your experience with the city's superstar sight, the astounding Domus dei Tappeti di Pietra, one of the most important archaeological discoveries of the last decades. Namely "Home of the Stone Carpets" this amazing treasure chest of ancient beauty was discovered when skilled archaeologists found 14 rooms and 3 courtyards inside a small Byzantine palace. Just imagine their awe, when they saw that the floor surface of every single room was covered with marble inlay or mosaics displaying gleaming multi-colored patterns and figures!

DURATION: full day

INCLUSIONS:

- Private transportation from/to your hotel in Bologna and throughout the day as needed
- Entrance fees to Basilica di San Vitale, Mausoleo di Galla Placida, Basilica di Sant'Apollinare and Domus dei Tappeti di Pietra
- Private specialized English-speaking art-historian guide for 5 hours

Lunch is not included. Ravenna offers a variety of charming typical trattorias and restaurants. Your guide will be pleased to suggest options and book on your behalf.



THUNDERING SPEED, GLAMOROUS STYLE

FERRARI AND LAMBORGHINI

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! Passionate about luxury and motors? Rev your engine, speed it up, discover the gems of a universe that revolves around engines, the fabulous Motor Valley! Take a memorable roaring journey down the Via Emilia and discover two flagship museums, the Lamborghini Museum and Ferrari Maranello Museum. Visit the striking Lamborghini Museum, an extraordinary showcase which aims to celebrate the mechanical genius of the company's founder, Ferruccio, and his talent in engineering, and industrial design. Enjoy a full overview of the collection, including Ferruccio's first successful models, 350 GT and Miura, the key models from then to now and the spectacular racing cars, including Formula 1. See the different phases of cars' technological development - such as 4x4, aluminum, carbon fiber and hybrid- and admire the museum's gems, among which the new Lamborghini Urus. Travel on to the red-bannered astounding Maranello Ferrari Museum, one of the world's most celebrated race car temples, for an enthralling voyage through the cars and into the engines that have created automotive history on circuits worldwide. Lose yourself in the history of Ferrari, experience its present, and top it all off traveling into the future too! Offering a variety of firsthand experiences, the Maranello Museum tells the Ferrari story allowing you to actually journey through the roots of the Prancing Horse, view its most famous and successful F1 cars, legendary sports prototypes, GTs and leading road cars.

DURATION: full day

INCLUSIONS:

- Private transportation from/to your hotel in Bologna and as needed throughout the tour
- Entrance fees to the Ferrari Maranello Museum
- Entrance fees to the Lamborghini Museum

OPTIONAL:

Crown your day with a memorable typical lunch in the charming premises of an 18th century vinegar farmhouse and savor the best of the local fare: traditionally made balsamic served with Parmesan cheese, premium local cured meats, and ruby-red bubbly Lambrusco, and more!



RED, BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL

HALF DAY TOUR OF BOLOGNA

Terracotta medieval buildings, elegant porticoes, a lively contemporary atmosphere blending with the rich centuries-old cultural legacy. Discover elegant welcoming Bologna, home to the world's most ancient university and birthplace of a wondrous number of world-acclaimed artists, writers and musicians, unveil its fascinating heritage and eventful history led by a knowledgeable local guide. 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. 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. Marveling at the evocative architecture of the city's most iconic sight, the leaning towers Torre Garisenda and Torre degli Asinelli, you will become a part of the city's bustling and vibrant lifestyle!

DURATION: 2.5 hours

INCLUSIONS:

- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide for 2.5 hours



A MULTICOLORED JOURNEY THROUGH MOSAICS AND CERAMICS

RAVENNA AND FAENZA

Step off the beaten path, discover central Italy's lesser-known marvels: mosaic-studded Ravenna and Faenza, world capital of artistic pottery! 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 Placida, which houses the most ancient mosaics in Ravenna, Basilica di Sant'Apollinare and stunning Mausoleo di Teodorico. Travel on to discover exquisite Faenza, world-renowned for its faience, a unique type of pottery made here and exported worldwide for hundreds of years. Meet your specialized local guide, admire the sights and learn all about the city's history and fascinating traditions. Stroll through the town center and view the main landmarks, such as the magnificent Renaissance cathedral, Piazza del Popolo and Galleria dei Cento Pacifici. Crown your visit with the superb pottery masterpieces housed in the International Ceramics Museum. Comprising a vast range of exceptional local pottery, ancient and medieval artwork, tableware, and modern art masterpieces produced by great artists such as Chagall, Picasso and Matisse, the museum boasts the world's most extensive, and dazzling, ceramic collection!

DURATION: full day

INCLUSIONS:

- Private transportation from/to your hotel in Bologna and throughout the day as needed
- Entrance fees in Ravenna: to Basilica di San Vitale, Mausoleo di Galla Placida, Basilica di Sant'Apollinare, Mausoleo di Teodorico
- Private specialized English-speaking art-historian guide for 2.5 hours in Ravenna
- Entrance fees in Faenza: International Ceramics Museum
- Private specialized English-speaking art-historian guide for 2.5 hours in Faenza

Lunch is not included. Ravenna and Faenza offer a variety of charming typical trattorias and restaurants. Your guide will be pleased to suggest options and book on your behalf.

OPTIONAL:

Enjoy an enlightening insider's view of pottery, and a memorable hands-on experience attending a ceramic workshop!

Please ask us for details.



A FLAVORFUL JOURNEY THROUGH LOCAL FLAVOR

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 relishing a few tender, supple slices, its savoury flavor. 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, and end your experience with a memorable lunch featuring luscious typical products, including balsamic served with Parmesan cheese, premium local cured meats, and bubbly ruby-red Lambrusco, one of the oldest wines in the world.

DURATION: 8 hours

INCLUSIONS:

- Private transportation from/to your hotel in Bologna and as needed throughout the tour
- Visit and Parmesan cheese tasting at cheese factory
- Visit and tasting at balsamic vinegar factory
- Visit and tasting at prosciutto factory
- Typical lunch in the charming premises of the balsamic vinegar factory

