

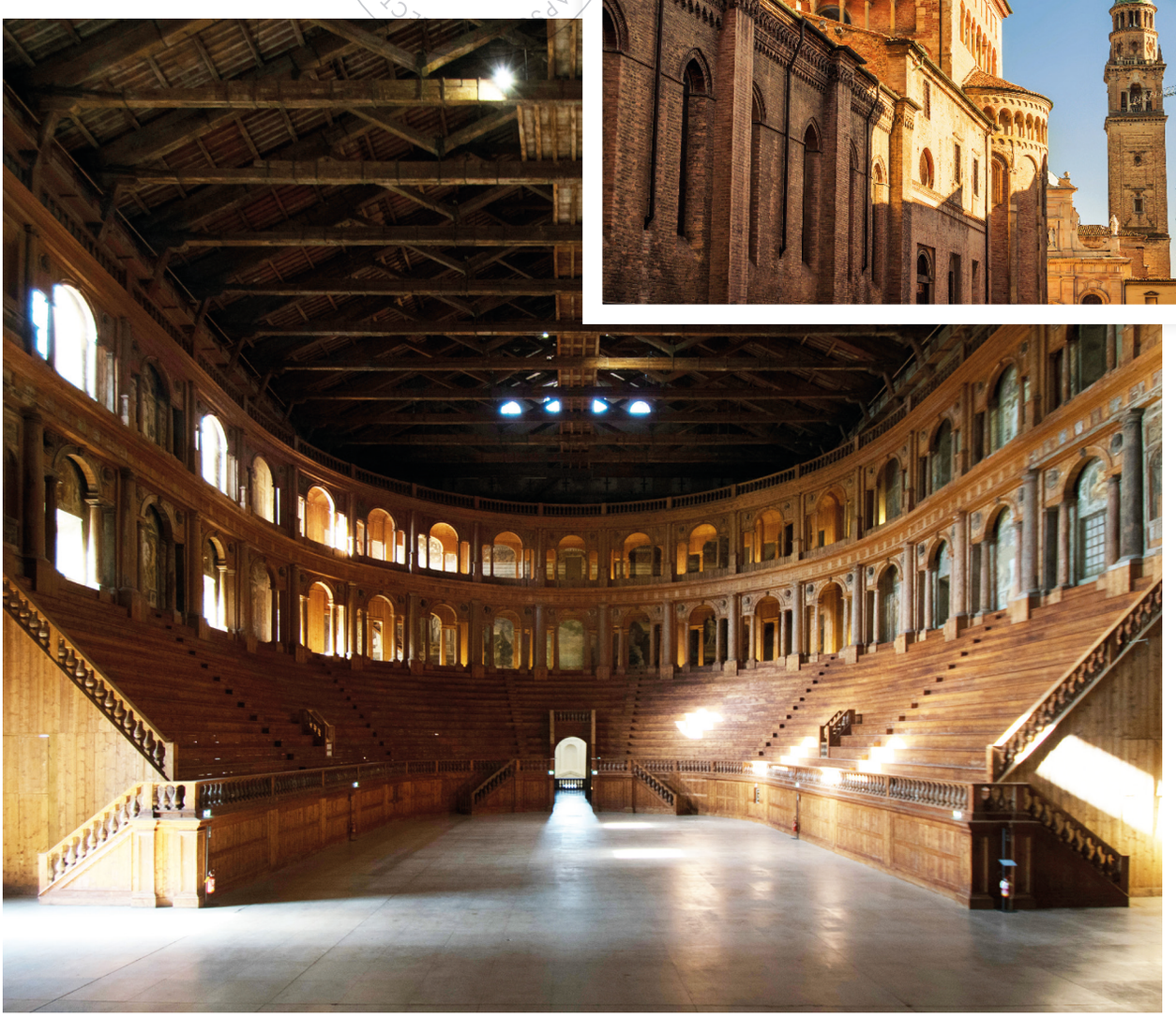

Parma: ducal elegance and culinary traditions

THREE DAYS OF ART, MUSIC, CRAFTSMANSHIP
AND THE FLAVOURS THAT DEFINE EMILIA.

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Ducal Parma, art and theatre

Palaces, opera and the refined cultural legacy of Parma's ducal past.







Discover **Parma**, a former ducal capital whose palaces, theatres and art collections reflect centuries of courtly patronage. The Farnese dynasty, followed by the Bourbons and later Duchess Marie Louise of Austria, helped shape a city where art and music became lasting expressions of its importance.

Begin with a guided visit to **Palazzo della Pilotta**, the monumental complex that reveals the artistic ambitions of Parma's ducal court. Explore the **National Gallery** before stepping into Teatro Farnese, where tiers of wooden seating and an imposing stage evoke the spectacle of court celebrations. Continue with a guided visit to **Teatro Regio**, discovering another chapter of Parma's cultural identity through its enduring love of opera. Commissioned by Duchess Marie Louise, the theatre remains closely woven into the city's musical life. The visit will follow its available programme, subject to rehearsals and performances.

For a different perspective on the city, an introduction to the history of Violetta di Parma may be complemented by a fragrance consultation, arranged on request with a suitable specialist.



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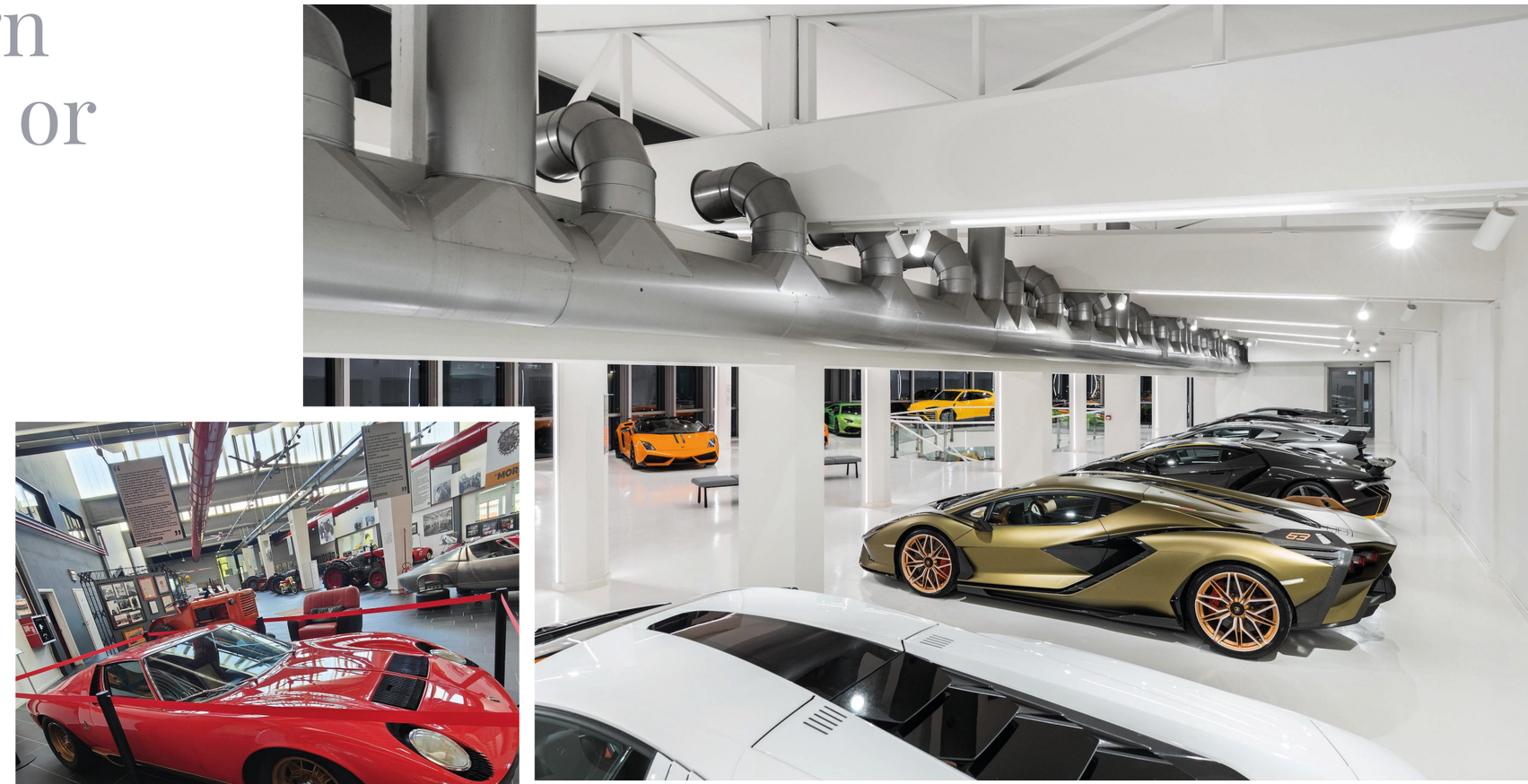
Lamborghini design and craftsmanship or Renaissance Cities

Italian design, precision and artistic heritage between Emilia and Lombardy.



Travel to **Sant'Agata Bolognese** for a visit to **Museo Automobili Lamborghini**, discovering the bold design and engineering behind one of Italy's most distinctive automotive names. Models such as the Miura and Countach trace a history of ideas that challenged the shape and character of the sports car.

A guided tour of the production lines may also be included, offering a closer look at the craftsmanship and technology behind Lamborghini's cars. For guests seeking a more personal experience, an exclusive museum visit may be requested, subject to Lamborghini's confirmation of availability and arrangements.

Return towards the countryside for a lunch or tasting at a local estate, arranged with the estate and centred on regional flavours. A visit to an acetaia may also be requested, introducing the patient ageing and craftsmanship behind traditional balsamic vinegar.



For guests drawn to art and history, replace the motoring experience with a day exploring **Cremona** and **Mantua**. Begin in Cremona with a guided walk through the historic centre and a visit to **Museo del Violino**, discovering the precision and musical sensitivity associated with the city's great violin makers.



Continue to Mantua for lunch featuring its signature tortelli di zucca, whose pumpkin filling brings a distinctive sweetness to the regional table. A guided exploration of the city's Renaissance heritage follows, with a pre-booked visit to the **Camera degli Sposi** within the **Palazzo Ducale** complex. Its frescoes offer an intimate encounter with the world of the court. The order of visits will be arranged around confirmed museum entry times.

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Castles, masterpieces and the flavours of Parma

Historic estates, great collections and the iconic tastes of the Parma countryside.

Head into the **Parma hills** for a guided visit to **Torrechiara Castle**, where fortified towers and frescoed rooms overlook the surrounding countryside. The setting brings together the strength of a defensive fortress and the intimacy of a historic residence, with views across the cultivated valley below.

Continue to **Antica Corte Pallavicina** for a visit to the estate and its **Culatello Museum**, discovering the traditions and craftsmanship behind one of the region's most prized cured meats. For lunch, choose between a culatello tasting experience and a tasting menu at the estate's Michelin-starred restaurant, both available by prior arrangement.

Alternatively, replace the castle visit with **Fondazione Magnani-Rocca**, the **"Villa dei Capolavori"**. Set within a landscaped park, the villa houses Luigi Magnani's collection, with works by artists including Monet, Renoir, Cézanne and Giorgio Morandi. The domestic scale of the setting invites a more personal encounter with the paintings.










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