

# Travel itinerary

BK ITALIAN TOUR 2024

**CITIES:** Ferrara, Bologna, Parma and Modena

**DATE:** 10 – 18 JUNE 2024

MON 10

DAY 1

- 2 PM. CHECK-IN AT THE HOTEL IN FERRARA.  
\*\*\* I CAN ORGANISE A PICK UP FOR YOU FROM BOLOGNA AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL FOR AN EXTRA COST
- 5 PM. MEET IN FRONT OF THE HOTEL FOR A WALKING TOUR
- 6:30 PM. DRINK APERITIVO
- 7:30 PM. DINNER

FERRARA



TUE 12

DAY 2

- 8:00- 9:45 AM BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL.
- 10:30 AM: VISIT SALTWORKS AND PO DELTA PARK. THE COMACCHIO SALT WORKS ARE A TREASURE TROVE OF HISTORY, TRADITION, AND BIODIVERSITY, AND THEY CAN ONLY BE VISITED ACCOMPANIED BY AUTHORISED GUIDES. THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF BIRD SPECIES, MANY OF WHICH ARE RARE AND PROTECTED. MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL IS THE STABLE COLONY OF PINK FLAMINGOS.
- LUNCH ON TOP OF 'BILANCIONE'.
- VISIT COMACCHIO TOWN. THIS TOWN IS FAMOUS FOR TREPPONTI (THREE BRIDGES) OR PONTE PALLOTTA, THE SYMBOL OF COMACCHIO. THIS BRIDGE CONSISTS OF FIVE LARGE STAIRCASES CULMINATING IN AN ISTRIAN STONE FLOOR.
- BACK TO FERRARA.

COMACCHIO





# COMACCHIO



WED 13

DAY 3

- 8:00- 9:45 AM BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL.
- VISIT CASTLE ESTENSE.
- FREE TIME \*\* OPTION BIKE TOUR 1H
- AFTERNOON COOKING CLASS WITH. MY GRANDMOTHER, NONNA ADRIANA, WHO HAS INFLUENCED MY COOKING AT BAYSWATER KITCHENETTE, WILL JOIN US FOR THIS CLASS. HER STANDARDS ARE HIGH, AND WE WILL TRY TO IMPRESS HER!
- ‘APERITIVO AL TRAMONTO’ AT THE BEACH (DRINK AT SUNSET)
- 8 PM BACK TO FERRARA

# COOKING CLASS



THU 14

DAY 4

- BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL.
- THE DAY'S FIRST TOUR WILL BE AT THE OLDEST BALSAMIC VINEGAR HOUSE IN MODENA, AN ANCIENT FAMILY TRADITION DATING BACK TO 1860. WE WILL BE SHOWN HOW THE VINEGAR IS MADE, WHAT MAKES IT UNIQUE, AND THE TASTE OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF BALSAMIC.
- THE SECOND TOUR WILL BE AT 11 AM PARMIGIANO REGGIANO 4 MADONNE CASEIFICIO MODENA.A PRIVATE GUIDED TOUR OF CASEIFICIO DELL’EMILIA WILL OFFER YOU AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE FIRSTHAND THE PROCESS OF PARMIGIANO REGGIANO MAKING AND MEET PEOPLE WHO WORK ALL YEAR ROUND TO CRAFT THIS EXCELLENCE AND PRESERVE TRADITIONS. THE SECRETS OF THIS RENOWNED CHEESE WILL BE UNVEILED DURING THIS TOUR, AND WE WILL FINALLY TASTE IT.

# MODENA





FRI 15

DAY 5

- 8:00- 9:45 AM - BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL. **CHECK OUT**
- 12:30 PM LUNCH AT FRANCESCHETTA 58, MODENA. MASSIMO BOTTURA IS THE CHEF AND OWNER OF THE THREE-MICHELIN-STARRED OSTERIA FRANCESCANA IN MODENA, WHICH HAS TWICE BEEN RANKED NO. 1 ON THE WORLD'S BEST RESTAURANTS LIST.
- 2 PM CHECK-IN AT THE HOTEL IN BOLOGNA.
- 5 PM MEET IN FRONT OF THE HOTEL FOR A WALKING TOUR TO DISCOVER THE 7 SECRETS OF BOLOGNA.
- 6:30 PM APERITIVO AND DINNER.

FRANCESCHETTA 58



BOLOGNA



SAT 16








DAY 7

- 8:00- 9:45 AM - BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL.
- TOUR OF A LOCAL AZIENDA AGRICOLA DOCG (LOCAL WINERY/ FARM). WALK AROUND 25 HECTARES OF VINEYARD AND ENJOY THE WINERY TOUR. LUNCH ON THE PROPERTY IN THE GARDEN WITH TYPICAL PRODUCTS (SALAMI, PROSCIUTTO, CULATELLO, BRESAOLA, AND PANINI BREAD) AND WINE FROM THE WINERY.
- AFTER LUNCH, WE WILL VISIT A LOCAL 13TH-CENTURY ROCCA "CASTLE".

BOLOGNA HILLS





<div>SUN 16</div> <div>DAY 7</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:00 - 8:30 - BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL.</li> <li>• 09:45 MEET IN FRONT OF THE HOTEL. WE LEAVE AT 10:00 AM.</li> <li>• TOUR AT A DUCAL PALACE FROM THE 18TH CENTURY, NEAR PARMA. THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF THE GRAND DUKE.</li> <li>• 'CULATELLO HAM EXPERIENCE' AND LUNCH. CULATELLO DI ZIBELLO DOP HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS PRODUCTS OF THE ITALIAN CHARCUTERIE TRADITION SINCE 1780.</li> <li>• FREE TIME IN PARMA TOWN 2H.</li> <li>• DINNER AT 7 PM AT THE LOCAL TRATTORIA IN BOLOGNA.</li> </ul>
<div>PARMA</div>	  
<div>MON 17</div> <div>DAY 8</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:00- 9:45 AM - BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL. <b>CHECK OUT.</b></li> <li>• 10:00 AM MEET IN FRONT OF THE HOTEL. <b>WE LEAVE AT 10:15 AM.</b></li> <li>• VISIT THE SANCTUARY OF SAN LUCA. SHORT BREAK LUNCH AT VITO.</li> <li>• CHECK-IN FROM 3 PM AT THE RESORT-SPA. RELAX AT THE POOL, AROUND THE HOTEL GARDENS.</li> <li>• OPTIONAL RELAXING MASSAGE *</li> <li>• 7 PM DINNER AT THE POOL</li> </ul>
<div>SPA ON BOLOGNA HILLS</div>	   
<div>TUE 18</div> <div>DAY 9</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:00- 10:00 BREAKFAST</li> <li>• 11:00 CHECK OUT, BUT WE STILL HAVE TIME TO RELAX AT THE SPA.</li> <li>• OPTIONAL RELAXING MASSAGE **</li> <li>• READY TO LEAVE AT 2:30 PM, AND IT'S HERE WE SAY GOODBYE.</li> </ul>



## **COSTS & INCLUSIONS:**

- ACCOMMODATION 8 NIGHTS, NINE DAYS (4 NIGHTS FERRARA, 3 NIGHTS BOLOGNA, ONE NIGHT BOLOGNA HILLS SPA)
- BREAKFAST 9
- LUNCH 5 AND APERITIVO & DINNER 5. FOOD FROM TRATTORIA, OSTERIA TO DEGUSTATION LUNCH AT MASSIMO BOTTURI RESTAURANT. NO DIETARY RESTRICTIONS.
- DEGUSTATION WINE & OLIVE OIL DOCG AND TASTING OF TYPICAL PRODUCTS (SALAMI, PROSCIUTTO AND BREAD) OF THE AREA
- BALSAMIC VINEGAR FACTORY TOUR AND TASTING
- PARMESAN CHEESE TOUR AND TASTING
- CULATELLO HAM DI ZIBELLO DOP
- COOKING CLASS + GADGET AND COOKING CERTIFICATE. MEET NONNA ADRIANA.
- SPA 3H, SWIMMING POOLS WITH HYDRO JETS, FINNISH SAUNA, MEDITERRANEAN SAUNA, TURKISH BATH, EMOTIONAL SHOWERS, MUSIC THERAPY POOL, A RELAXATION ROOM WITH A HERBAL TEA CORNER AND SHOWER.
- ABBEY IS A BENEDICTINE MONASTERY FROM 874 AND A DUCAL PALACE FROM THE EARLY 18TH-CENTURY TOUR.
- WALKING TOUR AROUND BOLOGNA, FERRARA, MODENA AND PARMA.
- TRANSPORT PRIVATE BUS
- THE SERVICES OF AN EXPERT ITALIAN-SPEAKING GUIDE 'ME, ALESSIA.

## **NOT INCLUDED:**

- INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS
- INSURANCE
- BIKE CITY TOUR AND RELAXING MASSAGE OF 50 MINUTES





# Travel information

## WHAT IS THE CLOSEST AIRPORT TO FERRARA?

THE NEAREST AIRPORT TO FERRARA IS THE **MARCONI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT OF BOLOGNA** (BLQ).

## HOW DO YOU GET FROM BOLOGNA AIRPORT TO HOTEL FERRARA?

### NEW SHUTTLE SERVICE:

SERVICE FROM/TO BOLOGNA AIRPORT TO FERRARA. BUS STOP IN THE CITY CENTRE JUST 200 M. FROM ANNUNZIATA HOTEL. TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT THE FRONT DESK AT € 15,00 PER PERSON.

[HTTP://WWW.FERRARABUSANDFLY.IT/EN/](http://www.ferrarabusandfly.it/en/)

CAB: ONLY 53 KM AND 45 MINUTES BY CAB (€80,00 TAXI OR PRIVATE CAR TO GET TO FERRARA HOTEL).

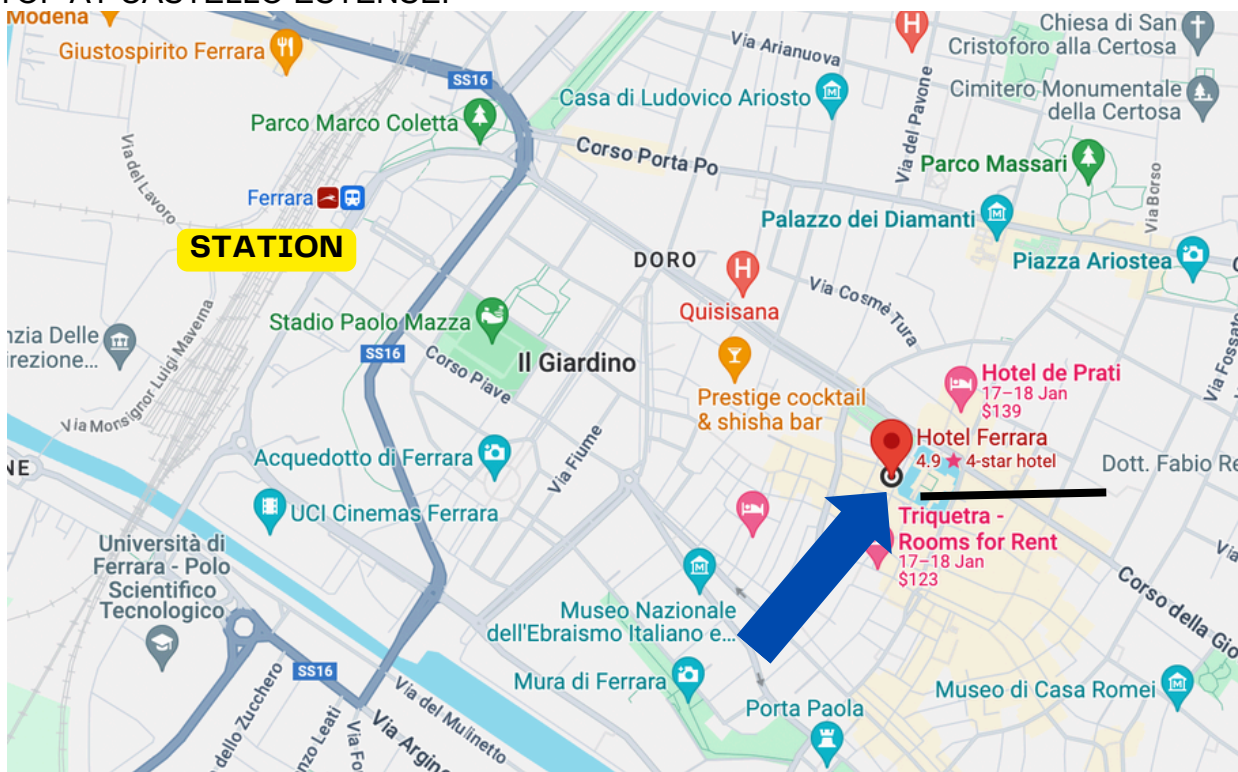
## ARE YOU COMING BY TRAIN? FERRARA STATION

THE RAILWAY STATION IS ONLY 1.5 KM FROM THE HOTEL. YOU CAN TAKE A TAXI (€ 8,00) AND ASK THEM TO TAKE YOU TO THE ANNUNZIATA HOTEL. YOU CAN ALSO WALK FROM THE STATION TO THE HOTEL (IT'S 15 MINUTES) IN THE DIRECTION OF THE CENTRE, CASTELLO ESTENSE.

### PUBLIC BUS:

FROM THE TRAIN STATION, TAKE A PUBLIC BUS NR. 7.

BUS STOP AT CASTELLO ESTENSE.



## HOTEL FERRARA

**LARGO CASTELLO, 36 CAP 44121 FERRARA ITALY**



## **TRAVELLING ON A GROUP TRIP**

As you travel on a group trip, you will be exposed to all the pleasures and maybe some of the frustrations of travelling in a group. We ask you to understand your group's various needs and preferences – patience with your fellow travellers is sometimes required to benefit everyone's travel experience. Remember too that you have responsibilities to the group. If you are requested to be at a place at a specific time, ensure you don't keep the rest of the group waiting. We have found time and time again that the very best trips we operate are those where the dynamics within the group work well – this takes just a little effort on your part.

## **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

We strongly recommend that all travellers have a policy covering personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage or personal effects.

## **PACKING**

On this trip, you must pack as lightly as possible because you will be expected to carry your bag, and although you won't be required to walk long distances with your luggage (max 15 minutes), we strongly recommend keeping the weight under 20kg / 22lb. Smaller bags or backpacks with wheels are convenient. However, we recommend that your bag carry straps to accommodate the cobbled streets, uneven surfaces, stairs and steps you will likely to encounter while carrying your luggage. For day trips, you'll also need a pack/bag to bring water, a camera, etc.

Clothing:

- Sun hat
- Swimwear
- Walking shoes
- Raincoat/waterproof jacket
- Pashmina or scarf to cover your shoulders