

Itinerary



Tour : Fast Cars and Fine Food in Emilia Romagna Northern Italy with Optional Pre and Post Tours in Florence and Venice

Day 1 Welcome to Bologna Meals: B

Meeting Location

Central location in Bologna

Description:

On arrival in Bologna airport guests will be met by one of our representatives at the airport and privately transferred to downtown Bologna. Once in the historic centre, guests will be shown to their accommodation, a modern, centrally located hotel with splendid rooftop terrace. Depending on flight arrival time the day can be spent either on a walking or bike or even segway tour of the city. In the case of afternoon arrival guests can enjoy a typical aperitivo, as well as dinner in one of Bologna's best restaurants serving fresh homemade pasta.

Day 2 Bologna La Dotta, La Grassa e La Rossa! Meals: B



Location:

Bologna, Emilia-Romagna, Italy

Description:

On the first full day in Bologna guests will be picked up after breakfast and taken on a private walking tour of Bologna's historic centre, taking in the sights and sounds of the local indoor and outdoor markets, climbing the Asinelli tower that overlooks the whole city and visiting the Anatomical Theatre, amongst other cultural and historic delights.

In the afternoon the focus changes to culinary, and a cooking class where guests will be taught to make some of Bologna's most iconic dishes, including tortellini and lasagne, will be held. Guests can participate as much, or as little as they want in the course, as the end goal of the lesson is of course MANGIARE (to eat!) and BERE (to drink!) a variety of local specialities.

Day 3

Wine Tasting in the hills of Modena

Meals: B



Location: Modena, Emilia-Romagna, Italy

Description: After breakfast, guests will be picked up from their hotel and taken to Castelvetro, a beautiful hill town just an hour's drive away from Bologna. Here they will take a tour of a local winery and try Lambrusco Grasparossa DOP wine. After learning about this fascinating wine-making process and strolling through the gorgeous vineyards that surround the winery, guests can enjoy a lunch of local cold cuts, cheeses and breads, as well as fantastic wine, of course!

Day 4

Foodie Day: Parmesan and Balsamic Vinegar

Meals: B L



Location: Modena, Emilia-Romagna, Italy

Description: On the fourth day of the tour, guests will visit a local dairy and see how parmesan cheese is made and why we must fight to call the real-deal Parmigiano Reggiano. I won't spoil the secret... After the tour there will be a tasting of this fine cheese in its various stages of maturation and the chance to buy vacuum sealed products to take home with you.

In the afternoon another local speciality, balsamic vinegar, will become star of the show. Guests will have the opportunity to visit an artisan producer and see how this 'balsam of the gods' is made and slowly aged over decades before finally being bottled and sold. After the tour of the cellar, there will be a tasting session with local cold cuts, cheeses, fruits and other fine food pairings.

Day 5

Modena's Historic Centre

Meals: None

Description: This day will start with a walking tour of Modena and its Unesco World Heritage Site historic centre. The first part of the tour will take in the best parts of this culturally rich town, the birthplace of Luciano Pavarotti, and ends with a trip to the covered market that was made famous by US TV show Master of None. Lunch in the market with more fresh pasta, deli meats, local cheese and fine wine is the perfect way to split up the day after all that sightseeing.

In the afternoon guests can enjoy a trip to both the Enzo Ferrari museum and the Maserati Showroom in Modena and the Ferrari Museum in Maranello, getting a sneak peak into the factory and how the cars are made too. After the tours real petrolheads can take a test drive of an Italian luxury supercar of their choosing on the original test track in Maranello.

After a busy day of sightseeing and fast cars, guests can enjoy dinner in a local Modenese fine-dining restaurant.

Day 6 **Lamborghini: Masterpieces of Engineering** **Meals: None**

Description: On this day guests will go on a tour of the Lamborghini Factory and learn more about how these masterpieces of engineering are built.

In the afternoon we will take a visit to a local winery in the hills between Bologna and Modena, where a rich, full-bodied local red wine, Sangiovese DOP, is produced. Guests will also have the chance to try carefully crafted Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon blends. Lunch in the winery and a tour of its elegant estate will complete this unique experience.

Day 7 **Parma: Romanesque architecture and world famous produce** **Meals: None**

Description: On the last day of the gems of Emilia Romagna tour, guests will be picked up by their driver and taken to Parma. This small city less than an hour north of Modena boasts what is probably the world's most famous ham: Prosciutto di Parma. On a walking tour of the town, we will take in the National Gallery, with works by Da Vinci and Barbieri, and the stunning Romanesque Parma Cathedral and Baptistery to name but a few glorious sights. After that guests will have built up and appetite and so the foodie part of the day begins! There will be a visit to the famous Enoteca Fontana, serving up excellent wines and meat and cheese platters. What else in Emilia Romagna?