

# Tourism Programme

## Monday 3 October to Sunday 9 October

### Monday, 3 October

7.30 - 09.00 Breakfast

09.30 - 13.00 hrs - joint dance class - one large room

Coffee break morning

13.00 Buffet Lunch

14.00 depart **for Ascoli Piceno - By coach**, walking tour and dinner, return after dinner at 11.00 pm at the hotel. The itinerary will develop within the fascinating and vast historic center of Ascoli Piceno, through squares, churches and historic buildings. Starting from Palazzo dell'Arengo in Piazza Arringo we will visit the Cathedral (inside the famous Polyptych by Carlo Crivelli and the suggestive crypt with the relics of Saint Emidio, patron saint of the city), the Episcopio and the Panichi Palace. After reaching the "living room" of the city, that is the nearby Piazza del Popolo (classified among the most beautiful squares in the world), you can admire the majestic Palazzo dei Capitani del Popolo, breathe the fascinating atmosphere of one of the historic cafes of Italy, the Caffè Meletti, visit the spectacular and imposing Romanesque-Gothic church of San Francesco with the main cloister and the minor cloister, and finally the nineteenth-century Ventidio Basso theater. In the final part of the tour you will immerse yourself in the evocative medieval atmosphere of the ancient district of San Giacomo, discovering its characteristic "rue", noble towers and churches, until you reach and cross the Roman Augusteo Bridge, the only Roman bridge that can be visited internally.

**Dinner will be at the Locanda del Medioevo at 19,30.** Something special in a true medieval inn, served in medieval costumes

Return to Civitanova is scheduled at 11.00 pm

### Tuesday 4 October

07.00 – 08.30 breakfast

ready at 7.45 at Reception to leave at 8.00 for Ravenna. Appointment with the English speaking guide in Piazzale Aldo Moro in Ravenna at 10.30

**travel by bus to Bologna via Ravenna (mosaics/World Heritage sites)**

Along the road arriving in Ravenna Visit the Basilica Sant'Apollinare in Classe, out of town, that is an important testimony of the ancient Christian architecture.

Ravenna is the city of Mosaics classified World Heritage. During the tour you will see the most important monuments of the Gothic and Byzantine time: the Mausoleum, Sant'Apollinare Nuovo, Galla Placidia (the oldest architectonic monument in Ravenna), the Mosaics and the Basilica of San Vitale, the best in Ravenna.

**13,00 Lunch in Osteria Passatelli in Ravenna** (follow menù) at 2.30 pm we leave Ravenna for Bologna where we arrive at the hotel at 4.00 pm

Free time in Bologna

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dinner: free in Bologna

## Wednesday 5 October

07.00 – 10.00 breakfast

morning walking tour of Bologna - Half day walking tour

Appointment at the **bus station - shelter 25 for departure at 9.30** with 2 english speaking guide.

The bus station is 350 meters (5 minutes walk) from Hotel. The tour begin in Via Indipendenza

The first approach to the city starts right from the Main Square, which has witnessed Bologna's most significant events over the centuries. The surrounding public buildings, such as Palazzo del Podestà and Palazzo d'Accursio, retain all their medieval charm. The next step is dedicated to the Basilica of San Petronio, that shows masterpieces of late Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque. The best loved church of the Bolognese people, with its unfinished façade, preserves interesting artworks and a famous 17th century meridian line. The tour ends in the shadow of two symbols of the medieval city: Asinelli Tower which is known as one of the tallest tower in Italy and Garisenda Tower which was also cited by Dante's "Inferno". These two leaning towers (called Le due torri) have been part of the city's skyline for over 900 years and are its outstanding symbol. The Guides will leave the group at 12,00. **Free lunch and afternoon at disposal for own visits and shopping.** Before going back to the Hotel we suggest a short break to taste the famous Mortadella

**Dinner: 20,00 at La Verace restaurant, Via Cairoli, 16/b Bologna**

**450 meters (6 minutes walk) walking distance from Hotel (follow menù)**

## Thursday 6 October

07.00 – 10.00 breakfast

**free day in Bologna or take trains** to Firenze (1hr) or Venezia (2hrs) or Verona (1hrs 30 minutes)

Every hour from 08.01 there is a **Freccia Rossa train from Bologna station to Ferrara** (30 min journey ) **Padova** (1 hour journey ) **or Venice** (1 hour 30 min journey ) It's the same train

and every 26 minutes (... 17.26; 18.26; 19,26) there is a train **from Venice** that returns **to Bologna (via Padova and Ferrara)** that arrives in Bologna at ... 18.59; 19.59; 20,59 the last one

The cost depends on availability, for example for Venice, the minimum cost per person is € 13.90 each way

Bologna Central Station is exactly in front of your hotel

Every about 30 minutes from 7.00 am there is a train leaving from **Bologna Central Station** that arrives in **Florence S.M.Novella** in 37 minutes. The minimum cost is 11.90 euros per person per way

Or you can **stay in Bologna** some ideas about

Bologna is the seat of the oldest university in the western world (1088) and the cultural impact gave the University the name of "La Dotta" (the knower). Another nickname is "La Rossa", in allusion to its terracotta tiles of Middle Age but nowadays the red colour suggests that is due to other "Rosse": Ducati and Ferrari. The last nickname is "La Grassa", (the fat) due to its excellent cuisine and land of Mortadella. Very interesting is going around il Mercato di mezzo: the old narrow streets of this picturesque area have been hosting the town market since Medieval times; it's today the best place to admire, on weekdays, all the gourmandises that made Bologna worldwide famous.

**evening: free or join Bologna (RSCDS North Italy Branch) class; Location to be confirmed.**

## Friday 7 October

07.00 – 10.00 breakfast

### **tour by coach to Parma and Busseto (cheese tasting, vine, prosciutto)**

Meeting at Reception **to leave at 8.15 for Parma**. Appointment with the English speaking guides in viale Toschi – Palazzo della Pilotta at 10.00 in Parma

Parma, a roman city rich of extraordinary roman monuments and birthplace of Arturo Toscanini. Today Parma is famous for the Royal Theatre, for its cuisine and the excellent quality of food: ham, parmesan cheese, meat, pasta and much more. After the visit transfer to a ham factory in Langhirano area for **lunch** to taste the most famous products such as Parma ham, Parmesan cheese and Lambrusco wine.

### **13,00 lunch at Salumificio La perla in Langhirano** (follow menù)

At the gates of Parma, in the evocative lands of the Bassa where Maestro Giuseppe Verdi was born and draws inspiration for his talent, there are Busseto and Roncole that constitute the stages of an extraordinary journey dedicated to lovers of art, culture, music, history, landscapes.

Arrival in Bologna at 18,00 / 18,30

**evening: free**

## Saturday 8 October

07.00 – 10.00 breakfast

### **tour by coach to Modena (balsamic vinegar cellar)**

Meeting at Reception **to leave at 09,00 for Modena**. Appointment with the English speaking guides in at 10.00 in Modena

The city is a beautiful preserved old town with wonderful places like Piazza Grande with Palazzo Comunale, the magnificent Cathedral and Torre Ghirlandina which is the symbol of Modena.

### **12,30 tasting menù at Antica Trattoria Ponte Guerro – Spilamberto** (follow menù)

### **14,15 Acetaia Malpighi with balsamic vinegar tasting**

You will discovering Traditional Balsamic vinegar in a vinegar cellar where you can taste the famous balsamic vinegar with local products. It takes at least 12 years for the precious cooked grape must to become Traditional Balsamic Vinegar. During the visit it will be possible discover the secrets and production techniques of this gastronomic excellence. During the visit it will be possible tasting Balsamic Vinegar in different types of aging, from 5 to 25 years, balsamic fruit dressings, vinegar balsamic with black and white truffles, compotes of balsamic vinegar suitable for meat, and not only.

Arrival in Bologna at 16,30

### **18.00 dinner at Starhotels Excelsior** (follow menù)

### **Transfers by bus to Palestra Alutto and back**

### **20.00 Youth Branch Ball** with Keith Smith & Anne-Laure La Tour with Elke Baker & Andy Imbrie

## Sunday 9 October

Breakfast and check-out of the Guests

## Menù

### **3 october Locanda del Medioevo – Ascoli Piceno**

dinner.

Something special in a true medieval inn, served in medieval costumes :

Antipasto di salumi e formaggi

Frittini with Ascolana olives, cremini, carciofi and zucchine pastellate

Strozzapreti all'anatra

Stufato cotto con vino piceno superiore con patate fritte ed insalata mista

Dolce della casa

Acqua vino e caffè

### **4 october Ristorante Osteria Passatelli – Ravenna**

lunch

Lasagne e strozzapreti con salsiccia e sangiovese

Coniglio al forno con patate e verdure

Ciambella

1/4 vino e 1/2 minerale inclusi

### **5 october Ristorante La Verace – Bologna**

dinner

Antipasto crescentine e salumi

Tagliatelle al ragù

Cotoletta alla bolognese con patate al forno

Dolce mascarpone

Lambrusco ¼, acqua e caffè

### **7 october Salumificio La perla in Langhirano**

lunch

Antipasto di Prosciutto di Parma, salumi misti

Parmigiano Reggiano

Tortelli alla parmigiana

dolci della casa

pane, acqua, ¼ vino

### **8 october Antica Trattoria Ponte Guerro – Spilamberto**

Lunch

Gnocco fritto e tigelle

salumi misti, lardo,

marmellata, stracchino, insalata mista

acqua

Dinner

Caserecce con pomodoro, bufala e basilico

Lonza di maiale arrosto con salsa alla senape e verdure di stagione

Cre moso al caffè con granella di nocciole

1/2 minerale + 1/4 vino + caffè compreso