

BLOGVILLE Emilia-Romagna – Bologna 23rd April – 31st May

Suggestions for blogtrips in FERRARA province

IN FERRARA

Ferrara Tourist information Office (IAT)

Estense Castle, Largo Castello 1 - Ferrara

Tel. 0532 299303 infotur@provincia.fe.it

Open: Weekdays 9.00 -13.00 / 14.00 – 18.00

Weekends and holidays 9.30 – 13.00 / 14.00 – 17.00

Here BlogVille guests can register and equip themselves with:

- Info pack and organizational assistance kit
- Free gift consisting of a shopping bag and bag of Delta rice
- Free entry to Estense Castle and civic museums
- Free day cycle hire, together with a bike map and road book of city tourist itineraries (to be returned the same day before the office closes)

Terraviva-Bio, Organic Farm and Shop

via delle Erbe, 29 – Ferrara

Open every day, including Sundays, except for Mondays.

Winter opening: 9-17,30

Summer opening: 9-13/ 16-20

tel. 0532.754107, cell. 0347.1056646

terravivabio@hotmail.it

Contact: Giovanni dalle Molle 348 2290769

The only organic food producer within the city walls.

Shop selling local organic produce: preserves, honey, jams, fruit juice, etc.

Situated on the evocative cycle path from Mura degli Angeli, which passes by the old Jewish cemetery and the Certosa monumental cemetery.

For registered travelbloggers: warm welcome and organic product tasting.

Aperitif tour conducted by Ferrara province Food and Wine Route (*Strada dei Vini e dei Sapori*) Association

Contact: Silvia Bozzato cell. 335 5980801

We are happy to meet travelbloggers, preferably on Wednesdays at "Aperitivo time" (from about 18.00), and take them on a tour of the city's wine bars to experience what has now become a renowned nightlife experience.

Includes a visit to *Il Brindisi* (previously the *Hostaria del Chiucciolino*), alongside the cathedral, Guinness World-Record holder as the oldest hostelry in the world and mentioned by Ludovico Ariosto.

Perdonati Bakery

Via San Romano, 108 – Ferrara

Tel. 0532 692790

Open: 7.30 – 19.30

On arrangement you can watch our master bakers make the famous *coppia*, local bread of Ferrara, with its unique shape. Golden and crunchy, the *coppia* is a descendent of the bread made by the gastronomic artisans of the Este Dukes' court, and has now been granted PGI (protected geographical indication) status by the EC.



Palio of Ferrara – Renaissance-style dinner with a *Contrada*

The four races (boys', girls', donkey and horse races) take place every year on the last Sunday of May, to recall the extraordinary Palio that celebrated the crowning of Borso d'Este as first Duke of Ferrara in 1471. The races are preceded by the historical parade, with over 1000 people in Renaissance costumes.

The ***Rione di San Paolo*** (one of the eight *Contrade*) and its fans welcome the Travelbloggers at their **Renaissance-style dinner on the 26th May**, the evening before the race, to toast to victory.

At the *Rione's* seat, in the Cloister *Chiostro di san Paolo*, Corso Porta Reno - Ferrara

Contact: Pier Francesco Perazzolo cell. 348 7267067

IN RO (21 km from Ferrara)

The Mill on the Po - *Il Mulino del Po*

Riverside area at Ro

Opening: Saturdays 14:00-19:00 entry and guided tour;
Sundays 10:00-19:00 entry and guided tour;
Mondays to Fridays 10:00-18:00 without guide.

Free entrance to the mill.

The mill is situated on the banks of the river Po, and can be reached on foot from the nearby car park, or by bike along the cycle path "Destra Po" on the right bank of the river (23,11 km from Ferrara).

It is a fully functional reconstruction of the floating mills that characterized the 19th century, in which they used to exploit the power of the river to mill grain. Today you can watch the milling process and, at certain times, the bread being baked.

Travelbloggers interested in visiting should contact Filippo Parisini, Mayor of Ro and President of the Ferrara province Slow Food Association, or his assistant, Aurora Gamberoni, cell.: 329 9060944.

You may also like to enquire about local produce tasting and visits to local farm shops.

IN COMACCHIO (50 km from Ferrara)

Historical Eel Pickling Factory – *Manifattura dei Marinati*

Comacchio - Via Mazzini, 200

Tel. 0533 81742, manifatturadeimarinati@parcodeltapo.it

Winter opening (1st November to 28th February): 9.30 - 13.00 and 14.30 - 18.00;

Summer opening (1st March to 31st October): 9.30 - 12.30 and 15.00 - 19.00.

Closed on Mondays

This old eel-canning factory, with its 12 great fireplaces in the *Sala fuochi* (Fire Room), still today roasts, marinates and cans the delicious local delicacy. Here you can visit the *Museo dell'Anguilla* (Eel Museum), part of the Emilia-Romagna Museums of Taste circuit. It is one of the main Po Delta Park Visitor Centres.

Travelbloggers should contact the Po Delta Park management for free entry.

At Lido delle Nazioni, (on the coast near Comacchio, 60 km from Ferrara)

Romea Beach Resort Hotel and Club (*Villaggio Albergo Club Spiaggia Romea*)***

Viale Oasi, 2

Contact: Francesca Santonastaso cell. 339 5444853

Travelbloggers get free access to the sea, lake and swimming pool as well as tasting sessions, nature safaris in the Po Delta Park and horse-riding trips.



“Giornata del Contadino” – “Farmer day”: organised trip to the local farms and in the main food factory Mazzoni (fruit-canning and juices, processing carrots, tomatoes and other vegetables).

IN GORO (63 km from Ferrara)

Sacca di Goro: boat trips in the Po Delta and a visit to the clam farm

Contact: Vadis Paesanti, cell.3387574154

Taste typical local fish and mollusc dishes and visit the lighthouse, the Isle of Love (*Isola dell'Amore*) and Seagull Island (*Isola dei Gabbiani*), the furthest point of Ferrara province, in the heart of the Delta.

IN MESOLA (58 km from Ferrara)

Mesola Wood (*Gran Bosco della Mesola*)

Open Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and holidays from 8 a.m. to an hour before sunset.

Contact: Valentina Roma (*Fattorie del Delta*), cell. 339 4380724

Your contact can arrange a guided tour inside the old hunting reserve of the Este Dukes, today a nature reserve protecting the Dune deer, a rare local species to which the nearby Deer Museum (*Museo del Cervo*), inside the beautiful Mesola Castle, is dedicated.

You can also arrange to visit the German Bunkers from the Second World War, which are preserved in the Mesola pine woods.

IN SANT'AGOSTINO (27 km from Ferrara)

Lamborghini Museum

Dosso - Via Statale 342

Cell. 347 5329320, fabio.lamborghini@libero.it

Contact: Fabio Lamborghini

Your contact can arrange a visit to the museum where the history of the manufacture of the world-famous cars is recounted, from the first tractors to the sports and racing cars, like the car that Ferruccio Lamborghini, who the museum is named after, drove in the 1948 *Mille Miglia* race.

IN MIRABELLO (15 km from Ferrara – 13 km from Dosso di Sant'Agostino)

Le Pradine Farm House, Restaurant and Nature Reserve

Corso Italia, 537 - Mirabello

Tel. 0532 847630, 338 3952619 amministrazione@lepradine.it

Local produce tasting (typical wines) and visit to the nature reserve.

