



Bologna

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As the capital of the Emilia Romagna region, Bologna is an art city, a university centre and a place renowned for its excellent cuisine. It hosts important international trade fairs and is one of the world's greatest motor cities. Ducati, Lamborghini and Maserati were all born in Bologna and Ferrari's headquarters can be found in nearby Modena.

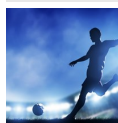


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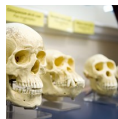


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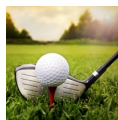
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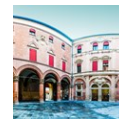


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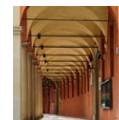
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THE CITY



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Italians love to define Bologna as a scholarly, fat and red city. The scholarly label refers to the site of the world's oldest university. The fat label alludes to Bolognese food, with its tagliatelle and tortellini. Finally, Bologna is a red city because of the colour of its houses and also thanks to the political traditions of the city's administration.

Bologna is also a city of porticos, which stretches for nearly 40 kilometres in the city centre, and of the Garisenda tower, the only real leaning tower in Italy — the leaning tower of Pisa is, in fact, a bell tower.

Dating back to ancient times, Bologna's roots trace back to the Etruscans and Celts before becoming a significant Roman settlement. Throughout the Middle Ages, the city flourished as a centre of learning and trade, earning the nickname 'La Dotta' (the learned one) due to its esteemed university. Bologna's historical significance is reflected in its stunning architecture, characterised by elegant porticoes, majestic towers, and medieval buildings that adorn its picturesque streets. Today, Bologna continues to captivate visitors with its lively atmosphere, thriving arts scene, and culinary prowess, making it a must-visit destination for travellers seeking an authentic Italian experience.

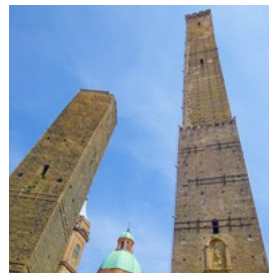
DO & SEE



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The centre of Bologna is one of the best preserved in Europe, and it is full of beautiful palaces and churches packed with artworks that bear witness to the cultural importance of the city over the centuries. Its historical city centre is also considered one of the largest in Europe.

Two Towers (Torre Degli Asinelli & Torre Della Garisenda)



Le due Torri (The Two Towers), Garisenda e degli Asinelli, are iconic symbols of Bologna's skyline, dating back to the 12th century.

Towering over the city, they stand as testament to Bologna's medieval heritage and architectural splendour. While the Garisenda Tower is known for its distinctive lean, the Asinelli Tower offers breathtaking panoramic views from its summit.

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Address: Piazza di Porta Ravegnana, Bologna

Bologna's Town Hall



The Palazzo Comunale (or Palazzo d'Accursio) is Bologna's town hall. The upper level of the palace is the home of the civic museum Collezioni

Comunali d'Arte (Municipal Art Collections) where a large collection of Renaissance paintings and other pieces of art can be enjoyed.

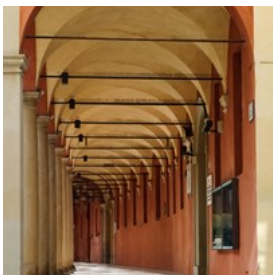
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National Gallery



The National Gallery (Pinacoteca Nazionale) is the most important art gallery in Bologna and boasts one of the richest collections in Northern

Italy. Art from major Italian artists, including local artists are housed here. Here you will find works of art, dating back from the 14th and 15th centuries to the Renaissance period and art from the 16th century.

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Address: Via delle Belle Arti 56, Bologna

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 9am-7pm, Mon closed

Phone: +39 051 402 9411

Internet: www.pinacotecabologna.beniculturali.it/it

Email: pin-bo@beniculturali.it

Basilica of San Petronio



Standing on Bologna's main square, (Piazza Maggiore), the Basilica of San Petronio is one of the largest medieval churches in Italy and an

important symbol of the city. The inside is full of Gothic archways, stained glass windows and doors from the 15th and 16th centuries.

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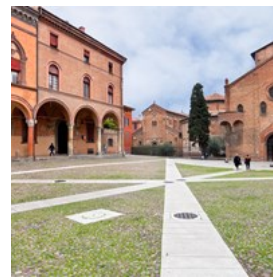
Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-1pm / 2:30pm-6pm

Phone: +39 051 231415

Internet: www.basilicadisanpetronio.org

Email: info@basilicadisanpetronio.org

Basilica of Santo Stefano



This extraordinary religious site consists of four medieval churches, originally there were seven churches, and therefore it is known by the name of Sette Chiese (Seven Churches).

Besides churches, this peaceful complex contains cloisters, tombs and courtyards, a great place to browse religious art and artefacts as well. The most interesting is the church of the Sepolcro, which preserves a representation of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

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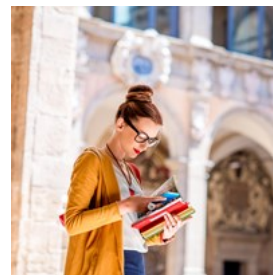
Address: Via Santo Stefano 24, Bologna

Phone: +39 051 498 3423

Internet: www.santostefanobologna.it

Email: santostefano@fratiminori.it

University of Bologna



The University of Bologna, founded in 1088, stands as the oldest university in the Western world, boasting a rich history of academic

excellence and innovation. Some of the famous people who have been teaching here include Nicolaus Copernicus and Francesco Petrarca. Renowned for its distinguished faculty, diverse

student body, and commitment to research and teaching across a wide range of disciplines, the University of Bologna continues to be a global leader in higher education.

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Address: Università di Bologna - Via Zamboni, 33, Bologna

Internet: www.unibo.it/it

Fountain of Neptune



Crafted by the skilled sculptor Giambologna in the 16th century, the colossal Fontana di Nettuno graces the heart of Piazza Maggiore with its majestic presence. The life-size bronze statue of Neptune, poised atop a shell-shaped chariot pulled by seahorses and surrounded by allegorical figures, exudes a sense of power and elegance. Serving as an iconic landmark of Bologna, the fountain not only embodies the city's rich artistic heritage but also functions as a gathering point for residents and tourists to appreciate the intersection of art, history, and civic life in this charming Italian city.

Photo: s74/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza del Nettuno, Bologna

Basilica of San Domenico



Built in 1251, this is the birthplace of the Dominican order and the resting place of its founder — Saint Dominic. It is one of the richest churches in Bologna when it comes to history and art. The small museum houses art and precious artefacts like the relic of Louis IX of France. Be sure to also admire the beautiful Romanesque façade and Gothic chapels.

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Address: Piazza San Domenico 13, Bologna

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-noon / 3:30pm-6pm; Sun 3:30pm-5pm

Phone: +39 051 640 0411

Internet: <https://sandomenicobologna.it>

Italian Cooking Class



If you want to learn how to cook a perfect pasta Bolognese, there's no better place to do it than in Bologna, the home of the world's famous sauce.

Agriturismo San Giuliano organizes classes in pasta making and cooking traditional Italian food. The courses can be held in Italian, English, French or Spanish.

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Address: Via Galletta 3, San Lazzaro di Savena

Phone: +39 051 6251 141

Internet: www.poderesangiuliano.it

Ducati Museum



If motorcycles fascinate you, the Ducati Museum, on the outskirts of Bologna, is a must. At the Ducati Factory, you can see the history of this world-famous brand from the year of 1926 until today. You can also join the factory tour, just make sure to book in advance.

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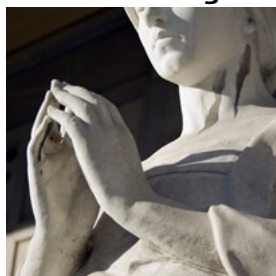
Address: Via Antonio Cavalieri Ducati 3, Bologna

Opening hours: Thu-Tue 9am-6pm, Mon closed

Phone: +39 051 641 3111

Internet: www.ducati.com/ww/en/borgo-panigale-experience

Certosa di Bologna



The Certosa di Bologna is a former Carthusian monastery, which was founded in 1334 and suppressed in 1797. In 1801, it became the city's Monumental Cemetery, which is known for its unique sculptures, architecture and Etruscan tombs. Just beside the graveyard, you can find the area where the non-Catholic persons were buried, a Jewish cemetery, and a crematory area.

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Address: Via della Certosa 18, Bologna

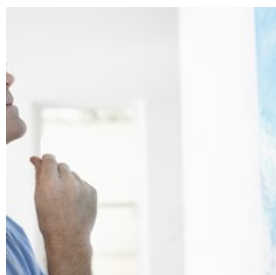
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-4pm, Sat 8am-12:30pm, Sun closed

Phone: +39 051 615 0811

Internet: www.bolognaservizicimiteriali.it/home.html

Email: cimiteri.bologna@bolognaservizicimiteriali.it

MAMbo — Bologna Modern Art Museum



Opened in 2007, MAMbo is housed within a former industrial space constructed in 1915, which previously operated as a bakery for many years. The museum features a diverse collection showcasing art from World War II to the present, featuring renowned Italian and foreign artists.

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Address: Museo d'Arte Moderna di Bologna, via Don Minzoni 14, Bologna

Phone: +39 051 649 6611

Email: info@mambo-bologna.org

Ferrari Maranello Museum



The Italians see their luxury car brand Ferrari as a religion and their beautiful cars as saints. In the city of Maranello just outside Bologna, you can find its factory. In a separate building next to it, a 2,500 square meter museum welcomes guests to discover the history of the brand and to be fascinated by the fast cars.

Photo: John_Silver/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Alfredo Dino Ferrari, 43, Maranello

Opening hours: Daily 9:30am-6pm

Phone: +39 0536 949713

Internet: www.ferrari.com/it-IT/museums/ferrari-maranello

Bologna Municipal Theater



Inaugurated in 1763, The Teatro Comunale di Bologna is the heart of Bologna's cultural life and is considered to be one of the most important opera venues in Italy. Opera, ballet, symphonic concerts or contemporary music, regardless of what you choose, will be a cultural high point to remember.

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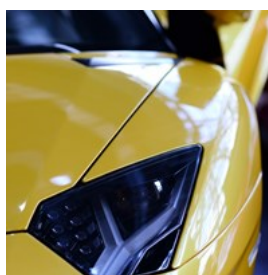
Address: Largo Respighi, 1, Bologna

Phone: +39 051 529078

Internet: www.tcbo.it

Email: teatro@comunalebologna.it

Lamborghini Automobile Museum

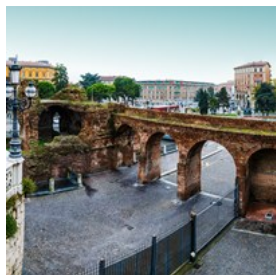


Located in Sant'Agata Bolognese, the birthplace of Lamborghini, the museum offers visitors a fascinating journey through decades of

cutting-edge design and engineering. Showcasing a striking collection of Lamborghini's legendary sports cars, including sleek models and prototypes, the museum provides automobile enthusiasts with a close-up look at the brand's evolution.

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Address: Via Modena, 12, Sant'Agata Bolognese
Phone: +39 051 959 7611
Internet: www.lamborghini.com/en-en/museum

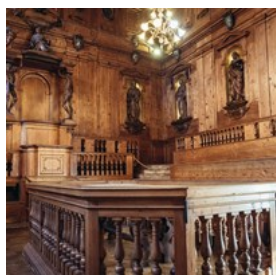
Park of Montagnola



Park of Montagnola (Parco della Montagnola) is an enchanting green space nestled in the heart of the city. With its lush vegetation, meandering pathways, and charming pond, the park provides a picturesque setting for leisurely strolls, picnics, or simply basking in the beauty of nature.

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Address: Via Irnerio, 2/3, Bologna
Phone: +39 051 1998 4190

Anatomical Theatre



The Anatomical Theatre is a former classroom, in the shape of an amphitheatre, used for anatomy lectures and dissections during the 16th century. Immerse yourself in the richly panelled space adorned with detailed wood sculptures for a glimpse into the educational practices of the past.

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Address: Piazza Galvani, 1, Bologna
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun closed
Phone: +39 051 276821

Internet: www.archiginnasio.it

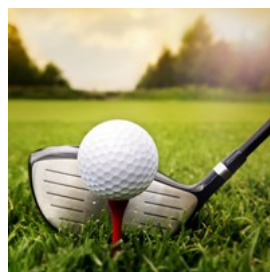
Anatomy Museum



The Anatomy Museum, Collezione delle Cere Anatomiche, offers a unique and spine-chilling experience. Visitors will encounter displays featuring wax models depicting body parts, diseases, and malformations, alongside a vast collection of real skulls. Recommended for those with interests in medical history, anatomy, or general health. Be aware that the museum may not be suitable for the overly squeamish.

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Address: Via Irnerio 48, Bologna
Phone: +39 051 209 1556
Internet: <https://sma.unibo.it/it/il-sistema-museale/collezione-delle-cere-anatomiche-l-cattaneo>

Golf Club Bologna



If you want to play a game of golf you can go to the historical 50-year-old Golf Club Bologna. This is a good place to go to experience the beautiful Bolognese countryside. The last three holes are claimed to be a real challenge. When hunger kicks in, there is a restaurant and bar in the clubhouse where to relish culinary delicacy in a relaxed ambience.

Photo: Mikael Damkier/Shutterstock.com
Address: Monte San Pietro, Via Alfonso Sabattini, 69, Chiesa Nuova
Phone: +39 051 969 100
Internet: www.golfclubbologna.it/en/golf-club-bologna-english
Email: info@golfclubbologna.it

Renato Dall'Ara Stadium



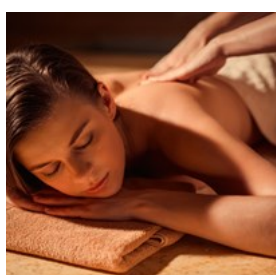
Also known as, Stadio Littorialeis, Stadio Renato Dall'Ara is a multi-purpose stadium, currently used mostly for football matches and the home of Bologna F.C. It was established in 1927 and has a capacity of over 38,000 people and even though the stadium is old, the condition and facilities are good. Concerts are also held at this stadium.

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Address: Via Andrea Costa, 174, Bologna

Internet: www.bolognafc.it/en/the-stadium

Terme San Luca – Pluricenter



Terme San Luca boasts the largest spa centre in Bologna, offering a comprehensive array of amenities for wellness and fitness enthusiasts alike. From rejuvenating pools to gym facilities and solariums, guests can indulge in a range of activities designed for relaxation and remise-en-forme.

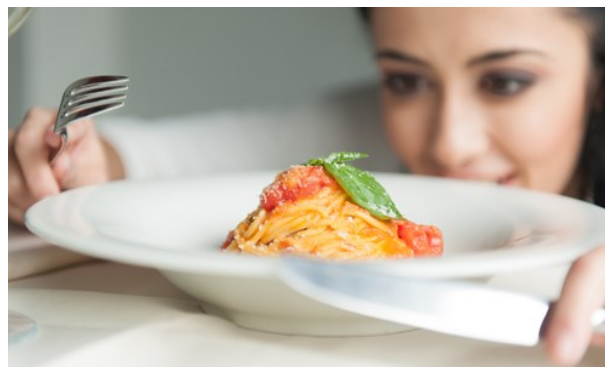
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Address: Via Agucchi, 4/2, Bologna

Phone: +39 051 382564

Internet: www.maretermalebolognese.it/terme-san-luca-bologna-benessere-fitness-palestra

DINING



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Bologna is renowned for its rich cuisine. So you should, at the very least, try mortadella (a sort of salted pork meat) and tagliatelle (handmade noodles) with meat sauce and lasagne, which by the way, was invented here.

Diana



Established in the 1920s, this venerable restaurant stands as the undisputed temple of Bolognese cuisine. The menu boasts exquisite offerings such as fresh pasta delicacies like tortellini, tortelloni, lasagne, and tagliatelle, alongside succulent roasts, savoury mushrooms, and the delectable 'Diana' dessert featuring hot chocolate and ice cream. Beyond its gastronomic delights, the restaurant's vintage furniture and nostalgic atmosphere provide patrons with a ticket back to the 1950s.

Photo: PhotoEd/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Volturmo, 5, Bologna

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 12:15pm-2:30pm / 7:15pm-10:30pm;

Sun 12:15pm-2:30pm, Mon closed

Phone: +39 051 231302

Internet: www.ristorante-diana.it

Email: info@ristorante-diana.it

Ristorante Posta



Posta is a Michelin-starred trattoria serving dishes from both Tuscan and Bolognese culinary traditions, complemented by a wide

selection of wines in a rustic and elegant atmosphere by candlelight.

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Address: Via della Grada, 21a, Bologna

Phone: +39 051 649 2106

Internet: www.ristoranteposta.it

Email: posta@ristoranteposta.it

Donatello



Donatello is an upscale restaurant boasting a 120-year history, showcased in its walls adorned with pictures of its famous patrons and

servicing delicious Northern Italian cuisine.

Photo: darqdesign/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Augusto Righi 8, Bologna

Opening hours: Mon, Wed-Sat noon-2:30pm / 7pm-10pm;

Sun noon-2:30pm, Tue closed

Phone: +39 388 999 0279

Internet: www.ristorantedonatello.it

Email: info@ristorantedonatello.it

La Tua Piadina



La Tua Piadina is a bustling counter-serve spot offering a variety of piadinas, thin Italian flatbreads, with diverse fillings for takeout.

Options range from the thick piadina of Bertinoro to the thin variety from Riccione, including vegetarian options and flavours like

Nerella with walnuts.

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Address: Via Borgonuovo, 17a, Bologna

Opening hours: Mon-Fri noon-3:30pm, Sat noon-4pm, Sun closed

Phone: +39 051 270959

Ristorante Rodrigo



Rodrigo is an old-school, tablecloth restaurant offering a diverse menu of homestyle meat, seafood, and pasta dishes, all complemented

by an array of regional wines.

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Address: Via della Zecca, 2h, Bologna

Phone: +39 051 235536

Internet: <https://ristoranterodrigobologna.it/index.php/it>

Email: info@ristoranterodrigobologna.it

Vito a San Luca



Vito a San Luca, situated near the Basilica of San Luca, is the go-to spot in Bologna for pizza.

Besides pizza, they serve regional pasta, salads,

bruschettas, desserts, and ice cream, complemented by a fine selection of wines.

Photo: Denizo71/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via di Monte Albano, 5, Bologna

Opening hours: Mon, Wed-Fri 10am-10:30pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 9am-10:30pm, Tue closed

Phone: +39 051 437711

Internet: www.vito.it

Email: vito@vito.it

Le Stanze



Housed in a repurposed chapel with frescoed walls and original terracotta, Le Stanze is a bistro full of character and history, offering

classic meat dishes alongside a cocktail bar, which makes it one of the most sought-after settings in the city.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Borgo di San Pietro, 1a, Bologna

Opening hours: Tue-Thu noon-midnight, Fri & Sat noon-1am, Sun noon-10pm, Mon closed

Phone: +39 051 228767

Internet: www.instagram.com/lestanzebologna

Email: info@lestanze cafe.it

Ristorante da Nello al Montegrappa



Do what the celebrities do when they visit Bologna and eat your dinner at Ristorante da Nello al Montegrappa. Elvis Costello, Lou Reed

and Rupert Everett are just a few of the famous people who have eaten here and on the walls, you will find more photos of their celebrity guests. The restaurant is located right in the heart of the historical centre and they serve homestyle Bolognese cuisine.

Photo: Olena Mykhaylova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Montegrappa 2b, Bologna

Phone: +39 051 236331

Internet: www.instagram.com/ristorante_da_nello

Email: info@ristorantedanello.com

Aires del Plata



Aires del Plata is a spacious, rustic-style steakhouse serving Argentinian beef dishes and wine in a laid-back, warm atmosphere.

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Address: Via dell'Abbadia 4c, Bologna

Opening hours: Tue-Thu 7:30pm-11:30pm, Fri & Sat 7pm-midnight, Sun 7:30pm-11:30pm, Mon closed

Phone: +39 051 239846

Internet: www.instagram.com/airesdelplata

Email: info@airesdelplata.net

India



If you happen to be tired of Italian food, which I highly doubt you will, at restaurant India, you can indulge in, as the name of the restaurant reveals,

Indian food. In the cosy dining room, fully decorated in Indian style, patrons can savour the delicious flavours from Northern Indian cuisine.

Photo: DenisFilm/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Nazario Sauro 14a, Bologna

Phone: +39 051 271095

Internet: www.indiaristorante.it/?lang=en

Email: ristorante.india@gmail.com

Trattoria Battibecco



Located a stone's throw from Piazza Maggiore, Trattoria Battibecco is a stylish and elegant restaurant celebrated for its traditional Italian

dishes and seafood specialities. During the warmer months, guests can also enjoy their meal on the pleasant summer terrace.

Photo: HLPhoto/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Battibecco, 4b, Bologna
Phone: +39 051 223298
Internet: <https://battibecco.com>
Email: info@battibecco.com

Cantina Bentivoglio



Housed in the cellars of Palazzo Bentivoglio, Cantina Bentivoglio offers a unique and memorable dining experience in Bologna's historic city centre. While enjoying the soothing sounds of jazz, patrons can savour classic Bolognese dishes alongside daily fish specials and seasonal vegetarian options. With a wine list boasting over 500 labels, guests can complement their meal with a fine selection of national and foreign wines, followed by delectable homemade desserts.

Photo: Mateusz Gzik/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Mascarella 4/B, Bologna
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8pm-1am, Sun 12:30pm-3pm / 8pm-1am
Phone: +39 051 265416
Internet: www.cantinabentivoglio.it
Email: jazz@cantinabentivoglio.it

Casamerlò



Situated in the historical city centre, Casamerlò is a charming trattoria offering a variety of dishes rooted in ancient Bolognese and Italian traditions, accompanied by an extensive selection of wines.

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Address: Via de' Gombruti, 2d, Bologna
Opening hours: Wed-Sun 12:30pm-3pm / 7:30pm-midnight;
Mon & Tue 12:30pm-3pm / 7:30pm-10pm

Phone: +39 051 239 645
Internet: www.casamerlo.it

CAFÉS



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As a student city and as the symbol of the good life, Bologna is well known for the efficiency of its services and the welcoming nature of its people, who are somewhat envied for their joie de vivre. What better place to do the same than at one of the many cafés of the city?

Caffè Terzi



Caffè Terzi is a beloved and long-established coffee shop in the heart of Bologna. Although tiny, it is well worth a visit if you're a lover of fine coffee. Drop by for a cup of artisanal coffee, which can be enjoyed with a piece of cake or one of their delicious pastries.

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Address: Via Guglielmo Oberdan 10d, Bologna
Opening hours: Daily 8am-6pm
Phone: +39 051 317 9115

Il Duca d'Amalfi



In a quiet courtyard off Piazza Maggiore lies this picturesque café. The Duca D'Amalfi's large outdoor area is perfect for a relaxing or energizing cup of coffee. Indeed, here you will often see students and teachers taking their break altogether or simply reading a book.

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Address: Piazza De' Celestini, 3a, Bologna
Opening hours: Daily 8am-9pm
Phone: +39 051 265146

Il Caffè della Corte



Il Caffè della Corte is a charming retreat tucked away within a small and delightful patio, where you can indulge in a selection of coffee, light bites, and cocktails.

Photo: Ekaterina Pokrovsky/Shutterstock.com
Address: Corte Isolani 5b, Bologna
Phone: +39 051 261555
Internet: www.ilcaffedellacorte.it
Email: info@ilcaffedellacorte.it

La Sorbetteria Castiglione



In a city abundant with ice cream shops, few rival the authenticity of La Sorbetteria Castiglione. More than just a gelateria, it stands as a revered institution deeply rooted in Italian culture and culinary heritage.

Photo: Luboslav Tiles/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Castiglione 44d, Bologna
Opening hours: Tue-Fri 11am-10pm, Sat-Mon 9am-10pm

Phone: +39 051 039 1207
Internet: www.lasorbetteria.it
Email: info@lasorbetteria.it

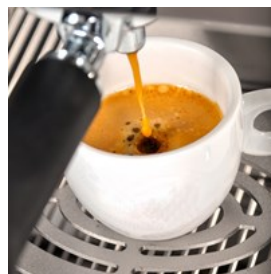
Café Pastry Gamberini



Gamberini is not only the oldest pastry shop in Bologna but also a beloved and longstanding breakfast destination. Their menu features an endless mouthwatering selection of pastries, elegant cakes, and savoury options alongside a selection of tea, coffee, and thick Italian hot chocolate.

Photo: Kondor83/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Ugo Bassi, 12, Bologna
Opening hours: Sun-Thu 7am-9pm, Fri & Sat 7am-10pm
Phone: +39 051 296 0467
Internet: <https://gamberini.eu>
Email: info@gamberini.eu

Caffè Zanarini



Nestled in the heart of Bologna, near Piazza Cavour, Caffè Zanarini is a beloved meeting spot for locals. Serving up a delightful array of coffees, pastries, and cakes, it's perfect for a casual bite. Terrace tables provide a charming setting for evening aperitifs.

Photo: michelepautasso/Shutterstock.com
Address: Piazza Galvani, 1, Bologna
Opening hours: Daily 7am-9pm
Phone: +39 051 275 0041
Internet: www.instagram.com/caffezanarini
Email: info@pasticceriaantoniazzi.it

Caffè Zamboni



In the heart of the university district, Caffè Zamboni is a low-key café offering a lunch buffet with salads, pasta, sushi and desserts at affordable prices.

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Address: Via Zamboni, 6b, Bologna
Phone: +39 051 273102

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Thanks to its large university population, Bologna has a lot to offer when it comes to nightlife. The bars in the centre fill up quickly with locals and students during the aperitivo time (usually between 6:30pm and 9:30pm). Aperitivo plays an important role for both young and old and is, without a doubt, one of the most fun food and drink experiences you can have in Italy.

After aperitivo, the young university crowd continues the evening by heading over to one of the many discos or clubs. Some of these clubs stay open late into the night, some even until 4am, making them the perfect places to dance the night away.

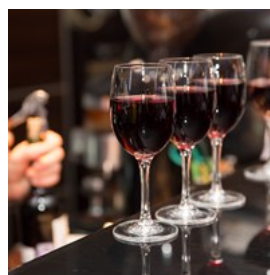
Roxy Bar



In the heart of the city, right under the two towers, Roxy Bar is a well-known spot because it was celebrated by Italian singer Vasco Rossi in one of his most famous songs 'Vita Spericolata'. It is a popular hangout for drinks and light lunch.

Photo: alexpro9500/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Rizzoli 9, Bologna
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 7:30am-9:30pm, Fri 7:30am-10pm, Sat 9am-10:30pm, Sun 9am-9pm
Phone: +39 051 506 0498

Altotasso



If you enjoy a glass of wine accompanied by poetry readings, theatre or live music, then be sure to add Altotasso to your Bologna itinerary. With a varied program, which also includes book presentations and screenings of short movies, this is the perfect venue for a cultural night out.

Photo: Aleksei Lazukov/Shutterstock.com
Address: Piazza San Francesco, 6d, Bologna
Opening hours: Mon-Wed 5pm-2am, Thu 5pm-3am, Fri & Sat 4:30pm-3:45am, Sun 5pm-3am
Phone: +39 051 238 003
Internet: www.altotasso.com
Email: info@altotasso.com

Celtic Druid Irish Pub



Celtic Druid is an Irish-style tavern located in the heart of the city. Originating as a small beer house in the 1980s, it now offers a diverse

selection of beers on tap, plus whiskeys. Alongside, patrons can enjoy pub fare like burgers, all within a warm and friendly atmosphere.

Photo: somsak nitimongkolchai/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Caduti di Cefalonia, 5c, Bologna
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 5:30pm-2:30am, Fri 5pm-3am, Sat 2:45pm-3am, Sun 2:45pm-2am
Phone: +39 051 227 518
Internet: www.instagram.com/celticdruidirishpub
Email: info@celticdruid.com

Harvest Pub



Harvest Pub is a small and intimate pub specialising in craft beers from both Italy and the rest of the world along with quality spirits. This is the perfect place to try a local Italian beer in the company of friends in a cosy ambience with low music in the background.

Photo: levgenii Meyer/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Montello 4/A, Bologna
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 6pm-midnight, Fri & Sat 6pm-2am, Sun closed
Phone: +39 375 591 0822
Internet: www.instagram.com/harvest.pub

Covo Club



Covo Club, an indie-punk Mecca since the 80s, is renowned for hosting gigs by both big-name and local indie groups. Over the years, it has welcomed acclaimed international bands and artists like Franz Ferdinand, The Gossip, Ladytron, and Kings of Convenience. Check out their website for details on upcoming concerts and events.

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Address: Viale Zagabria 1, Bologna
Internet: www.instagram.com/covoclub
Email: info@covoclub.it

Locomotiv Club



Right next to the Bologna central station, you can find the Locomotiv Club, a live music venue hosting some of the most influential artists within the world music scene including local artists. If you are into rock music, cultural events, concerts and good beer, then this is the place to head for.

Photo: Annette Shaff/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Sebastiano Serlio, 25/2, Bologna
Internet: www.locomotivclub.it
Email: info@locomotivclub.it

Cluricaune Irish Pub



Cluricaune is another lively Irish pub known for its extensive beer selection and pub grub offerings such as burgers and fish 'n' chips. Here you can also catch sports on TV and enjoy live music performances by local bands or DJ sets.

Photo: Room 76/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Zamboni 18b, Bologna
Phone: +39 051 263419
Internet: www.instagram.com/thecluricaune
Email: cluricaune.irishpub@hotmail.it

SHOPPING



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Bologna boasts a mix of traditional markets, designer boutiques, and modern shopping centres. Visitors can explore its historic streets lined with artisan shops selling handmade goods, browse upscale shops featuring luxury brands, or visit bustling markets to find fresh produce and local specialities.

Galleria Cavour



Galleria Cavour, located just a ten-minute walk from Piazza Maggiore, epitomizes Italy's status as a fashion powerhouse. This elegant shopping

gallery showcases the world's most prestigious and exclusive fashion and high jewellery brands, including Gucci, Prada, and Miu Miu.

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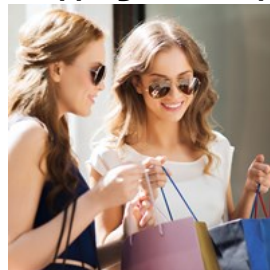
Address: Via Farini, 14, Bologna

Phone: +39 051 222621

Internet: www.galleriacavourbologna.com

Email: info@galleriacavourbologna.com

Shopping in the City Centre



Fashion shops are located all around the centre of Bologna, but boutiques and international brands can mostly be found in Via Farini, Via Ugo Bassi, Via dell'Indipendenza and under the Portico del Pavaglione.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Farini, Bologna

Tamburini



Established in 1932, Tamburini is Bologna's most famous delicatessen offering traditional cold meats and cheese, along with pasta, wine, and other local culinary delights.

Photo: Ingrid Balabanova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Caprarie, 1, Bologna

Phone: +39 051 234726

Internet: www.tamburini.com

Email: info@tamburini.com

Paolo Atti e Figli



Since 1868, Paolo Atti e Figli has been a cornerstone of Bologna's culinary scene, renowned for producing some of the city's finest pastas, cakes, and other delicacies.

Photo: vvoe/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Caprarie, 7a, Bologna

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-7:30pm, Sun

10:30am-5:30pm

Phone: +39 051 220425

Internet: www.paoloatti.com/index.php?lang=en

Email: info@paoloatti.com

Kiko Milano



Kiko is an Italian cosmetics shop that can be found in various locations throughout Europe. They offer a wide range of their own make-up and accessories, all at affordable prices.

Photo: misuma/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via dell'Indipendenza, 20, Bologna

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9:30am-8pm, Sun 10am-8pm

Phone: +39 051 222801

Internet: www.kikocosmetics.com

Centro Commerciale Centronova



Centronova is a large shopping complex housing a variety of shops offering fashion and electronics, along with casual dining options and a supermarket.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Villanova 29, Bologna

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-8:30pm, Sun 9am-8pm

Phone: +39 051 782154

Internet: www.centronova.com

Email: info@centronova.com

Centroborgo



Centroborgo, the first shopping centre in Bologna, offers a diverse selection of products ranging from fashion and accessories to jewellery and electronics, plus a supermarket and an assortment of services.

Photo: Elwynn/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Marco Emilio Lepido, 186, Bologna

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8:30am-9pm, Sun 10am-8pm

Phone: +39 051 406965

Internet: www.centroborgo.it

Email: info@centroborgo.it

Outlet Barberino



Outlet Barberino is the perfect shopping destination just 30 minutes from Florence. Here you can find more than 130 shops of the most luxurious designer fashion brands up to 70% less. With cafés, restaurants and tax-free shopping available, there's everything the discerning shopper could ever desire.

Photo: lvanko80/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Meucci, Barberino di Mugello

Opening hours: Daily 10am-8pm

Phone: +39 055 842161

Internet: www.mcarthurglen.com/it/outlets/it/designer-outlet-barberino/

Email: info.barberino@mcarthurglen.com

Fidenza Village



Fidenza Village, situated only 60 minutes from Bologna, is an elegant outdoor mall featuring over 120 designer and fashion brands. Shoppers can enjoy discounts of up to 70% off on a wide range of products all year round.

Photo: Goodluz/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Federico Fellini, 1, Fidenza

Opening hours: Daily 10am-8pm

Phone: +39 0524 33551

Internet: www.thebicestercollection.com/fidenza-village/en

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Passport/Visa



Italy can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and

most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travellers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

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Best time to Visit



In Bologna, you can enjoy favourable weather almost all year round. Between the months of May and August is considered the peak of the season and the climate is predominantly

humid. On the other hand, the winter season is another great option as you can feel the Christmas spirit in the capital of the Emilia-Romagna Region.

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Bologna Guglielmo Marconi Airport (BLO)



Bologna Airport is conveniently located just 9 kilometres from the city centre. Travellers can easily reach the city via the monorail train

Marconi Express, with a quick 7-minute journey between the airport and the central train station in Bologna. This service operates every 7 minutes during peak times and runs from 5:40am until midnight, every day of the year. Additionally, bus lines 940 (night road service) and 944 provide alternative transportation options, connecting the airport to various destinations including the railway station and Ospedale Maggiore. For those preferring taxis or rental cars, both are readily available at this airport as well.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Bologna Guglielmo Marconi Airport

Phone: +39 051 647 9615

Internet: www.bologna-airport.it/en/welcome-to-bologna-airport/?idC=62175

Forlì International Airport (FRL)



Forlì International Airport, or Luigi Ridolfi Airport, is a small airport situated in Forlì, within the Emilia-Romagna region of northern Italy.

Serving Emilia-Romagna and eastern Tuscany, including the metropolitan areas of Bologna and

Rimini Riviera, it's a key transportation hub in the region. Located approximately 80 kilometres from Bologna, it's accessible within a one-hour drive.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Forlì International Airport

Phone: +39 0543 783411

Internet: www.forli-airport.com/en

Public Transport



Trasporto Passeggeri Emilia-Romagna (TPER) is the company that operates Bologna's local transport system. You can buy tickets at every

newsstand, tobacconist, automatic machine (near the main bus stops) and in TPER offices.

Once you are on the bus remember to stamp your ticket, it will be valid for 75 minutes. There are various passes available for tourists, including daily passes and a carnet with 10 or 20 tickets. For additional information, visit the TPER official website.

Having said that, Bologna is highly walkable for tourists. Its compact city centre is pedestrian-friendly, with many attractions, shops, and restaurants located within walking distance of each other. The city's historic streets, arcades, and squares make exploring on foot a delightful experience.

Photo: Pierre-luc Auclair

Internet: www.tper.it

Taxi



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Cotabo: +39 051 372 727

Colombo: +39 349 362
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Post



of the big red mailboxes.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Poste Italiane, Piazza Minghetti 4, Bologna

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:20am-7:05pm, Sat

8:20am-12:35pm, Sun closed

Phone: +39 051 275 6736

Internet: www.poste.it

You can find the main post office in Piazza Minghetti. Stamps can also be bought at tabaccherias. Drop your postcard or letter in one

Telephone



as is the general practice when making international telephone calls), e.g. +39 051 + the number.

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Country code: +39 Area code: 051 (also dialled in Bologna). If you call Italy from abroad, you must always dial zero in the area code (do not omit it

Electricity



Italy operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz.

The most common plug types in the country are C and F, with the possibility of encountering type L as

well. Plug type C is the plug which has two round pins, plug type F is the plug which has two round pins with two earth clips on the side and plug type L is the plug type which has three round pins.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

387,971 (2023)

Currency

Euro (EUR) €1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

Shops in Bologna are usually open from 9am to 12:30pm and from 3:30pm to 7:30pm.

Internet

www.bolognawelcome.com/en

Newspapers

Il resto del Carlino: www.ilrestodelcarlino.it

L'Unità: www.unita.it

La Repubblica: www.repubblica.it

Corriere della Sera: www.corriere.it

La Stampa: www.lastampa.it

Il Sole24ore: www.ilssole24ore.com

Emergency numbers

Carabinieri: 112

Police: 113

Ambulance: 118

Fire Brigade: 115

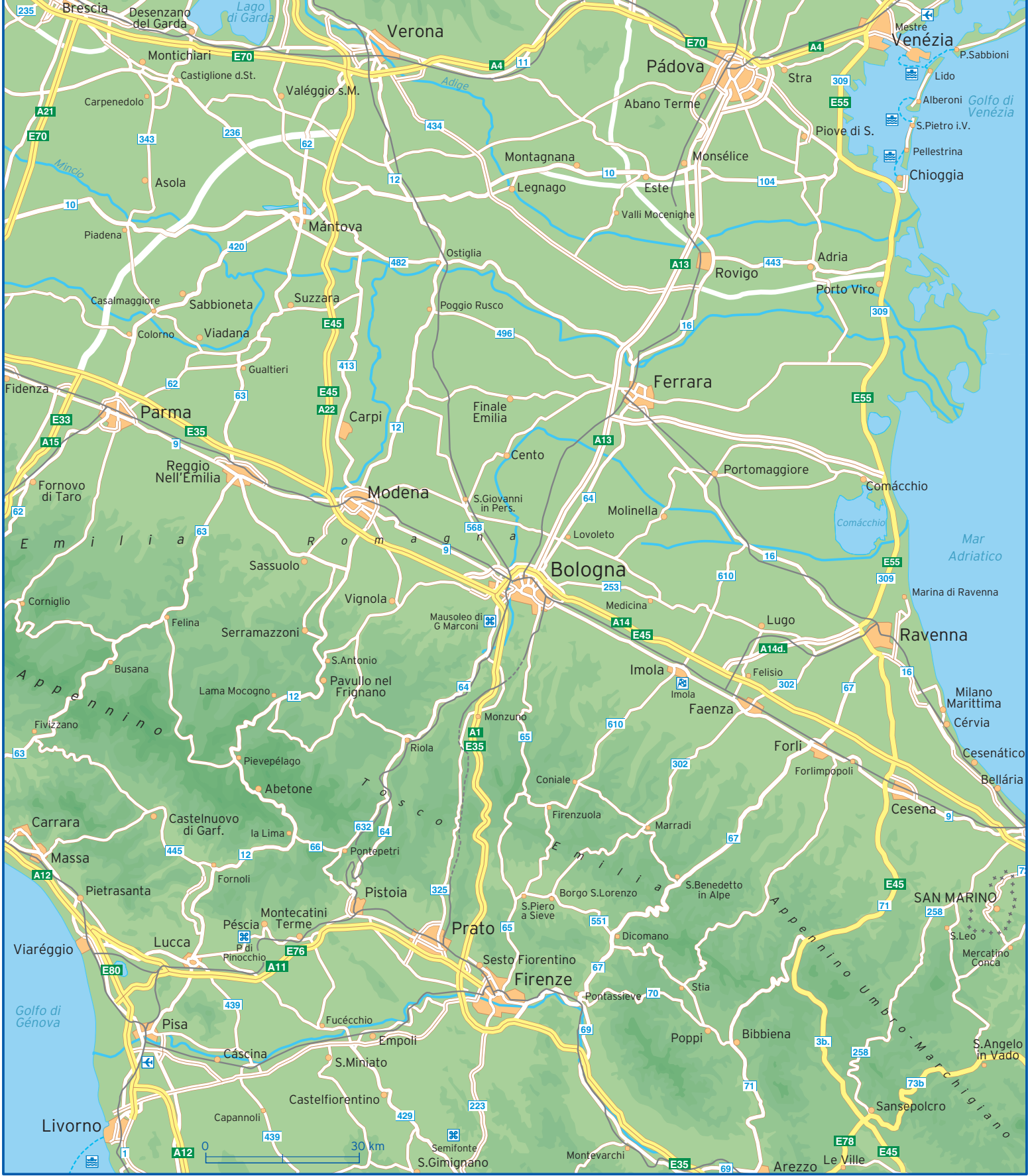
Tourist information

Bologna Welcome - Official Tourist Office

Piazza Maggiore 1/e, Bologna

+39 051 6583111

Open Mon-Sat 9am-7pm, Sun 10am-5pm



Piazza Aldrovandi	D3	Via Costa	A3	Via L. Cipriani	A1
Piazza dei Martiri 1943-1945	B1	Via d. Abbadia	A2	Via L. Farini	C3
Piazza di Porta Castiglione	C4	Via d. Angeli	C4	Via L. Tanari	A1
Piazza di Porta Maggiore	D3	Via d. Liberta	B4	Via le Carducci	D4
Piazza di Porta Mascarella	C1 D1	Via d. Riccio	B3 B4	Via le del Risorgimento	A4
Piazza di Porta S. Donato	D2	Via d. Rondone	B1 B2	Via le Risorgimento	A4
Piazza di Porta S. Felice	A2	Via d. Scalo	A1 A2	Via M. D'Azeglio	B4
Piazza di Porta S. Isaia	A3	Via Dante	D4	Via Marsala	C2
Piazza di Porta S. Mamolo	B4	Via de Marchi	A3	Via Marsili	B4 C4
Piazza di Porta S. Stefano	D4	Via dei Coltellini	A3 B2	Via Mascarella	C1 C2
Piazza di Porta S. Vitale	D3	Via dei Mille	B1	Via Massimo D'Azeglio	B3 B4
Piazza di Porta Saragozza	A4	Via dei Poeti	C3	Via Milazzo	B1
Piazza G. Carducci	D4	Via del Borgo di San Pietro	C1 C2	Via Miramonte Ruini	C4
Piazza G. Verdi	C2	Via del Cestello	C4	Via Montebello	B1
Piazza M. Azzarita	A2	Via del Fossato	B3	Via Montegrappa	B2 B3
Piazza M. Malpighi	B3	Via del Porto	B1	Via N. Nannetti	A2
Piazza Maggiore	B3 C3	Via del Pratello	A3	Via Nazario Sauro	B2
Piazza Otto Agosto	C2	Via dell Indipendenza	B2 C1 C2	Via Nosadella	B3
Piazza Roosevelt	B3	Via della Fondazza	D3 D4	Via O. Belluzzi	A4
Piazza Rossini	C2	Via della Grada	A2	Via Oberdan	C2
Piazza S. Martino	C2	Via delle Belle Arti	C2 D2	Via Orfeo	C4 D4
Piazza VII Novembre 1944	A1	Via delle Lame	A2 B2	Via Otto Colonne	A2 B2
Piazza XX Settembre	B1 C1	Via delle Moline	C2	Via P. Inviti	A1
Strada Maggiore	C3 D3	Via de' Chiari	C3	Via P.ta Nuova	B3
Via A. Parmeggiani	A1	Via de' Coltelli	C4 D4	Via Paglietta	B4
Via A. Righi	C2	Via Don Minzoni	A1 B1	Via Paolo Bovi Campeggi	A1 B1
Via Altabella	C2 C3	Via Ercolani	A1 A2	Via Paradiso	A2 A3
Via Arienti	C4	Via F. Albergati	A4	Via Parigi	B2
Via Avesella	B2	Via F. Roncati	A3	Via Pier de' Crescenzi	A1
Via Azzo Gardino	A1 B2	Via F. Selmi	D2	Via Pietralata	A2 A3
Via Barberia	B3	Via F. Zanardi	A1	Via Polese	B2
Via Bocca di Lupo	B4	Via Frassinago	A3	Via Posteria	C3 D3
Via Boldrini	B1	Via G. Amendola	B1	Via R. Audinot	A3
Via Bolmeloro	D2	Via G. B. Morgagni	B2	Via Remosella	D4
Via Borgonuovo	C3	Via G. Brugnoli	A2	Via Rialto	C4
Via Braina	C4	Via G. Galletti	A3	Via Riva di Reno	A2 B2
Via Broccaindosso	D3	Via G. Petroni	C2 D3	Via Rozzoli	C3
Via C. Casarini	A1	Via G. Reni	C3	Via S. Caterina	A3 A4
Via Capo di Lucca	C1 C2	Via Galliera	B1 B2 C1	Via S. Croce	A2 A3
Via Capramozza	B4	Via Garibaldi	C3 C4	Via S. Domenico	C4
Via Cartoleria	C3 C4	Via Goito	C2	Via S. Giacomo	D2
Via Castelfidardo	B4	Via Gramsci	B1	Via S. Giorgio	B2
Via Castellata	C4	Via Graziano	A2	Via S. Margherita	B3
Via Castiglione	C3 C4	Via Guerrazzi	C3 D3	Via S. Rocco	A2 A3
Via Ca' Selvatica	A3 B3	Via Guglielmo Marconi	B2	Via San Carlo	B2
Via Cesare Battisti	B3	Via I. Malvasia	A1 A2	Via San Felice	A2
Via Chiudare	C4	Via Irnerio	C1 C2 D2	Via San Giuliano	D4
Via Clavature	C3	Via IV Novembre	B3	Via San Lorenzo	B2
Via Collegio di Spagna	B3	Via L. Calori	A2	Via San Pertonio Vecchio	D3 D4

Via San Vital	C3 D3	Via Ugo Bassi	B3	Viale C. Berti-Pichat	D1 D2
Via Santo Stefano	C3 D4	Via Urbana	B4	Viale C. Pepoli	A3
Via Sant' Isaia	A3	Via Vallescura	A4	Viale Enrico Panzacchi	B4 C4
Via Saragozza	A4	Via Vezza	D1	Viale G. Carducci	D4
Via Solferino	B4 C4	Via Zamboni	C2 D2	Viale G. Ercolani	D3
Via Stalingrado	D1	Viale Angelo Masini	C1	Viale G. Vicini	A2 A3
Via Tagliapietre	B3 B4	Viale Antonio Aldini	A4 B4	Viale Pietro Pietramellara	B1
Via Torleone	D3	Viale Antonio Silvani	A1 A2	Viale Quirico Filopanti	D2 D3
Via U. Lenzi	A2	Viale Antonio Zapolini	D2	Viale XII Giugno	C4