



ITALY

BEST OF BOLOGNA (TOUR CODE: 11705)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Bologna

TRAVEL PERIODS

20 Jan 2023 - 31 Oct 2023

EXPERIENCE

Food & Wine
Cultural
City Stays

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Bologna, the "food capital" of Italy, will astound you not only due to its amazing cuisine, but also for its incredible historical heritage.

Highlights

- Visit an authentic producer of **Parmigiano-Reggiano PDO**
- Enjoy a visit to the **family-run ham** factories producing the mythical **Prosciutto di Parma PDO**
- **Lunch in a *farm-to-table* restaurant** with delicious local products
- Stop for pictures at the **Castle of Torrechiara**

With its iconic towers, elegant porticoes and the oldest university in the world (founded in 1088), Bologna has so much to offer in terms of history, culture, food and entertainment! Historical and elegant, and yet modern and exciting: this city provides visitor with all kinds of authentic experiences.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights in Bologna at the Starhotels Excelsior- 4* or similar
- Private transfers to Bologna Station/airport
- Daily Breakfast
- Full lunch with local products at a farm-to-table restaurant
- Private tasting experience and Parma city tour with English speaking guide

ITINERARY

Day 1 Bologna

Welcome to Bologna! Arrival at the airport or railway station and transfer to your hotel.

Overnight in Bologna at the **Starhotels Excelsior**.



THE FOUNTAIN OF NEPTUNE, BOLOGNA

Day 2 Bologna Parma Bologna

After breakfast, at 7.30 am approx meet the driver at the hall and transfer to Parma.

Meet the guide in Parma and continue to an authentic producer of **Parmigiano-Reggiano PDO**. Discover how the King of all cheeses has been made in the same way since the benedictine monks invented it centuries ago: you will first see the hand making, then the salt pools and finally the "wheel cathedrals", real walls of cheese in a single room. Tasting included.

Then, we continue for a guided visit with a final tasting at a **family run production site of Traditional Balsamic Vinegar PDO**.

Next stop is a visit to one of the **family-run ham factories producing the mythical Prosciutto di Parma PDO**. You will get to know why the best ham can only be made in the hills of Parma, where the Marino wind blows from the Ligurian Sea through the so-called Food Valley of Italy.

Full **lunch** based on the **typical products of the territory in a farm-to-table restaurant**: Parmigiano, Prosciutto as well as other kind of local cold cuts, a typical filled pasta dish (*tortelli di Parma*), homemade cakes. All paired up with local wines like *Lambrusco and Malvasia!*

After lunch, stop to take photos at the **medieval village of Torrechiara**, dominated by an imposing and romantic castle, one of the most spectacular amidst the Castles of the Dukedom of Parma and Piacenza. Then, transfer back to **Parma** for a 2 hours **private walking tour** (entrance to museums/monuments not included).

At the end of the tour, you will be transferred back to Bologna.

Overnight in Bologna at the **Starhotels Excelsior**.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day 3 Bologna

After breakfast, today is at leisure to explore what Bologna has to offer.

Alternatively, check out our optional extras to fill your day with a pre-booked experience (own expense).

Overnight in Bologna at the **Starhotels Excelsior**.

Breakfast



PIAZZA MAGGIORE, BOLOGNA

Day 4

Bologna

After breakfast at the hotel, you will be transferred to the airport or train station for your departure.

Breakfast



PORTICOES OF BOLOGNA

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Private Bologna city tour and cooking lessons

Available: Daily (lunch or dinner)

Meet the guide at the hotel. Start your **2 hours walking tour** where you will admire the beauties of the city: Piazza del Nettuno (Neptune Square), Piazza Maggiore, Basilica of San Petronio, one of the largest in the world, and the Meridiana. Visit the archiginnasio, the oldest library in the world, and walk to St. Stephen's Square, where you can admire the wonderful Basilica overlooking the square. You'll see the two Towers, Asinelli and Garisenda, soar over the city, and explore the historic Quadrilateral market. Finally, discover the Palace of King Enzo, now the seat of the Municipality, which overlooks the beautiful Piazza Maggiore.

After the walking tour, you will have a **unique experience to see a real Bolognese puff pastry** at work. A person from our staff will welcome tourists to the meeting point and accompany them to the private home of the sfoglina in the historic center of Bologna where you can see her at work preparing the puff pastry and pasta in a real Bolognese show cooking. Discover the secrets of Bolognese cuisine in the home of a "sfoglina" with this private half-day cooking lesson. Learn how to prepare fresh stuffed pasta including tortellini and tortelloni in this practical lesson. Then, you will taste everything you have prepared with a selection of local red and white wines.

Included:

Pick up at the hotel

English guide 2 hours walking tour

Private cooking class

Private Lunch or Dinner



5 hours and half

Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to [Book Now](#) or [Contact Us](#) for details.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Italian

LOCAL CURRENCY

EURO

- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package