



Bologna

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As 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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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 (1088). 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 stretch 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).

As an Etruscan settlement, Bologna later became a Roman town (Bononia). During the medieval period, the city developed into a free commune which reached the peak of its power in the 13th Century. Despite falling under the control of the Papal States in the 16th Century, the city maintained legal and political autonomy.

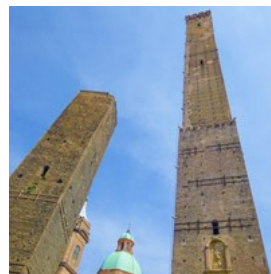
DO & SEE



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

Torre Degli Asinelli and Torre Della Garisenda

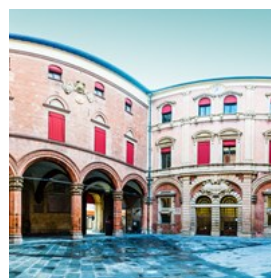


These two leaning towers, built in the 12th century, are together one of the main symbols of Bologna. The tallest tower is the Torre degli Asinelli, with its 98 metres. It is worth making an effort to climb this tower because of the magnificent views from the top.

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Address: Piazza di Porta Ravegnana, Bologna

Bologna's town hall



The Palazzo Comunale 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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Address: Piazza Maggiore 6, Bologna

Phone: +39 051 203 040

Internet: www.comune.bologna.it

Basilica of San Petronio



Stands on Bologna's main square, (Piazza Maggiore), 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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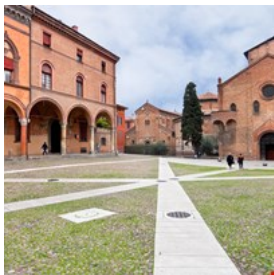
Opening hours: Mon-Sun: 7:45am-6:30pm

Phone: +39 051 231 415

Internet: www.basilicadisanpetronio.it

Email: info@basilicadisanpetronio.org

Basilica di 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). Beside churches, this peaceful complex contains of cloisters, tombs and courtyards, a great place to browse religious art and artifacts too. The most interesting is the church of the Sepolcro, which preserves a representation of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

Photo: vvoe/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via S. Stefano 24, Bologna

Opening hours: Daily: 8am-7pm

Basilica of San Domenico



Built in 1238, this is the birthplace of the Dominican order and the resting place of the remains of its founder. It is one of the richest churches in Bologna when it comes to history and art. The small museum houses art and precious relics like the relic of Louis IX of France. Also, come and see the beautiful Romanesque façade and Gothic chapels.

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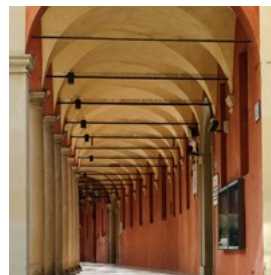
Address: Piazza S. Domenico 13, Bologna

Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 9am-12pm, 3:30pm-6pm, Sat:

9am-12pm, 3:30pm-5pm, Sun: 3:30pm-5pm

Phone: +39 051 640 0411

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 century (Vitale da Bologna etc.), to the Renaissance period (Raffaello, Perugino, Tintoretto etc.) and art from the 16th-century.

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Address: Via delle Belle Arti 56, Bologna

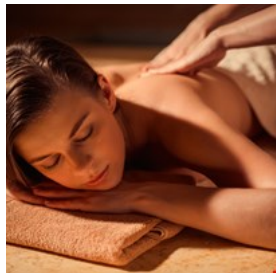
Opening hours: Tue-Sun: 8:30am-7:30pm

Phone: +39 051 402 9411

Internet: www.pinacotecabologna.beniculturali.it

Email: pm-ero.comunicazionepi-bo@beniculturali.it

Terme San Luca - Pluricenter



Terme San Luca provides baths, hydro-massage, thermal pools and a wellness centre. With more than 25 years of history this is one of the oldest spas in Bologna, even if the spa-culture dates further back in time than that. The first "calidarium" in Bologna was built by Emperor Augustus more than 2000 years ago.

Photo: LuckyImages/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Agucchi, 4/2, Bologna

Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 9am-12am, Sat: 9am-8:30pm, 9pm-1am, Sun: 10am-8:30pm

Phone: +39 051 382 564

Internet: www.maretermalebolognese.it

More Info: Via Emilia Ponente

Italian Cooking Class at Agriturismo San Giuliano



If you want to learn how to cook a perfect pasta Bolognese you should do it 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, Bologna

Opening hours: Wed-Fri: 12:30pm-2:30pm, 7pm-10:30pm, Sat: 7pm-10:30pm, Sun: 12:30pm-2:30pm

Phone: +39 051 6251 141

Internet: www.poderesangiuliano.it

Email: info@poderesangiuliano.it

Ducati Museum



If motorcycles fascinates you, the Ducati Museum in 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

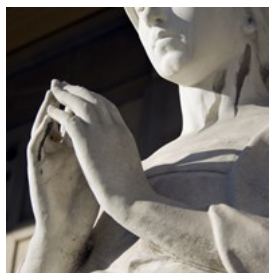
Opening hours: 1 April - 4 October: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 9:15am-3:30pm, 5 October - 31 March: 9:15am-1:45pm

Phone: +39 051 641 3343

Internet: www.ducati.it

Email: infotour@ducati.com

Certosa di Bologna



This cemetery, dated to be one of the oldest in Europe, 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-Sun: 8am-5pm

Phone: +39 051 615 0811

Internet: www.certosadibologna.it

University of Bologna



The city of Bologna is famous for its university, which was the first university in the world. Some of the famous people who have been

teaching here include Nicolaus Copernicus and Francesco Petrarca. Today the university has more than 100,000 students and that makes it the largest in Italy.

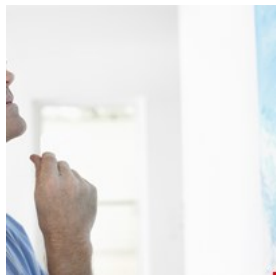
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Address: Università di Bologna Via Zambon 33, Bologna

Phone: +39 051 209 9111

Internet: www.unibo.it/en

MAMbo - Bologna Modern Art Museum



Opposed to all the old history of Bologna, MAMbo shows art from World War II up to the present day combined with well-known Italian

and foreign artists. The museum is housed in a former industrial space that was built in 1915 and served as a bakery for many years. Today it is a premier contemporary art gallery where you can easily spend a couple of hours.

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Address: Via Don Minzoni 14, Bologna

Opening hours: Sun-Wed: 10am-6pm, Thu-Sat: 10am-7pm

Phone: +39 051 649 6611

Internet: www.mambo-bologna.org

Email: info@mambo-bologna.org

The Ferrari 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 the 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 Dino Ferrari 43, Maranello

Opening hours: Mon-Sun: 9:30am-7pm

Phone: +39 0536 949 713

Internet: musei.ferrari.com/en

Email: museo@ferrari.com

Teatro Comunale di Bologna



Teatro Comunale di Bologna was designed by the architect Antonio Galli Bibiena and was inaugurated in 1763.

Today it is the heart of

Bolognas culture life and considered to be one of the most important opera venues in Italy. Opera, ballet, symphonic concerts or contemporary music, regardless you choose, it will be a cultural high point to remember.

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Address: Largo Respighi 1, Bologna

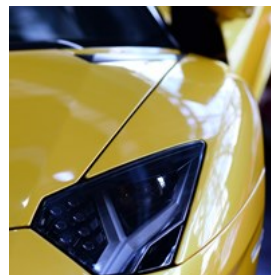
Opening hours: Tue-Fri: 2pm-6pm, Sat: 11am-3pm

Phone: +39 051 529 958

Internet: www.tcbo.it

Email: teatro@comunalebologna.it

The Lamborghini Museum



Since the museum opened in 2001, visitors have had the possibility to see where the world famous and coveted Lamborghini cars are

being made. The factory and museum is situated 35 kilometres from Bologna in an area known as "Terra dei Motori" (Motor Valley).

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Address: Via Modena, 12 I, Sant'Agata

Opening hours: April 1 - October 31: 9:30am-7pm, November 1 - March 31: 9:30am - 6pm

Phone: +39 051 959 7282

Internet: www.lamborghini.com

Golf Club Bologna

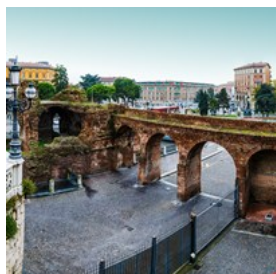


If you want to play a game of golf you can go to the historical 50-year old Golf Club Bologna. This is a good place to go for experiencing the beautiful Bolognese countryside. The last three holes are claimed to be a real challenge.

When the hunger kicks in, there is a restaurant and bar in the club house where to relish culinary delicacy in a relaxed ambiance.

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Address: Via Sabattini, 69, Monte San Pietro, Bologna
Phone: +39 051 969 100
Internet: www.golfclubbologna.it
Email: info@golfclubbologna.it

Park of Montagnola



Park of Montagnola or in Italian Parco della Montagnola, both a gateway and a haven, is a park ideally located in the city centre of Bologna.

Even it is a small park, it is perfect for romantic strolls, and also a great place to just stop and breathe for a second.

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Address: Parco della Montagnola Casa dei Colori Via Imerio, 2/3, Bologna
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Internet: www.montagnolabologna.it
Email: info@montagnolabologna.it

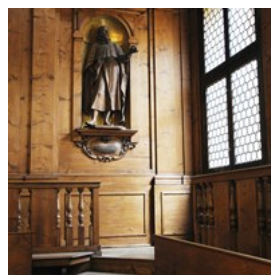
Stadio Renato Dall'Ara



Also known as, Stadio Littorialeis, Stadio Renato Dall'Ara is a multi-purpose stadium. If you like soccer, this is the main soccer stadium of Bologna. 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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Phone: +39 051 614 2215

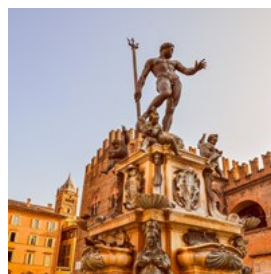
Anatomical Theatre



The Anatomical Theatre is a former classroom where they used to teach anatomy. The interiors with all the carved wooden sculptures are just magnificent, and it is hard to believe that someone actually used to study here.

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Address: Piazza Galvani, 2, Bologna
Phone: +39 051 276 811

Fontana del Nettuno



In a crowded square in the middle of Bologna you can find the fountain Fontana del Nettuno, a work that was designed by the Palermitan architect Tommaso Laureti and the life-size bronze statue of the god Neptune on the top was done by sculptor Giambologna. Here you can grab a gelato or coffee, just relax and enjoy people watching by the fountain.

Photo: s74/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza del Nettuno, Bologna

Anatomy Museum



The anatomy museum, Museo Delle Cere Anatomiche, is both fascinating and scary. The displays consist of wax models, body parts and diseases. Be prepared to walk into the, probably, most macabre museum you have ever been to.

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Address: Via Irnerio 48, Bologna

Phone: +39 051 209 1551

More Info: Dipartimento DIBINEM Università do Bologna

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.

Ristorante Rodrigo



Rodrigo, situated in an old building in the city centre, is claimed to be one of the most elegant restaurants of the city. The menu contains both traditional dishes and creative ones based on fish, meat and mushrooms. The fresh pasta is very good. If you go there late in the evening, you can sometimes spot famous Italian actors.

Photo: svariophoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via della Zecca, 2, Bologna

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12:30-3pm, 7:30pm-12am

Phone: +39 051 235 536

Internet: www.ristoranterodrigobologna.com

Email: info@ristoranterodrigo.com

Diana



Born in the 1920's, this restaurant is known as the temple of the Bolognese cuisine. Recommended dishes include fresh pasta (tortellini, tortelloni, lasagne, tagliatelle), roasts, mushrooms and dessert 'Diana' with hot chocolate and ice cream. The furniture and atmosphere give you a ticket back to the 1950's.

Photo: PhotoEd/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via dell'Indipendenza 24, Bologna

Opening hours: Tue-Sun: 12:15pm-2:30pm, 7:15pm-10:30pm

Phone: +39 051 231 302

Internet: www.ristorante-diana.it

Email: info@ristorante-diana.it

Ristorante Posta



Posta is recommended for its typical Tuscan cuisine and its romantic atmosphere with candle lit tables. The waiters are pleasant and fast

working. Recommended dishes include fresh pasta, sweets, vegetable soup and grilled meat. This is a good place for wine buffs.

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Address: Via della Grada, 21, Bologna

Opening hours: Tue-Fri 7:30-11pm, Sat-Sun 12:30-2:30pm, 7:30-11pm

Phone: +39 051 649 2106

Internet: www.ristoranteposta.it

Email: posta@ristoranteposta.it

Donatello



Donatello is a well-known restaurant frequently visited by famous artists and singers. The walls are covered with photographs and the

restaurant is renowned for its excellent food. Choose between dishes like tortellini with cream and walnuts or tagliatelle with meat sauce and grilled meat. The wine is also claimed to be really good.

Photo: darqdesign/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Augusto Righi 8, Bologna

Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 12pm-2:30pm, 7pm-10pm, Sun: 12pm-2:30pm

Phone: +39 051 235 438

Internet: www.ristorantedonatello.it

Email: info@ristorantedonatello.it

La Tua Piadina



Here you can try all sorts of piadinas (a sort of pizza bread with fillings) and you will definitely find something you like. Choose between

everything from the thick piadina of Bertinoro to the thin kind from Riccione. They also have a kind of vegetarian piadina and flavours such as Nerella with walnuts.

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Address: Via Borgonuovo, 17, Bologna

Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 12pm-3:30pm, 7pm-11pm, Sat: 12pm-5pm, Sun: 7pm-11pm

Phone: +39 051 270 959

Internet: www.latuapiadina.it

Email: latuapiadina@gmail.com

Pizzeria Ristorante Vito a San Luca



If you want a good pizza, try this restaurant opposite the Madonna of San Luca Sanctuary. It also offers generous salads, bruschettas,

desserts and ice cream and a good selection of red and white wines.

Photo: Denizo71/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via di Monte Albano, 5, Bologna

Opening hours: Mon, Wed-Fri: 12pm-12am, Sat: 10am-1am, Sun: 9am-12am

Phone: +39 051 437 711

Internet: www.vito.it

Email: vito@vito.it

Ristorante Da Nello Al Montegrappa



Do what the celebrities do when they visit Bologna and eat your dinner at Al Montegrappa da Nello. 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 traditional Bolognese dishes.

Photo: Olena Mykhaylova/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Montegrappa 2, Bologna
Opening hours: Tue-Fri 12-2:30pm, 7-10pm, Sat-Sun 12-3pm, 7-10pm
Phone: +39 051 236 331
Internet: www.ristorantedanello.com
Email: info@ristorantedanello.com

Aires del Plata



Specialized in Argentinian meat, this restaurant serves steaks grilled on charcoal. The dining room is decorated in lively colours and has a

rustic atmosphere. It is recommended to make a reservation in advance.

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Address: Via dell'Abbadia 4, Bologna
Opening hours: Mon-Thu: 7:30pm-12am, Fri-Sat: 7pm-12am
Phone: +39 051 239 846
Internet: www.airesdelplata.net
Email: info@airesdelplata.net

India



If you happened to be tired of the Italian food, at restaurant India you can indulge in, as the name of the restaurant reveals, Indian food. In

the cosy dining room, decorated with Indian furniture and details they serve dishes spiced with only the best ingredients.

Photo: DenisFilm/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Nazario Sauro 14/a, Bologna
Opening hours: Mon-Sun: 12pm-2pm, 7:30pm-11pm
Phone: +39 051 271095
Internet: www.indiaristorante.it
Email: ristorante.india@gmail.com

Trattoria Battibecco



Located in the heart of the historical city, Battibecco serves high quality food. The restaurant is elegant but still has a warm and

welcoming atmosphere. It has been around for over 30 years and is famous for the excellent fish dishes.

Photo: HLPhoto/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Battibecco 4, Bologna
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 12:45-2pm, 7:30-10pm, Sat 7:30-10pm
Phone: +39 051 223 298
Internet: www.battibecco.com
Email: info@battibecco.com

I Portici



Inside the marvellous hotel Portici Hotel Bologna you can find the Michelin starred restaurant. This gourmet restaurant will satisfy all your senses by carefully preparing a dish with top quality ingredients, all led by a highly skilled and passionate chef. Everything here is done with perfection, the service, the food and drinks; this will definitely be a wow experience to remember.

Photo: gpointstudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Indipendenza, 69, Bologna

Phone: +39 051 4218562

Internet: www.iporticihotel.com/en/i-portici-restaurant

Email: ristorante@iporticihotel.com

Cantina Bentivoglio



To the sound of jazz, traditional Bolognese cuisine is cooked and served. In an old cellar this large restaurant offers more than 400 domestic and international labels of wine. Enjoy a whole meal or just some slices of cheese and matching wines.

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Address: Via Mascarella 4/B, Bologna

Opening hours: Mon-Sun: 8pm-1am

Phone: +39 051 265 416

Internet: www.cantinabentivoglio.it

Email: jazz@cantinabentivoglio.it

Casamerlò



This is a superb restaurant to try Italian seafood and fresh fish. With a location in the historical city centre, it is nice to sit outdoors on their veranda during the hot summer months and watch the people stroll by.

Photo: svariophoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via de' Gombruti 2/D, Bologna

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12-3pm, 7:20-11pm, Sun 12-3:30pm

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.

Roxy Bar



This spot, right under the two towers, in the heart of the city, is well known because it was celebrated by Italian singer Vasco Rossi in one of his most

famous songs ("Vita Spericolata, A Reckless Life"). Do not miss this place for a drink or for a light lunch.

Photo: alexpro9500/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Rizzoli 9, Bologna

Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 7:30am-12am, Sat-Sun:

8:30am-12am

Phone: +39 051 235572

Caffè Terzi



Popular among the locals, Caffè Terzi is a very elegant and refined café, located in the city centre. They really know their coffee here and they do it

well. This kind of passion is hard to find elsewhere, just as the wide choice of infusions and teas, perfect for a relaxing break.

Photo: Ilja Generalov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Guglielmo Oberdan 10, Bologna

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-6pm

Phone: +39 339 791 8931

Internet: caffeterzi.shop

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 all together or simply reading a book.

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Address: Piazza De' Celestini, Bologna

Opening hours: Mon-Sun: 8am-9pm

Phone: +39 051 265146

Il Caffè della Corte



A nice retreat, hidden inside a small patio, Il Caffè della Corte or in English "The Coffee Court" offers breakfast, hot and cold food, snacks and lunch. This elegant café is close to the two towers and has a beautiful "loggia" outside.

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Address: Corte Isolani 5, Bologna

Opening hours: Mon 5-10pm, Tue-Sun 12-10pm

Phone: +39 051 261555

Internet: www.ilcaffedellacorte.it

Email: info@ilcaffedellacorte.it

La Sorbetteria Castiglione



There are ice cream places all over the city, but not all of them serve authentic Italian ice cream like La Sorbetteria Castiglione. This is not hard to comprehend, considering that the owners constantly strive for improvements.

Photo: Luboslav Tiles/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Castiglione 44, Bologna

Opening hours: Mon-Sun: 10:30am-1am

Phone: +39 051 233 257

Internet: www.lasorbetteria.it

Email: info@lasorbetteria.it

Gamberini



Come to Gamberini and have a Bolognese breakfast and lunch served in a sophisticated manner. You can order a fascinating dish like for example cannellini bean cream and shrimps skewer and scrumptious patisserie for dessert.

The happy hour is also of great importance for the locals, that is why it is recommended to attend it and taste the selection of cocktails and international wines.

Photo: Kondor83/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Ugo Bassi, 12, Bologna

Opening hours: Mon-Thu: 7am-9pm, Fri-Sat: 7am-10pm, Sun: 8am-9pm

Phone: +39 051 296 0467

Internet: www.gamberini.eu

Email: info@gamberini.eu

Caffè Zanarini



Located within close proximity of fancy shopping centers, Caffè Zanarini invites you to try Italian coffee in a modern atmosphere. The

establishment offers outdoor sitting, which is a great option for the perfect start of your day.

Take a glass of aromatic coffee, select among the rich assortment of sandwiches and pastries and enjoy the idyllic setting.

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Address: Piazza Galvani, 1, Bologna

Opening hours: Mon-Sun: 7am-9pm

Phone: +39 051 275 0041

Email: info@pasticceriaantoniazzi.it

Caffè Zamboni



Caffè Zamboni is a cosy café where as soon as you cross the threshold, the inviting staff welcomes you with a big smile.

Sushi, fruit salads, trendy cocktails and delicious sweets give you a moment of exquisite satisfaction which will make you feel full of joy.

Photo: Nitr/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Zamboni, 6, Bologna

Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 7am-1am, Sat: 8am-3am, Sun: 9am-3am

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 quickly fills up with locals and students during the aperitivo time (usually between 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm). 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. Just sit back by the table of a traditional trattoria and have a glass of wine and some tasty food that Bologna is famous for while chatting with friends.

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.

Le Stanze



Le Stanze is a very charming bar on campus. It is located in an 18th century house and the walls are covered with beautiful frescoes. This is a good bar to go after dinner. They have exceptional cocktails such as caipiroska with vanilla or liquorice. The music is varied with everything from classical and jazz to house and acid.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Borgo di San Pietro, 1, Bologna
Opening hours: Tue-Sun: 11am-1:30am
Phone: +39 051 228 767
Internet: www.lestanzebar.it
Email: info@lestanzebar.it

Soda Pops



Soda Pops is a hot and vibrant disco in the heart of the historic centre. Every night provides a new theme: Monday, for one, brings Latino rhythms, while Wednesday is groovy hip hop and r'n'b.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Castel Tialto, 6, Bologna
Opening hours: Mon-Tue, Thu-Sat: 11pm-4am
Phone: +39 051 272079

Jam Club



Right in the city centre, Hobby One might be the best places to be on a Friday or Saturday night. Here you can find fantastic cocktails, glamorous people and inspiring music. Although

the queue can get long, it is worth a try since they host some of the best parties in the town.

Photo: Ivan Mateev/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Mascarella n 2/a, Bologna
Opening hours: Thurs-Sat from 11pm
Phone: +39 338 363 0887

Irish Pub Celtic Druid



If you are in the mood for Irish, this could be a good place to go. The Irish Pub Celtic Druid originated as a small beer house in the 1980's, and today they boast a wide selection of beer on tap including whiskeys. Friendly staff, good drink selection and vibrant atmosphere...what's not to like?

Photo: somsak nitimongkolchai/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Caduti di Cefalonia 5/c, Bologna
Opening hours: Mon-Thu: 6pm-2:30am, Fri: 6pm-3am, Sat: 5:30pm-3pm, Sun: 5:30pm-2pm
Phone: +39 051 227 518
Internet: www.celticdruid.com
Email: info@celticdruid.com

Harvest Pub



Small and intimate, at the Harvest Pub you can choose from a wide selection of beers from both Italy and the rest of the world. This is the perfect place to enjoy one or two beers in the company of friends in a cosy ambiance with low music in the background.

Photo: Ievgenii Meyer/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Montello 4/A, Bologna
Opening hours: Tue: 7pm-1am, Wed-Thu: 6pm-1am, Fri-Sat: 6pm-2am, Sun: 6pm-1am
Phone: +39 339 832 7210
Email: info@harvest-pub.com

Covo Club



This indie-punk mecca offers great parties and live music all year around. The Covo Club has hosted some of the best international bands, artist like Franz Ferdinand, The Gossip, Ladytron and Kings of Convenience. Check the website for upcoming concerts and events.

Photo: atipong arysorn/Shutterstock.com

Address: Viale Zagabria 1, Bologna

Opening hours: Fri-Sat: 10pm-4am

Phone: +39 051 389 073

Internet: www.covoclub.it

Email: info@covoclub.it

Locomotiv Club



Right next to the Bologna central station, you can find the Locomotiv Club, a live music club that hosts 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

Phone: +39 348 083 3345

Internet: www.locomotivclub.it

Email: info@locomotivclub.it

Kinki



Kinki is located near the Two Towers and considered as the oldest party-place in town (started in 1958). It is a well-renowned club and has been described as the best club in Italy. A

mixed clientele are drawn to this club, especially on Saturdays when DJs are playing. This place has also hosted artists like Jimi Hendrix and Marcella Bella. Pop in and see what the fuss is all about!

Photo: Gabriele Corni

Address: Via Zamboni 1, Bologna

Phone: +39 392 44 95 970

Internet: www.kinkiclub.it

Email: kinkiclubbologna@gmail.com

Cluricaune Irish Pub



Another good Irish pub is the Cluricaune. It is ideally located near the Two Towers and offers good beer, pub grub, a great atmosphere and friendly service. Every Friday they host live music with the best local bands in Bologna including Dj sets on Saturday.

Photo: Room 76/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Zamboni 18/b, Bologna

Opening hours: Daily 12-6pm

Phone: +39 051 263419

Internet: www.cluricaune.it

Email: cluricaune.irishpub@hotmail.it

Altotasso



If you enjoy a glass of wine accompanied by poetry readings, theatre or live music you can visit Altotasso. With a varied program, this is the perfect venue for a cultural night out. They also pay a special attention to organic and biodynamic wines and craft beers.

Photo: Aleksei Lazukov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza San Francesco, 6/d, Bologna

Opening hours: Sun-Thu: 4:30pm-3am, Fri-Sat: 4:30pm-4am

Phone: +39 051 238 003
Internet: www.altotasso.com
Email: info@altotasso.com

SHOPPING



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Italian fashion and food should be the key themes for Bologna's visitors. There is a reason Italy is one of the main fashion nations, and browsing the windows in Galleria Cavour, just ten minutes on foot from Piazza Maggiore, will make you see why. Here you can find Armani and other main Italian brands, such as Gucci, La Perla underwear and La Maison Bulgari jewellery.

Other fashion shops are located all around the centre of Bologna, mostly in Via Farini, Via Ugo Bassi, Via Indipendenza and under the Portico del Pavaglione.

For food, try Tamburini and the most famous Bolognese delicatessen. Here you can feast over an impressive variety of salted pork meat, cheese, pasta and wine. Another nice shop is Atti (bakery and fresh pasta) at Via Drapperie, 6.

Barberino Designer Outlet



Barberino Designer Outlet is the perfect shopping destination just 30 minutes from Florence. Here you can find 200 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: [Ivanko80/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/user/Ivanko80)

Address: Via Meucci snc, 50031 Barberino di Mugello

Opening hours: Mon-Sun: 10am-8pm

Phone: +39 055 842 161

Internet: www.mcarthurglen.it/barberino

Email: info.barberino@mcarthurglen.com

Fidenza Village



At sixty minutes' driving from Milan and Bologna, Fidenza Village is home to more than 100 outlet boutiques offering savings of up to 70% on the ordinary retail price for previous seasons' collections from leading Italian and international brands. Style affordable for everyone.

Photo: [Goodluz/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/user/Goodluz)

Address: Via San Michele Campagna, Località Chiusa Ferranda, Fidenza

Opening hours: Mon-Sun: 10am-8pm

Phone: +39 0524 33 55 1

Internet: www.fidenzavillage.com/it/home

Email: freception@valueretail.com

Galleria Cavour



There is a reason Italy is one of the main fashion nations, and browsing the windows in Galleria Cavour, just ten minutes on foot from Piazza Maggiore, will make you see why. Here you can find brands like Gucci, Prada and Miu Miu.

Photo: Dragon Images/Shutterstock.com
Address: Segreteria Galleria Cavour, 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 Indipendenza and under the Portico del Pavaglione. In this city you will find all the greatest designers' shops.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Farini, Bologna

Tamburini



For food, try Tamburini and the most famous Bolognese delicatessen. Here you can feast over an impressive variety of salted pork meat, cheese, pasta and wine.

Photo: Ingrid Balabanova/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Caprarie, 1, Bologna
Opening hours: Mon-Sat: 8:30am-8pm, Sun: 10am-6:30pm
Phone: +39 051 234726
Internet: www.tamburini.com

Email: info@tamburini.com

Paolo Atti & Figli



Another nice shop is Paolo Atti & Figli in Via Drapperie, 6. Here you can find delicious pastries, bread, soup and fresh pasta like tortelloni, ravioli and tagliatelle.

Photo: vvoe/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Drapperie 6, Bologna
Opening hours: Mon-Thu: 7:30am-7:15pm, Fri-Sat: 7:30am-7:30pm, Sun: 10:30am-1:30pm
Phone: +39 051 233 349
Internet: www.paoloatti.com
Email: info@paoloatti.com

Bottega Veneta



Leather leather leather, it is almost a guarantee to walk out with a beautiful bag or a lovely pair of shoes when visiting this boutique. This brand also features a dangerously lovely home and furniture line.

Photo: optimarc/Shutterstock.com
Address: Galleria Cavour 9/I, Bologna
Opening hours: Mon-Sat: 10am-7:30pm, Sun: 10am-1:30pm, 3:30pm-7:30pm
Phone: +39 051 265621
Internet: www.bottegaveneta.com

KIKO



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, 8, Bologna

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

Phone: +39 051 220580

Internet: www.kikocosmetics.it

The Old Market



If markets are your cup of tea you can visit the Old Market of Bologna. Walk down the beautiful high vaults behind Piazza Maggiore, and you will soon be right in the middle of a bustling medieval market. Here you can find almost everything among the market stalls.

Photo: GoneWithTheWind/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza Maggiore, Bologna

Centro Nova



The large shopping centre Centro Nova, renovated in 2008, is ideally located and offers 65 shops, ranging from fashion to food. The solar panels on the roof generate all the electricity.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Villanova 29, Bologna

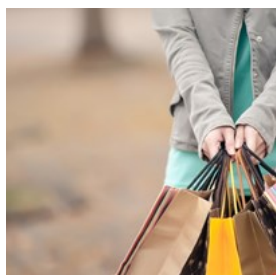
Opening hours: Mon-Sat: 8:30am-9pm, Sun: 10am-9pm

Phone: +39 051 782154

Internet: www.centronova.com

Email: info@centronova.com

Centro Borgo



Just outside the city, you can find Centro Borgo, the commercial centre of Bologna. It opened in 1989 and offers, except for shopping, free

parking, restaurants and events. Here you can buy everything from fashion, accessories to jewellery and electronic.

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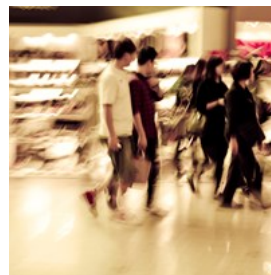
Address: Via M.E.Lepido, 186, Bologna

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

Phone: +39 051 406965

Internet: www.centroborgo.it

Le Piazze



Between Ferrara and Bologna lies Le Piazze, a lifestyle shopping centre. At this innovative shopping centre you can find everything from shopping to food and leisure activities. Shops such as Benetton, Champion, Deichmann and Kennet Street are all located here.

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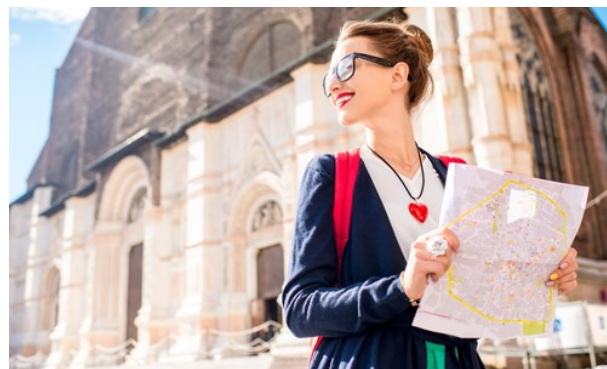
Address: Via Pio La Torre 5/D, Castel Maggiore, Bologna

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

Phone: +39 051 705 722

Internet: www.lepiazze.castelmaggiore.it

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) travelers 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 pick 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 Airport



The Bologna Airport is located 9 kilometres from the city centre. You can reach the city by taxi or shuttle. Taxi stand is just outside the arrival hall.

Aerobus is a shuttle service run by TPER and it

leaves every 11 minutes from the airport from 5:30am to 12.15am and from the central station to the airport from 5am to 11.35pm. The trip takes almost 30 minutes. Tickets can be bought directly online (aerobus.bo.it) or at the automatic machines next to the shuttle stops.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Bologna Airport, Bologna

Phone: +39 051 647 9615

Internet: www.bologna-airport.it

Luigi Ridolfi Airport



You can also arrive at the Luigi Ridolfi Airport which is located around 80 kilometres from the city.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Luigi Ridolfi Airport, Forli

Phone: +39 054 347 4990

Public Transport



TPER is the company that operates Bologna's local transport system. You can buy tickets in every newsstand, tobacconist, automatic machines (near to 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. For tourists various passes are available: daily passes, carnet with 10 or 20 tickets.

For additional information, visit the TPER office, (contacts below are referred to the main TPER office).

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Address: Via delle Lame 6, Bologna

Phone: +39 051 290290
Internet: www.tper.it

Taxi



Taxi cabs are white with taxi signs on the roof.
Taxi CAT +39 051 4590
www.taxibologna.it
Cotabo: +39 051 372 727
www.cotabo.it

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Post



You can find the main post office in Piazza Minghetti. Stamps can also be bought at tabaccherias. Drop your post card or letter in one of the big red mailboxes.

Main Post Office:

Photo: Andy Fuchs
Address: Piazza Minghetti 4, Bologna
Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 8:20am-7:15pm, Sat:
8:20am-12:35pm
Phone: +39 051 275 6736
Internet: www.poste.it

Telephone



Country code: +39 Area code: 051 (also dialed in Bologna). If you call Italy from abroad, you must always dial zero in the area code (do not omit it as is the general practice when making international telephone calls), e.g. +39 051 + the number.

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity

220/240 volt



Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

384,000

Currency

Euro (EUR) €1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

Shops in Bologna are usually open from 9 am-12.30 pm and 3.30 pm-7.30 pm. Shops are normally closed on Thursdays and Sundays.

Newspapers

Il resto del Carlino
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Emergency numbers

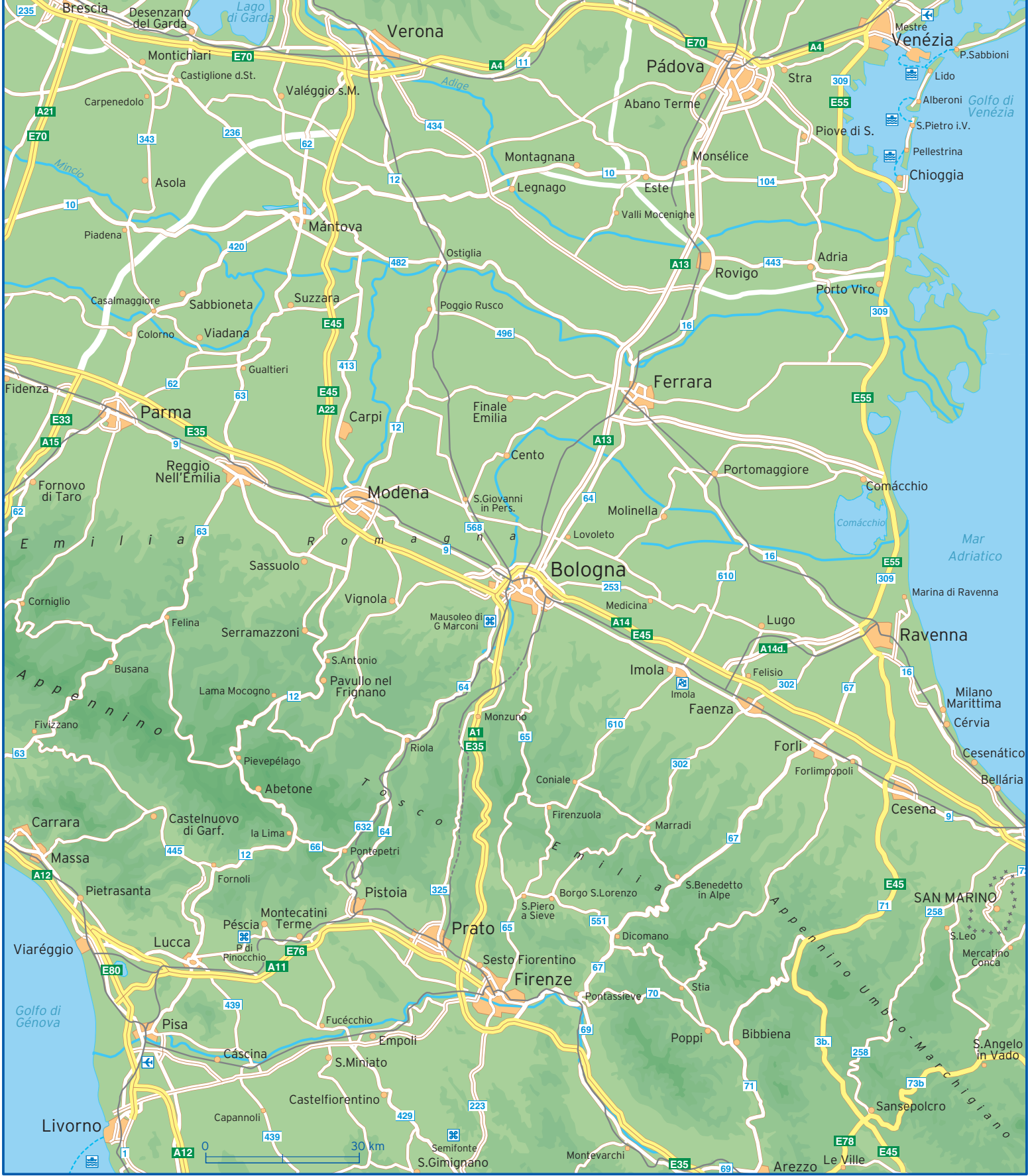
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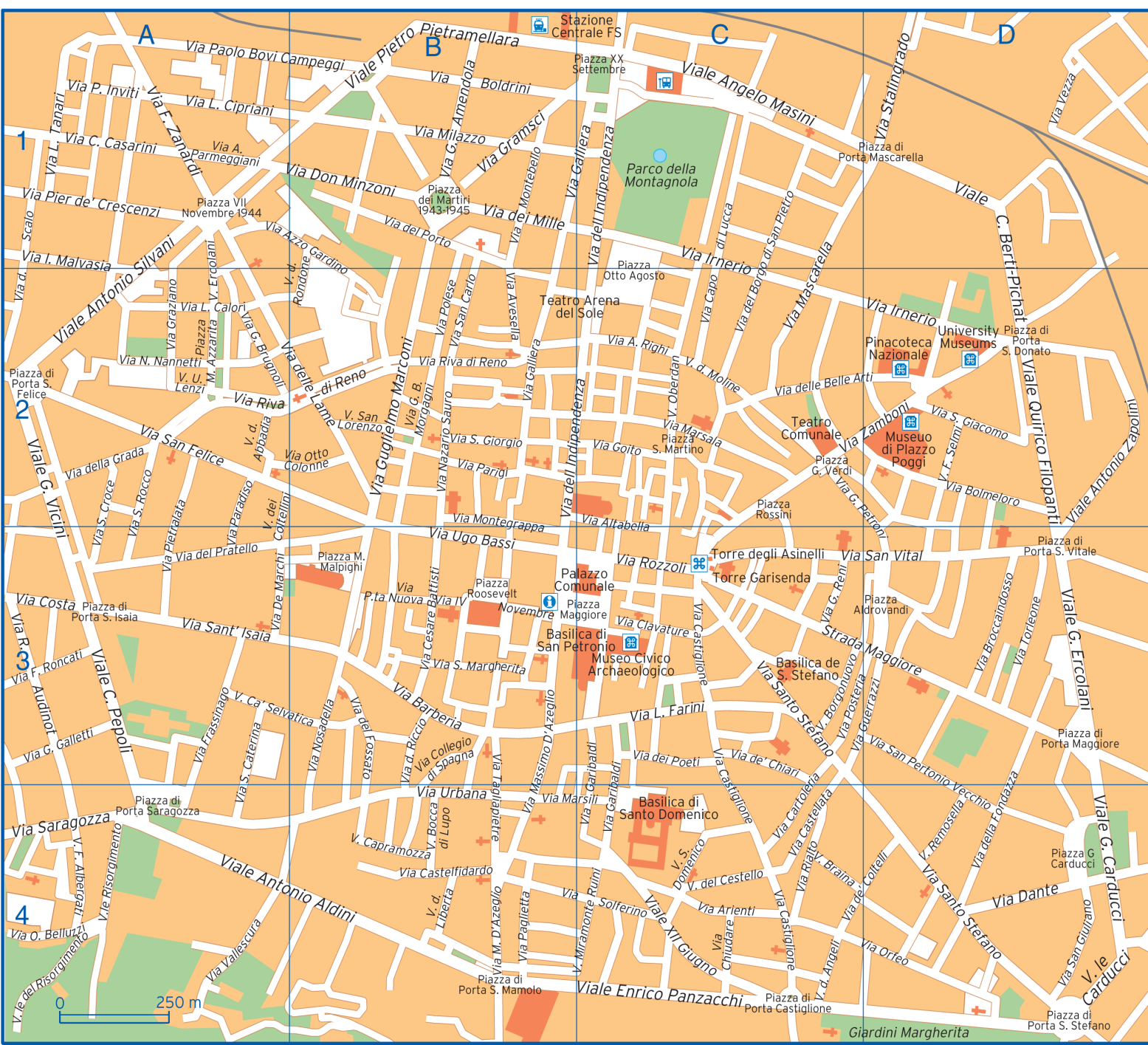
Tourist information

Bologna Welcome, Tourist Information
Piazza Maggiore 1/e, Bologna
Phone: +39 051 6583111
E-mail: touristoffice@comune.bologna.it

Opening hours:

Mon-Sat 9 am-7 pm. Sun and holidays 10 am-5 pm.
Closed on December 25th and 26th, January 1st, Easter Sunday.





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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| Via Castellata | C4 | Via Graziano | A2 | Via S. Margherita | B3 |
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| 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 |

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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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