



EVENTS IN FERRARA

JANUARY 2023

New Year's Eve

31st December

In Piazza Castello and around the Castle

Celebrate New Year's Eve in Ferrara with live music from the Italian band DEJAVU and Radio Bruno. Entertainment starts at around 10 p.m. in the Castle's piazza followed by the traditional countdown and magnificent fireworks display which will welcome the New Year in. You can continue partying in the Piazza with DJ Lopez and Radio Bruna until 2 a.m!

New Year's Day Concert 2023

1st January, at 5 p.m.

Teatro Comunale, Corso Martiri della Libertà 5

For over 40 years the Plectrum Orchestra has been celebrating New Year's Day in Ferrara with a delightful classical music concert. This year, the programme includes music from Mozart, Rossini, Strauss, Zimmer and many more.

Tickets cost €8 adults, €5 for children up to the age of 14. These can be bought at the ticket office a few doors along from the theatre or online at www.vivaticket.it

Christmas Market Continues

Piazza Trento Trieste

The Christmas market remains in Ferrara until 8th January selling bits and bobs as well as delicious 'piadine', mulled wine and hot chocolate.





Il Paese di Babbo Natale – The Land of Father Christmas

Until 6th January

Piazza Municipale, 3 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.

The land of Father Christmas is open until 6th January with a merry-go-round and tiny wooden huts selling crafts, sweets and hot chocolate.

The Arrival of Befana

On 6th January Befana arrives in Ferrara in piazza Municipale from 3 p.m. onwards and hands out stocking to all the children. For those of you who do not know, Befana is a kind, old witch who, on the night of the 5th January while the Italian children are sleeping, leaves a stocking full of sweets for them to open in the morning of the 6th. Legend has it that children who have not been good during this festive period receive a piece of black coal in their stocking instead!

Lots of Italian villages celebrate the arrival of Befana who is often found climbing down a clock tower! **Venice** holds a race whereby 50 men dress up as Befana and row down the Grand Canal to the Rialto Bridge. The winner is the first one to reach the enormous stocking which is hanging from the bridge. If you would like to see it in person the actual race starts at 11 a.m. although there are other events which precede the regatta which are interesting too.

Ferrara's Winter Park

Parco Coletta (in front of the skyscrapers)

Open until 15th January 2023

Every day 3 p.m. – 8 p.m.

The Ferris Wheel ('Ruota Panoramica')

€8 for adults and €6 for children below the height of 120cm.

Ice skating

Mondays to Fridays 10.30 a.m.- 12.30 & 3 p.m. – midnight with 1 hour time slots

Weekends – 3 p.m. – 10 p.m. with 1 hour time slots

If you would like to book in advance telephone : 389 1772655



Ice skating costs:

1 hour + ice skate hire = €9

1 hour without hiring ice skates = €7

Family tickets are available:

1 adult & 2 children €24 (1 hour)

2 adults & 1 child €24 (1 hour)

2 adults & 2 children €30 (1 hour)

'Bear' hire (a support for beginner skaters or children) €4

Animali dalla A alla Z Art Gallery

Until 8th January

Pinocoteca Nazionale, Palazzo dei Diamanti

10 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Open also on 1st January (Free admission) and 2nd January

This is the last opportunity to visit this fantastic exhibition which has delighted both children and adults. You can also book two organized events: 'Animal Pictonary' on Saturday 7th at 3 p.m. and 'Storie proprio così' on Sunday 8th January at 4 p.m. Tel: 0532/205844 email: sara.piagno@cultura.gov.it

Visiting Ferrara – Guided Tours

Until 8th January (unless stated otherwise)

To book any of the following tours (or to cancel) telephone: 0532 419190

Here are some examples of organized tours of Ferrara taking place in the next few days:

'Tour 1 - Due Passi nella Città Mediavale e il Ghetto Ebraico'

31st December at 10 a.m.

An interesting tour around the Medieval area and Jewish ghetto of Ferrara.

Costs: €12 adults, free for children up to the age of 15

Meeting place: in front of the Cathedral

Payment on arrival



Guided tours continued...

Tour 2 - 'Castello Estense – Le donne, I cavaliere, l'arme, gli amori...'

31st December at 11.30 a.m.

An intriguing tour of the Estense Castle with stories of important women at court, knights, weapons and romance...

Tour tickets cost: €10 plus the Castle's entrance ticket. Free for children up to the age of 15

Castle's tickets cost: €12 adults, €10 children aged 13-18, Free for children under 13

Meeting place: In the Castle's courtyard under the loggia.

Payment on arrival.

Tour 3 - Food Walking Tour

2nd & 3rd January 3.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

This is an exciting tour which take place in the Medieval part of the city, with stops at various places to try traditional Ferrarese food including its famous 'Salama da Sugo', 'ciccioli', 'Parmeggiano Reggiano', Ferrara's star-shaped bread and its unusual 'Pasticcio Maccheroni' accompanied by a glass of wine. To finish off the tour you can taste the town's sumptuous chocolate cake 'Torta Tenerina', 'Torta Tagliatella' and sample 'Zabov' a delicious zabaione, creamy liquor made in Ferrara.

Costs: €70 per person (which includes the tour, food and wine)

N.B. This tour is not suitable for children

It is compulsory to book and place a down payment in advance

Meeting place: In front of the cannon in Piazza Castello

Tour 4 - Tra Medioevo e Rinascimento

Until March 2023

Saturdays 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. & Sundays 10 a.m. – midday

From Medieval Times to the Renaissance. Discovering Ferrara on foot.

Costs: €14 adults, €10 children aged up to and including 11. Payment on arrival

Please book in advance.

Meeting place: Next to the ramp leading to the Tourist Information Office in the Castle's courtyard



Ferrara City Tour Bus

Saturdays, Sundays and holidays

Until 8th January

Departure from Corso Martiri della Libertà, 26 (in front of the cathedral)

Times: 10.30, 11.30, 12.30 & 2.30, 3.30, 4.30, 5.30, 6.30 p.m.

Tour Ferrara by 'train' or by electric minibus. Each tour lasts about 40 minutes and departs from the city centre. Tickets can be bought on board and an audio guide is available with information about the important monuments seen during the ride. The 'Blue Tour' ('train') takes you on a Medieval themed route while the 'Red Tour' (minibus) takes you on a Renaissance journey. There are lots of ticket options available so if you wish, you can do both!

Teatro Comunale - Piano Concert

10th January at 8.30 p.m.

Corso Martiri della Libertà 5

Alexander Romanovsky at the piano with music from Beethoven and Rachmaninoff.

Tickets can be bought online or at the ticket office a few doors along from the theatre.

Epiphany 2023 in Comacchio

The small fishing town of Comacchio always has exciting events on for all the family. It is well-worth a visit. Here is the programme for Epiphany:

Thursday 5th January 2023

- At 2.30 p.m. Piazzetta Trepponti - Entertainment with all the Befane
- At 3.30 p.m. Museo Delta Antico – while waiting for Befana to arrive at the museum, there will be a special organized activity for children.
Please book by telephoning: 0533 311316
- At 4 p.m. City centre - Befane parade



- At 4.30 p.m. Torre dell'orologio (clock tower) Piazza Folegatti - Watch Befana as she descends the clock tower with a bag full of sweets for children!
- At 5 p.m. Villagio ComacchioLand – Befana's snack for everyone

Friday 6th January 2023

- At 9.30 a.m. City Centre – Befana's market
- From 10 a.m. to Midday 'Manifattura dei Marinati' muesum - Befana arrives and hands out a traditional stocking with sweets to all the children (Included in the admissions price)
- At 3 p.m. City centre from 3 p.m. - Distribution of stockings to children
- At 5 p.m. Trepponti (The Three Bridges of Comacchio) Piazza Luca Danese - Befana's snack for everyone
- At 6 p.m. Celebrating with Befana - music, dancing fountains and a fireworks show.