



EVENTS IN FERRARA

SEPTEMBER 2023

‘La Giostra del Monaco’ - Mediaeval Festival

24th August – 3rd September

Viale IV Novembre, Baluardi della Fortezza

Every day from 6.30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday from 12.30

This is a ten-day festival where you can travel back in time and taste what life was really like in Mediaeval times. The festival takes its name from a jousting game whereby knights compete to hit the central target – representing one of the Ferrara’s sworn enemies “Il Monaco” (the Monk) – whilst on horseback.

Walk amongst an encampment and meet soldiers, knights and maids. Watch sword fighting, jousting and archery competitions. Enjoy music, theatre and dancing whilst sampling beer and other delicacies. There are also workshops for children, storytellers, jugglers and a Mediaeval market.

See August’s newsletter for further details.

Ferrara Sotto Le Stelle - Concerts continue....

Music concerts continue in Piazza Castello. For further information and tickets go to :<https://ferrarasottolestelle.it/>

7th September - Fatoumata Diawara

8th September - Trentemoller

9th September - Arab Strap

28th September - Kula Shaker (Teatro Comunale)



Estate Bambini - Children's Summer Festival

1st - 3rd September

Parco Massari

This is a fun festival dedicated to children to celebrate the last days of the summer holidays. There are lots of arts and crafts workshops, storytelling and theatre performances and they are all completely free!. Some activities need to be booked which you can do in advance or on the day.

See our separate article for the full programme. Below, you can find the children's theatre festival which is part of 'Estate Bambini'. All the performances are free of charge!

Festabà - Children's Theatre Festival

31st August & 4th - 7th September

Ex-refettorio San Paolo, Via Boccaleone 19

31st August - "Streghe" ('Witches') at 9.30 p.m. (suitable for children aged 4+)

4th September "Manà e Momò" at 6.30 p.m. & 9.30 p.m (3+)

5th September "Buoni e Cattivi" ('Goodies and Baddies') at 9.30 p.m. (7+)

6th September "Trame su Misura" at 9.30 p.m. (5+)

7th September "Hamelin" at 6.30 p.m. & 9.30 p.m.

Giardini Estensi – Autumn Edition

9th & 10th September 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Parco Massari, Corso Porta Mare, 9

Admission: Free

Parco Massari is hosting a beautiful exhibition of autumn flowers and plants for everyone to admire as well as stands selling a variety of gardening items. This year's theme is dedicated to organic farming, plants and vegetables and the positive impact these have on our well-being, both physical and spiritual.



Interno Verde - Ferrara's Secret Gardens

9th & 10th September

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

The association 'Il Turco' is organizing a special weekend in Ferrara, called 'Interno Verde', where it is possible for the public to visit some of Ferrara's secret gardens. You will be amazed at how many hidden green areas there actually are in our town!

€17 entitles you to a 'kit completo' which includes a bracelet (a two-day pass giving you access to all gardens for the whole weekend), a map, a programme and a very interesting book with descriptions and photos of the places which you can visit.

It is worth purchasing tickets before the event as you only pay €10 instead of €15 and this allows you access to the gardens for the whole weekend and includes a map and a programme. It excludes the book though which costs €7. Go to www.internoverde.it

Once registered, you can collect your kit directly from the association 'Il Turco' from 1st September onwards, in via del Turco, 39, which is open from Mondays to Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. / 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Visitors can also buy tickets during the weekend itself which cost €15. Look out for info points in the city centre, go to the association in Via del Turco or visit Parco Massari where another gardening event is taking place the same weekend.

Children aged under 13 are free.

Late Night Opening at Palazzo dei Diamanti

'Guido Harari. Incontri' /Agostino Arrivabene. Thesauros

25th & 26th August, 29th & 30th September & 1st October

Open until 11.30 p.m. (Ticket office closes at 10.30 p.m.)

Individual guided tours available at 9 p.m. To book email:

raccontarearte@gmail.com Cost €10 + entrance fee.



Ferrara in Fiaba

15th, 16th, 17th & 22nd, 23rd, 24th September

Parco Massari

Fridays 3 p.m - 8 p.m. (not all areas are open)

Saturdays & Sundays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

The food area is open until 11 p.m.

Six days of magic where Ferrara becomes a fairytale kingdom! The main events are taking place in Parco Massari. Entrance is free to the park where families can visit Alice in Wonderland and the Mad Hatter's tea party, Aladdin's Kingdom, meet the Little Mermaid at 'The Bottom of the Sea', play giant board games, dance, paint and listen to stories. There are plenty of things to see and do free of charge. Tickets for other activities and areas can be bought on site while some workshops must be booked in advance. To see the programme of these and to buy tickets, go to: <http://www.ferrarainfiaba.it/> Scroll to the bottom of the page where you can find a list in red. Below, you can find some interesting workshops:

'Avventura dei 12 Regni'

Help find the missing princes and princesses in the 12 kingdoms! Follow clues around the park and complete the booklet to win a prize and restore peace to the kingdoms!

This adventure can be embarked upon at any time during the event, with or without the help of parents. The kit costs €7.

To book: <https://feshioneventi.it/prodotto/avventura-12-regni/>

'Viaggio tra i Regni'

A magical guided tour through the enchanted kingdoms with Mary Poppins. Enjoy a snack with Snow White, complete a special passport during the journey and watch a show to conclude your amazing adventure.

Saturday & Sunday at 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00 & 6.00

Tickets cost €12 (age 2 - 11) and include:

- Guided tour
- A special snack with Snow White.



- Arts & crafts activity
- Tickets for the show (30 minutes)

To book a place you will be asked to pay a deposit of €5. The remainder can be paid on arrival.

Parents can accompany their child on the tour but are asked to stay at the back. They can also book a seat for the show at a cost of €2.

Go to the info points in the park to collect tickets, bracelet and passport.

<https://feshioneventi.it/prodotto/viaggio-tra-le-fiabe/>

‘Picnic in Favola’ - A Fairytale Picnic

16th & 17th, 23rd & 24th September

In collaboration with the farmhouse ‘La Florida’, families can enjoy a splendid picnic while visiting Parco Massari’s Fairytale kingdom. If you would like to participate then first book online (see the address below). On the day, everyone will meet in front of the park’s bar at 12.30 where families will register and receive a picnic kit including a picnic mat and a hamper. You need to present an ID card. You will then be taken to a quiet, designated area where parents can relax and children can play with the princesses. Each person will receive:

- A sandwich filled with meat
- Focaccia with rosemary
- ‘Maccheroncini pasticciati’ with pumpkin and parmesan
- Pasta with tomato for children
- A slice of crostata with homemade jam
- Water
- Fruit juice for children
- A glass of wine for adults

When booking, let the organizers know of any eventual intolerances or food allergies.



Min. 10 families Max. 40

Cost:

€35 per 1 parent + 1 child

€45 per family of 3 (2 adults and 1 child)

€52 per family of 4 (2 adults and 2 children)

€59 per family of 5 (2 adults and 3 children)

To book: <https://feshioneventi.it/prodotto/family-pic-nic-fe-in-fiaba/>

Ferrara Film Festival

Saturday 16th - 23rd September 2023

Teatro Nuovo, Piazza Trento Trieste

www.ferrarafilmfestival.com

Did you know that Ferrara is the birthplace of some of Italy's most important film directors and actors, and that it has played an important role in the history of cinematography? Ferrara's Film Festival was founded in 2016 and it has become one of the fastest growing film festivals in Italy. This year it will be held in Teatro Nuovo where it will be inaugurated by one of Italy's notorious actors Giancarlo Giannini, who will also be awarded a 'Golden Dragon Lifetime Achievement Award' during the opening ceremony.

Visit the official website above to find out the line up for this exciting event and which international and national films are in the running for Ferrara's prestigious 'Golden Dragon Award'.

Kids Run 'Farina del mio Sacco'

Saturday 23rd September at 4 p.m.

Piazza Trento Trieste

This fun run, which is completely free of charge, is suitable for kids aged between 3 and 12. Each participant receives a t-shirt and a medal. You must enrol so hurry as places are limited! <https://www.corriferrara.it/kids-run-farina-del-mio-sacco/>



Ferrara Marathon (30k) and Half Marathon (21k)

Sunday 24th September at 9 a.m.

Corso Martiri della Libertà

If you are interested in participating in either of the professional marathons or the more relaxed run below, you must enrol first on the official website www.corriferrara.it. Here, you can find further information about each race, the enrolment fees and regulations.

Ferrara Run (10k)

This non-competitive race, which is taking place on the same day as the marathons but leaves at 9.05 a.m. is open to everyone and is just for fun. You can walk or run as you wish and enjoy some fresh air while taking in the sights and sounds of Ferrara's parks and historical walls while keeping fit.

European Market

22nd, 23rd & 24th September, 9.30 a.m. – midnight

Viale Alfonso d'Este (cycle along the walls from school, towards San Giorgio)
The European Market is held near San Giorgio and the old hospital. Just follow the wonderful perfume of Italian focaccia, Dutch waffles or Spanish paella! Discover a variety of crafts, jewellery, flowers and other European products. Soak up the atmosphere and enjoy a German beer or have dinner in the evening at one of the many restaurants and bars set up along the street. For a quieter experience, visit the market early in the morning.

Food Fairs Continue...

Ferrara – Sagra del Pinzino e dell'Arrosticino

30th August – 10th September

Centro Sociale Rivana Garden, Via Gaetano Pesci, 181

Takeaway service opens at 7 p.m. Restaurant opens at 7.30 p.m.

'Pinzino' is a delicious, traditional type of fried bread served with salami or other luncheon meats. At this fair you can also try lamb skewers, spare ribs, 'piadine', cheese and meat platters as well as home-made desserts.

If you would like to book a table in advance telephone: 370 3618173



Malalbergo - Sagra dell'Ortica

31st August, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th September

Open every evening at 7 p.m.

On Sundays also at lunchtime with a takeaway service only

At this food festival you can try a variety of imaginative dishes featuring nettles including risotto, pasta, lasagna and stuffed roast meats. The village is just outside Ferrara on the way to Bologna.

Sant'Agostino - Sagra del Tartufo

30th August - 11th September

Ristorante Tenda, Viale Europa, SP66 Ferrara - Modena, 44047 Sant'Agostino

Open every evening at 7.30 p.m.

On Sundays midday - 7.30 p.m.

This food festival celebrates the savoury truffle - a popular ingredient in Italian cuisine. It provides an exciting menu with promising wines.

Francolino - La Sagra di Santa Liberata

14th - 17th & 21st - 24th September

Via Calzolari, behind the main church

Opens at 7 p.m.

Live music every evening at 9 p.m.

This traditional Ferrarese food festival is only a bike ride away from Ferrara. From school, head towards Malborghetto on Via Calzolari using the cycle path, which will take you all the way to Francolino.