



## EVENTS IN FERRARA

### OCTOBER 2023

#### Wine & Music Event

29th September – 1st October

Parco Massari

**Friday 7 p.m. to midnight** – Live music: ‘Il Pianista Fuori Posto’

**Saturday 6 p.m. to midnight** – Live Music: ‘Jelly & Jam’

**Sunday 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.** – Live music: ‘Black Out’

Here is an excellent event for Italian wine lovers! Enjoy the last of the summer evenings in the park and relax with a couple of glasses of wine, a light meal and some live music. Producers from all over Italy will be there to present their wines to you.

Tickets cost €15 and include:

- A wine glass holder
- A wine glass (€5 retainer)
- 10 ‘tickets’ to use to buy one or two dishes. (You can choose from a series of appetizers/first courses/desserts)
- 2 or 3 glasses of wine to try

<https://feshioneventi.it/prodotto/vinoemusica/>



## Internazionale a Ferrara

29th September – 1st October

[www.internazionale.it/festival](http://www.internazionale.it/festival)

Journalist and authors from all over the world meet in Ferrara for a series of free lectures and meetings about current affairs, culture, international politics and future scenarios of the world. For the full programme, which includes events for children aged between 8 and 10 at a local library, visit the official website above.

## Oktoberfest Ferrara

5th – 15th October, from 7 p.m. onwards

Via della Fiera Congressi, 11

[www.oktoberfestferrara.it](http://www.oktoberfestferrara.it)

This is a festival which celebrates Bavaria; its culture, music, cuisine and traditions including its excellent beer ‘Paulaner’ whose brewery was founded in 1634. Folk music, rides and shows will ensure everyone, including youngsters, will have a great time. Admission is free. However, it is highly recommended that you book tables online in advance if you are planning to eat there. You should also book tickets online to watch one of the concerts. By doing so, you have the added bonus of jumping the queue at the entrance. Visit the website above to find out more about the full programme.

## Testaperaria – Children’s Bookshop

Via Casa de Romei, 16 (in the centre of Ferrara)

**‘Roots of a Mandrake, Feathers from a Phoenix’** – Four fun workshops for aspiring magicians!

Wednesday 4th at 5.30 p.m. La Bacchetta Magica – **The Magic Wand**

Wednesday 11th October at 5.30 p.m. Collana di pozioni fai-da-te – **Magic Potions**

Wednesday 18th October at 5.30 p.m. Il Diario degli Incantesimi – **Spell Book**

Wednesday 25th October at 5.30 p.m. I Segnalibri delle case di Hogwarts –  
**The 4 Houses of Hogwarts’ bookmarks.**

**Cost:** €7,50    **Duration:** 1 hour    **Suitable for** children aged 4 +

**To book:** 0532 202823



## **‘Weekend delle Zucche’ – A Pumpkin Weekend**

7th & 8th October, 28th & 29th October – Farmhouse ‘La Florida’  
(via Burana 103, Bondeno)

22nd & 23rd October – Farmhouse ‘La Torretta’  
(Via Imperiale 265, San Bartolomeo in Bosco)

Here are a couple of weekends dedicated to pumpkins to celebrate the arrival of Halloween and this delicious vegetable, which plays a leading role in Ferrara’s cuisine. At the various pumpkin parks there will be games, treasure hunts and of course the traditional activity of carving and decorating pumpkins.

Cost €12 per child (adults are free)

You need to book which pumpkin park you would like to visit and a time slot:

**Saturday:** 3 p.m. 4 p.m. 5 p.m. or 6 p.m.

**Sunday:** 10 a.m. 11 a.m. 12 p.m. 2 p.m. 3p.m. 4 p.m. 5p.m. 6 p.m.

This link lets you choose the venue and time slot for the pumpkin park

<https://feshioneventi.it/prodotto/il-parco-delle-zucche-2023/>

## **Picnic tra le Zucche – A Picnic among Pumpkins**

*Agriturismo ‘La Florida’ (Farmhouse)*

*Via Burana 103, Bondeno*

<https://feshioneventi.it/prodotto/il-weekend-delle-zucche-23/>

Enjoy a family picnic among the pumpkins with delicious local products. There will be entertainment for the children including making pumpkin slime! Families are welcome to visit the different areas of the farm during their stay. Pumpkin carving and decorating are not included in the price and must be booked separately (see ‘A Pumpkin Weekend’ above).

### **The picnic basket includes:**

- Rosemary foccaccia
- Meat-filled sandwich
- Maccheroni pasta with cream of pumpkin and sausage
- Pumpkin ‘Tenerina’ cake
- Spicy pumpkin milk
- A bottle of water & a glass of wine



#### Children's Menu:

- Pasta with a fresh tomato sauce
- Chocolate 'Tenerina' cake
- Fruit juice
- A bottle of water

Cost: €23 adults, €15 children

Picnic baskets will be ready for families at 12.30 p.m.

### Aperi-Zucca – A Pumpkin Aperitif

Enjoy a pumpkin-themed aperitif at 'La Florida' the weekend of 7th & 8th October. It starts from 5 p.m. onwards and costs €10. This includes a drink (Prosecco, beer, spritz....) fried pumpkin and pumpkin nuggets. Book it below:

<https://feshioneventi.it/prodotto/il-weekend-delle-zucche-23/>

### Magic School at Castello Estense – The Magic Tournament

*14th & 15th October*

<https://feshioneventi.it/prodotto/a-scuola-di-magia-2023/>

Join the magic and fun at Castello Estense with a Triwizard Tournament. Three Houses will compete in a tournament but there will only be 1 winner!

**Duration:** 90 minutes

**Suitable for:** Anyone who is passionate about Harry Potter!

**Cost:** Adults €15 (Aged 11 +) Children €12 (includes a mysterious drink and a welcome badge)

**Entrance:** Castle's courtyard

It is possible to **ADD** the following events to the Magic School experience at the Castle:

- Lunch in the Great Hall at the Castle at 1 p.m. (Adults €22, Children €16)
- The Magic Ball on Saturday 14th October at the Castle at 8.30 p.m. This includes dinner (an aperitif, first, second course, dessert, water, wine and coffee. €35 Adults menu & €20 Children's menu)
- A ride on the Hogwarts Express (Red City Bus) for a small fee.





It is possible to **ADD** to the Magic School experience at the Castle the following **‘PLUS’** deals which are being held in Parco Massari:

**‘Il Pacchetto Baby’** (4 – 10 year olds) two hours of entertainment at Parco Massari with treasure hunts, brewing potions, perfecting skills, games, arts and crafts workshops and a magical snack.

**Cost:** €15

**Times:** From 10 a.m. to midday **OR** 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**Suitable** for children aged 4 – 11 who can be left with the staff

**‘Il Pacchetto Senior’** for anyone over the age of 11, enables you to take part in the magical tournament and put yourself to the test! Cost €25

**IMPORTANT:** Please note that you can only add the ‘PLUS’ deals if you take part in the Castle’s Magic School. You cannot book them separately.

## Teatro Nuovo – Theatre

*Piazza Trento Trieste, 52*

21st October at 9 p.m. ‘Pink Sonic’ - **Pink Floyd Tribute Band**

To book tickets email: [biglietteria@teatronuovoferrara.com](mailto:biglietteria@teatronuovoferrara.com)

*Buy directly from the ticket office inside the theatre:*

*Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. & 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.*

*Thursdays 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.*

*You can also buy tickets 1 hour before the show*

## Teatro Comunale

Corso Martiri della Libertà, 21

Contemporary Dance Festival:

4th October - ‘Astor un Secolo di Tango’ – Rome Ballet Company

12th October – ‘Fuego’ – Antonio Gades Company

To book tickets email: [biglietteria@teatrocomunaleferrara.it](mailto:biglietteria@teatrocomunaleferrara.it)



## **‘Monumenti Aperti’ – Monuments Open!**

*21st & 22nd October*

This event celebrates Italy’s rich, cultural heritage and aims to encourage visitors to discover and appreciate its art, architecture and history, especially in their own town. Many buildings are open just for this event. Many are free of charge while others organize special opening times and guided tours. Further information to follow.

## **‘Pazzo Halloween’ – A Crazy Halloween**

*Biblioteca Casa Niccolini – Children’s Bookshop in the centre of Ferrara  
Via Romiti, 13 (in the centre of Ferrara)*

**Thursday 26th October at 5 p.m.**

A fun science, arts & crafts workshop in preparation for Halloween, suitable for children aged 6 – 11. This is a free event. Places are limited so you need to book online as soon as possible by filling in the form ‘modulo online’ (click on these words on their web page).

<https://archibiblio.comune.fe.it/event/1895/3230/pazzo-halloween>

## **‘Festival del Ciclista Lento’ – The Slow Cyclists’ Race**

*27th – 29th October*

*10 a.m. – 3 p.m. (please arrive at 9.30 a.m.)*

**Meeting point** ‘Factory Grisù’, Via Mario Poledrelli 21 (near the station/stadium)

[www.ciclistalento.it](http://www.ciclistalento.it)

Take part in the slowest bicycle race - 5km in 5 hours! Tickets need to be bought online and include an interesting guided tour of the city by bike, pit stops along the way with refreshments, RCT insurance, a gadget and a certificate of participation. You can hire bikes from ‘Factory Grisù’ by telephoning their bike shop 329 0477971. Alternatively, you could use the town’s bike sharing service or your own bike. Hurry as places are limited!



## Food Fairs Continue....

### Mesola - Sagra del Radicchio – Chicory

28th, 29th, 30th September & 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th October

Weekdays 7 p.m. At weekends midday & 7 p.m.

The woods of Mesola, near Ferrara and the Delta, are the perfect area in which the sweet/bitter Italian chicory grows. It is a popular ingredient for many Ferrarese dishes and during this food festival you can try a variety of interesting courses. If you go, look out for information about excursions into the woods by moonlight and bike tours of the area.

### Madonna Boschi (just outside Ferrara) - ‘Salamina da Sugo’

Pro Loco di Madonna Boschi, Via adonna Boschi 1

29th, 30th September & 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th & 9th October

7.15 p.m. Sunday also at 12.15 p.m.

‘Salamina da sugo’ is a special type of sausage which is rich and spicy as it is slow-cooked in red wine and Dry Marsala. To compliment its strong flavor, it is served with a creamy mashed potato. If you would like to try this traditional dish, this is the food festival to visit. It produces the best ‘Salamina da Sugo’ in the region!

### ‘Monsterland’

31st October

Via della Fiera, 11

From 6 p.m.

Celebrating its 8th year in Ferrara, this indoor Halloween festival is taking place at the enormous congress venue behind Via Bologna. There are 5 concert stages which host both national and international bands of different genres. There is also a horror theme park, a make-up artist area, a ‘Zombie Walk’, magic and witchcraft taking place throughout the night and of course a food area.

- It is important to note that this event is for **18 + year olds**
- It is compulsory to wear a costume as well as a mask or make-up.

Tickets can be bought online at:

<https://www.ticketsms.it/it/event/MonsterlandHalloweenFestival2023>

Infoline: 028421371 Email: [info@ticketevents.it](mailto:info@ticketevents.it)