



TAVOLA TOURS

Culinary & Cultural Adventures to Italy

TAVOLA TOURS presents The Bread Basket of Italy Tour!

Destination: The Emilia-Romagna Region of ITALY

Depart USA: October 30st, 2021 | Arrive Italy October 31st | Return USA: November 8th

9 Fun Nights & 8 Days of a CULINARY and CULTURAL ADVENTURE

\$2,775.00 per person LAND ONLY | Breakfast Daily, includes 3 Lunches



- Hands-On Cooking Classes
- Local Food Specialties
- Wine Tastings & Food Pairings
- Beautiful Sightseeing Tours
- Ferrari & Pavarotti
- San Marino & Rimini
- Bologna Gastronomic Tour
- And Much More!

Explore The Emilia-Romagna Region!

Delight your senses on this special culinary and cultural journey to one of Italy's richest culinary and wine-making regions.

Savor the famous foods of the region and learn from local artisans. This is the land of Ferrari, Parma Ham, Aged Balsamic Vinegar, Medieval Villages and Tortellini Pasta.





ITALY: THE EMILIA-ROMAGNA REGION TOUR ITINERARY

DAY TO DAY ITINERARY

October 31* – November 8, 2021

***IMPORTANT: Departure should be scheduled for Oct. 30st in order to arrive on Oct. 31st**

Day 1: Arrive in Bologna & Transfer



DINNER

After Passport & Customs, meet your bus driver in the arrivals hall for the transfer to **Hotel Villa Rosa Riviera** in Rimini. A welcome dinner will introduce you to the delicious culinary delights of Emilia-Romagna, “**the breadbasket of Italy.**”

Day 2: San Marino | World’s 5th Smallest Independent Country



BREAKFAST
LUNCH

In the morning, depart to the independent and historical country of **San Marino**. Stroll around the ancient center to see **Piazza della Libertà, the Basilica of St. Marino**, and other highlights as you uncover the history. Plus, climb to the top of the city’s First Tower for stunning bird’s-eye Adriatic views. During the excursion you will also stop at “**Consorzio Vini Tipici**” where you will have the chance to buy some very special local wine at competitive prices. We will stop for lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, we return to Rimini. Free time at your leisure to stroll Rimini center or relax.

Day 3: Flavors of Emilia-Romagna **



BREAKFAST
LUNCH
TASTINGS

After breakfast, you will depart to Mondaino to visit a Fossa Cheese producer, “**Porta di Sotto**”. A guide, dressed in medieval clothes, will welcome you to the main entrance of the Castle of Mondaino. You will stop in Piazza Maggiore to see the **Malatesta Fortress** and the colonnade of Cosci. Then walk along the town’s streets and discover the history and traditions of the ancient mill-town until you will reach Porta di Sotto. Once at the mill gate, the “Master Casari” will demonstrate the traditional work of making **Fossa cheese** and will offer tastings with honey, jam, “Piadina” (flat bread) and a glass of Sangiovese wine. Then proceed to the medieval town of **Montegridolfo** where you will enjoy the **Malatesta Castle**. Everything has been perfectly restored, echoing the atmosphere of a bygone era. The town plan is medieval. You will savor a typical lunch in San Giovanni of Marignano. Then, off to a local olive oil mill, **Frantoio Bigucci**, for a visit and olive oil tasting. Autumn is the olive harvest season, so you may even be able to see the oil mill working! Return to your hotel and your evening is free. ****Change hotel the following morning.**



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Day 4: Picturesque Ravenna



BREAKFAST
DINNER

After breakfast, depart to Ravenna (with luggage for the next hotel). We'll begin at the **Church of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo**, dating from the 6th century. Then learn all about the famous **poet Dante** in the area named the "**zone of silence**" dedicated to the cult and memory of Dante Alighieri. Beside the poet's tomb, you will find the Dante museum and the **Franciscan cloisters** with the statues of **San Francesco** and **Santa Chiara**. Continuing your tour, head towards the **Neonian baptistery** with its perfectly preserved architectural structure and interior decoration, consisting of stuccos and the magnificent mosaic of the baptism of Christ. Then to **Palazzo Rasponi** to reach the **Piazza del Popolo**, the main square of the city.

The tour concludes with the wonderful **Basilica of San Vitale** dating from the 6th century, and testimony to the **Roman-Byzantine empire**. The church still preserves the splendid scenes of the **Old Testament**. **Check-in** to **Starhotel Excelsior**. Dinner in Bologna.

Day 5: The Fascinating Sights of Ferrara



BREAKFAST
LUNCH

After breakfast, depart to Ferrara where you will meet your private local guide. First stop will be the **Church of San Cristoforo alla Certosa**, or Sant'Antonio in Polesine. Then proceed to Ferrara City center where you will see the main and most important sites in town, such as the famous Este Castle (the castle of the historic Este family), Piazza Savonarola, Palazzo Arcivescovile, the harmonious Romanesque and Gothic Cathedral of Ferrara, Palazzo Marchionale, the Jewish ghetto (the region's largest and oldest, which prevailed from 1627 until 1859) and Via delle Volte. During the walking tour you will stop at Ferrara Store which sells the typical products of Ferrara: Panpepato, Eliceo wine, Garlic of Voghiera, Coppia ferrarese, pumpkin cappellacci and the famous Salama da Sugo. Stop for lunch at a local restaurant (Trattoria Il Mandolino) Return to our hotel in Bologna to enjoy free time.

Day 6: Discover Ferrari Cars and Pavarotti Land



BREAKFAST
TASTINGS

After breakfast, meet your guide at the hotel and walk together to Bologna Bus Station (5 mins walk from your hotel) and board a bus to **discover Ferrari cars & Pavarotti Land**. You will visit the **Museo Ferrari** in Maranello and the **Museo Enzo Ferrari** in Modena, the **Casa Museo L. Pavarotti** and the MuSa - Museo della Salumeria (**Museum of Charcuterie**). Our next stop will be guided tours to enjoy tastings of Acetaia Giusti, the producer of DOP and IGP Traditional Balsamic Vinegar and the **Museo del Vino**, producers of **Lambrusco wine**. Return to Bologna, evening free.



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Day 7: World Famous Products of Parma



After breakfast at the hotel, we depart to Parma. First stop is the **Parmigiano Reggiano PDO production factory**. Discover how milk is processed, then transformed into delicious Parmigiano Reggiano PDO. Find out why this extraordinary cheese can be preserved for years and why its quality improves over time without any chemical additives. Learn how to distinguish between cheese of different aging thanks to a guided tasting. Next, you will continue to the **Parma Ham PDO production factory** to view the phases of this renowned kind of delicacy. Start from the meat processing through to the final product. Lose yourself in a journey of flavors and end your tour with a **tasting of Parma ham** to savor its sweetness and unique flavor. Dinner will be at a local restaurant (Buca Manzoni).

Day 8: Bologna Culinary Tour and Cooking Class



After breakfast, you will explore one of **Bologna's oldest food markets** with an insider and visit the most traditional food shops. Learn about the history, culture, and architecture that make **Bologna's medieval market** so unique. During this tour, enjoy a variety of food specialties that has secured Bologna's reputation as being the **foodie capital of Italy**. Discover the secrets of having the ultimate food and cultural experience off the beaten path! In the late afternoon, you will learn how to prepare the **local Emilian dishes**. During the **cooking class**, which will be held in the kitchen of a **local chef**, you will learn how to make handmade **pasta (lasagna, tortellini), sauces (ragù), desserts (tiramisu)** etc. Throughout the course, local wine, focaccia and salumi will be served. At the end, we will enjoy our farewell dinner with the food we have prepared. After, return to the hotel to pack and get ready for your next day departure.

Day 9: Departure / Transfer Bologna Airport

Airport transfer for the group to Bologna's Airport for your flight home to USA.

Note: *Arrive home same day.*





TAVOLA TOURS TRIP RESERVATION FORM – NOVEMBER 2021

Reserve your place with a **\$1,500.00** deposit, \$250 non refundable after 14 days.
Reservations are processed on a first come, first serve basis. Secure your place today!

Name: _____

IMPORTANT: Name must be exactly the same as it appears on Valid Passport; 1 Form per Person.

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Home Tel. #: _____ Cell Tel. #: _____

Work Tel. #: _____ E-mail: _____

Travel Companion Name: _____

Room Type: Single*: _____ Double: _____ Triple: _____

*\$475 additional fee for a single room.

Departure Date: _____ Return Date: _____

YOUR PAYMENT DETAILS

Deposit or Full Payment (List Amount): _____ Payment Date: _____

TRAVEL PROTECTION INSURANCE (NOT INCLUDED):

We strongly recommend that you purchase Travel Insurance from a reputable company to protect your travel investment. We DO NOT offer it and it is NOT included in the price of this trip.

NOTE: Pre-existing medical condition clause is usually included from most companies if insurance is purchased within 14 days of deposit. Travel insurance is usually non-refundable. Please check your coverage carefully.

TOUR RESERVATION POLICIES

- \$1,500.00 Deposit required to secure space. Tour Balance is due 45 days prior to travel date.
- We prefer payment by check. Credit Card payment is possible; however, a 3.75% credit card fee applies.
- \$250.00 Administration fee is charged if tour reservation is cancelled 2 weeks after initial deposit.
- Itinerary could be altered only if deemed necessary beyond control of travel agency & local tour operator.
- Full deposit, administration fee & full tour cost become NON REFUNDABLE 45 days or less from travel date.

REQUIRED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: USA citizens need VALID PASSPORT with expiration date 6 months or more from US departure date.

NON-USA: Citizens may require a VISA. Please check with your own country's Consulate General or their Website.

PAYMENT DETAILS

- Please make your payment out to I-CHEF, LLC PO Box 273, Chatham, NJ 07928.
- Please write TAVOLA TOURS on the Memo line of your check.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____