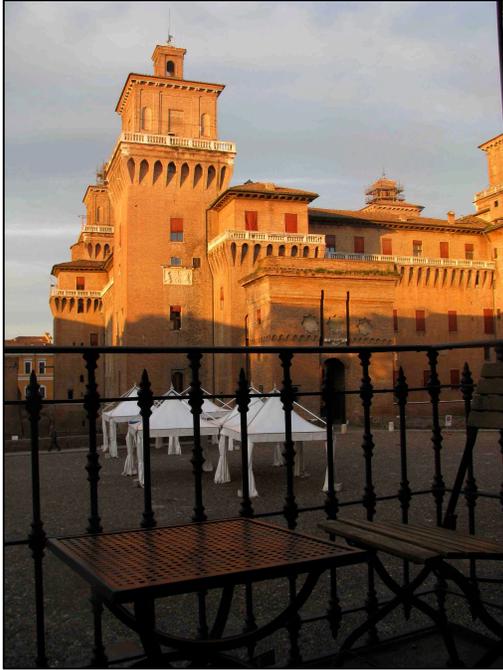


Tour of Emilia-Romagna Region



The weeklong tour will include visits to villages from the Adriatic coast to inland. This region of Italy contains beautiful villages that attest to its rich history, including Byzantine, Roman and Renaissance towns. This region is also known for amazing food, wine and balsamic vinegar. It is the homeland of the composer Verdi and is the home of Ferrari too. There is something for everyone!

The Emilia-Romagna region of Italy lies between Italy's largest river, the Po, and its southern border is the crest of the Apennines. This geographic

location has yielded the area one of the most fertile and productive regions of Italy. During our tour we will make our way through this area visiting some of the historic and cultural highlights, enjoying the culinary delights and taking in the natural beauty of the area.

The tour will begin inland, in the city of Parma. We will spend the first three nights of the tour at an



elegant, characteristic hotel in the center of town. From there we will fill our days with visits to the famous sites in the city, as well as visiting the quaint villages, castles, and pristine nature. During our time in Parma we will visit local producers and taste the cheeses, hams and tortellini that are world-renowned. While inland we will visit the city of Mantua. This Renaissance city offers some of Italy's finest works of art. The city itself is nestled between the river Mincio and three lakes, therefore giving the city a layout that resembles a small inland Venice. From here we will make our way east through the

small renaissance villages to the area to the town of Ferrara, where we will spend the last three nights. This area is rich of rivers, lagoons, canals, therefore creating a magical union of earth and water. The geographic location made the area an



important interchange junction between the Adriatic Sea and the whole Northern Italy and Europe. This asset and the able leadership of the D'Este Dynasty has provided us with a city that contains many medieval and Renaissance sites which are fascinating to visit. We will make our way to the Adriatic Coast, where we will visit the town of Ravenna. Ravenna boasts quite

the history; it was first the western capitol of the Roman Empire and then the center of the Byzantine Empire. As such, the town offers some excellent examples of architecture and art from these eras. The area is rich of artisan craftsmanship, such as famous majolica. All of the cities we will be visiting are UNESCO World Heritage Cities, what makes them so very unique is the ongoing heritage and products that derive from them. Join us to live and enjoy it all!

Cost: Euro 3750 (single supplement is Euro 750). Cost covers all land expenses (lodging, activities, land transportation and most meals). Flights: Options include into Bologna and out of Venice, or in and out of Milan.



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