

Emilia Romagna

Parma & Bologna

The Culinary Heart of Italy

9 DAYS: Sunday, May 23-Monday, May 31, 2027

Saturday, October 9-Sunday, October 17, 2027



In 2027 we'll return to Emilia-Romagna – a treasure trove for travelers seeking a blend of culture, gastronomy, and stunning landscapes. Known as the culinary heart of Italy, it boasts world-famous delicacies such as Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, balsamic vinegar from Modena, and rich ragu from Bologna. We've included a Prosciutto tasting and a cooking lesson in the private home of a chef in Bologna. Additionally, we've designed this holiday to give you plenty of opportunities to explore local cafes and restaurants. During our three-night stay in Parma we'll explore the famed Palazzo della Pilotta – Parma's great historic cultural complex and one of the city's defining landmarks; taste delectable prosciutto; have lunch in a Benedictine Abbey refectory and visit two castles. Enjoy a guided visit of Modena and visit the famous Ferrari Museum during our transfer to Bologna for a two-night stay. Our guided tour of Bologna will highlight the essentials and include the Porticoes and the Quadrilatero Market.

• **INCLUDES**

- Seven nights' accommodations: Five nights at **Hotel Button, Parma**; two nights at **Hotel Best Western Plus Tower, Bologna** (or similar)
- Breakfast daily
- Welcome dinner at local restaurant
- Guided walking tour of Parma, dinner at local restaurant in Parma
- Excursion to Langhirano with Prosciutto di Parma factory with a ham tasting

RATES

\$3799 Prices are LAND ONLY per person based on double occupancy. Single supplement is \$580. Triple accommodations may be available upon request.

Airfare from Boston is \$1030 and will be added to the above price.

Passport required. Per person deposit is \$500. Please note – if you wish to extend your tour or request air or hotel upgrades, please advise us at the time of booking.

- Guided visit of the Benedictine Abbey of Santa Maria della Neve and lunch in the refectory
- Visit to Torrechiara village and its castle
- Visit to Castell'Arquato medieval hamlet; enjoy lunch at a farmhouse Agriturismo with local products
- A full-day of leisure in Parma
- Excursion to Modena with visit to Ferrari Museum in Maranello
- Transfer to Bologna and dinner at hotel restaurant
- Guided visit of Bologna including the Piazza Maggiore, the Porticoes and the Quadrilatero Market
- Cooking class and farewell dinner at chef's private home



DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Overnight Flight

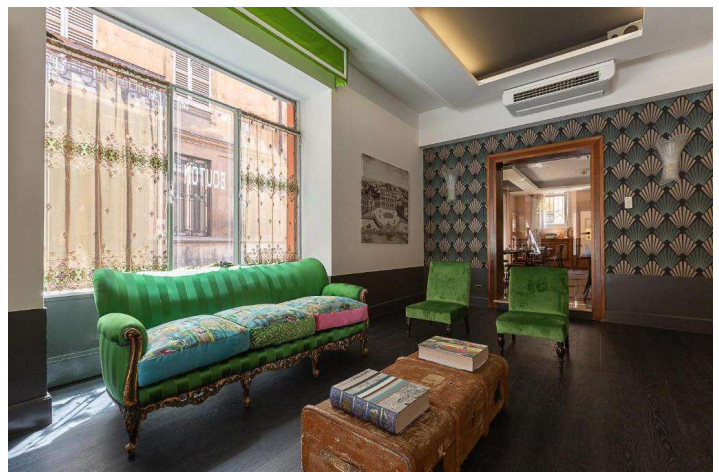
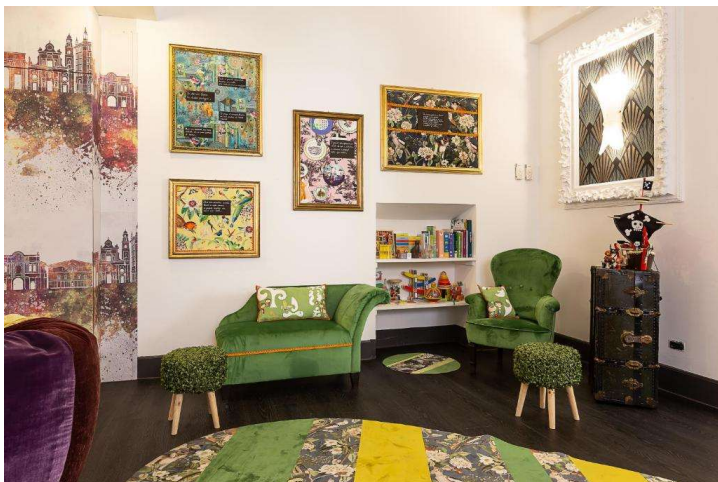
Depart from Boston this evening on ITA Airlines. Dinner is served aloft along while crossing the Atlantic. Relax and enjoy in-flight entertainment.

Day 2: Arrive Rome - flight to Bologna

Continental breakfast will be served on board before landing. In Rome, clear immigration and passport control and retrieve our luggage before we make our way into the arrivals hall. Here we'll meet our Tour Manager who will assist us to our private motorcoach for the transfer to Parma and the **Hotel Button**. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**

HOTEL BUTTON Borgo della Salina 7 43121 Parma Tel. +39 0521 208039

A small, modern hotel, Hotel Button is housed in a 19th-century building, located in a central district of Parma. Known for clean, comfortable rooms, a friendly staff, and convenient location for visiting Parma's historic center, food markets, and the train station. It features free Wi-Fi throughout, a café, and a varied breakfast. All rooms have a private bathroom. All rooms are decorated in a classic style, fitted with tiled floors and wooden furniture. Each comes with TV and private bathroom. Parma Cathedral is a 5-minute walk from the hotel.



Day 3: Exploration of Parma

After breakfast depart on a guided walking tour to learn about its history and present. We'll see the medieval Cathedral and Baptistry before having time for lunch on our own. In the afternoon we'll visit the Palazzo della Pilotta – Parma's great historic cultural complex and one of the city's defining landmarks including the Teatro Farnese, Biblioteca Palatina and the National Gallery. This evening enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. **(B D)**





Day 4: Excursion to Langhirano

Today we'll head south Langhirano - famous worldwide for production of Prosciutto di Parma. Many curing houses (salumifici) operate in and around Langhirano; the microclimate of the hills and the tradition of curing contribute to the ham's quality. We'll visit a Prosciutto di Parma factory and enjoy a ham tasting. Later we'll enjoy a guided visit of the Benedictine Abbey of Santa Maria della Neva and have lunch in the refectory. In the afternoon we'll visit the Castle of Torrechiara - one of the most striking and well-preserved medieval fortresses in the Parma area and a fine example of 15th-century Italian castle architecture, set dramatically on a wooded hill above the Parma valley. **(BL)**





Day 5: Excursion to Castell'Arquato and Agriturismo lunch at Arte Contadina

After breakfast we'll set off for a visit to Castell'Arquato - a picturesque medieval walled town celebrated for its exceptionally well-preserved historic centre, castle, towers, and strong medieval atmosphere. In the afternoon we'll enjoy lunch at a farmhouse agriturismo – Arte Contadina. **(B L)**



Day 6: Day at leisure

Today is a full-day for you to enjoy Parm on your own. (B)



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Day 7: Transfer to Bologna

After breakfast we'll set off on our transfer to Bologna. Our first stop will be Modena for a guided visit. We'll have lunch on our own before we head to the Ferrari Museum in Maranello. Arrive Bologna and check in at the Hotel Best West Plus Tower, followed by dinner at the hotel restaurant. **(B D)**





Best Western Plus Tower Hotel Bologna Viale Ilie Uljanov Lenin 43 +39 051 602 4111
The four-star Tower Hotel offers free WiFi throughout and a fitness center on the 18th floor. The rooms feature essential Italian-style furniture and earth tones. They include air conditioning and a flat-screen TV with Sky channels. The private bathroom comes with free toiletries and a hairdryer. Guests can enjoy a rich buffet breakfast daily. The restaurant also serves regional dishes for lunch and dinner, based on seasonal organic ingredients, with gluten-free options available.

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Day 8: Bologna

Today we'll enjoy a guided visit of Bologna's city highlights – the Fountain of Neptune, the medieval buildings of Piazza Maggiore, the famous Porticoes and the Quadrilatero Market, one of Bologna's most authentic districts filled with historic shops, delicatessens, wine bars and small osterias. Lunch will be on our own. This evening we'll transfer to the private home of a famous local chef or a cooking class and dinner. **(B D)**







Day 9: Return to Boston

Transfer to Bologna airport and board your flight to Rome. Upon arrival proceed to your international flight to Rome.



Proof of Citizenship: *US citizens require a passport with at least six months' validity for entry into Ireland. Passports are the responsibility of the traveler.*

PLEASE NOTE: *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.*

PLEASE NOTE: *This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2–3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information.*