



FERRARA (30 min away): A city between Arts and Culture.

One of the most famous cities of the Po valley that retains traces of its past under the rule of the Este family, who extended patronage to various artists at their sophisticated court. Do not miss the **Castello Estense**, beautiful and imposing, surrounded by a moat. The fifteenth-century courtyard, the **Loggia of the Oranges** with its hanging garden admiring the city and many rooms are open for viewing. In the Renaissance part of the city it is possible to admire: the **Addizione Erculea**, the **Quadrivio of Palazzo dei Diamanti** (Palace of the Diamonds), the **Piazza Ariostea** and the **city walls**, 9km of unique Renaissance era walls. At the Cathedral square stand the **City Hall** and the **Bell Tower**. The Romanesque **Cathedral** is the gem of the city and has a collection of fine frescoes and statues. It is also worth visiting the typical Medieval streets such as **San Romano**, **Via delle Volte**, and the **Jewish Quarter**.

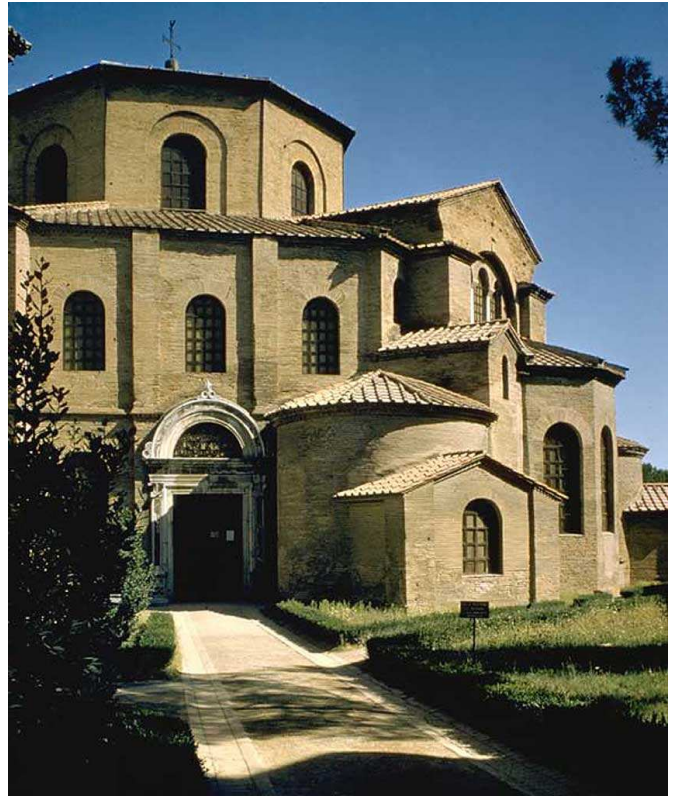


RAVENNA (40 minutes away): The city of Mosaics.

Home to the ancient capital city of the Western Roman Empire and its beautiful Byzantine mosaics (UNESCO World Heritage Site).

The tour of the city can start from **S. Apollinare Nuovo** church with its famous cylindrical bell tower, the **Battistero Neoniano** (also known as Battistero degli Ortodossi) that has an octagonal plan like **San Vitale**, on two rows of arches rich with Byzantine mosaics, marbles and stuccos. Within the same architectural complex you will find the **Mausoleo of Galla Pacida** (named after the daughter of Emperor Theodosius), built between 425 and 450. It houses the magnificent mosaics (perhaps the oldest in the city). It is worth visiting also: the **Battistero degli Ariani**, the **Chiesa di**

San Francesco, the Dantes Tomb, the Mausoleo di Teodorico and the Basilica di Sant'Apollinare in Classe , 4 km from the city.



BOLOGNA (45 minutes away): The city of Arcades.

More than 40 km of arcades in the city's historical centre. You find them along most of the centre streets and their origin is in part due to the strong growth that took the city in the late Middle Ages, when the city and the University became a thriving center for scholars and writers from all over Europe. Following them, the tourist can explore the city, its monuments, shops, craft shops sheltered from rain and sun. In Piazza Maggiore, the heart of the city, stand the imposing **Basilica di San Petronio**, il **Palazzo Comunale d'Accursio**, that houses the Municipal Art Collections and among them the **Museo Giorgio Morandi** and the apartments of the **Legati Pontifici**. Another symbol of the city is the famous **Fontana del Nettuno**, with the statue of the sixteenth century sculptor **Giambologna**. Not far from **Piazza Maggiore** rise above the **Maggiore, Zamboni and Rizzoli roads** the towers **Torri degli Asinelli and Garisenda**.



COMACCHIO (30 minutes away): Town of Bridges.

Comacchio developed across thirteen little islands joined by bridges, formed by the **Primaro Po** estuary. It had to plan its economic and urban development based on the water element. The bridges, which join the various islands, are the most important element of the **historic center** of Comacchio. The symbol of Comacchio is the beautiful **Trepponti bridge** built in 1634 by architect Luca Danesi. **The Roman Ship Museum** houses the wreck of a merchant ship of the imperial era, which resurfaced in 1989 during the construction of a drainage channel. The ship, in excellent condition, still contained the original load (amphorae with produce, lead bars, some lead votive temples). The entire load as well as equipment and clothing of the crew are exhibited in the museum, along with a reconstruction of the ship.



PO RIVER DELTA (5 minutes away): Surrounded by Nature.

The Po Delta is a very large and complex protected territory. The park contains diverse environments: wetlands, rivers and sea coast. The **Argenta valley (the “holy” valley)** is a part of the reserve that visitors can explore on their own, either walking or by bicycle. It is a paradise for birdwatchers, with huts and watchtowers along the path. This itinerary can be done hiring a bicycle at the Museo delle Valli or walking. It is possible to have lunch nearby.

For more information: <http://www.parks.it/parco.delta.po.er/>



THE RIVIERA ROMAGNOLA AND THE LIDI FERRARESI (30-40 minutes away): Relax for Young and Families.

In addition to art, culture and gastronomy, one should not miss the **Riviera Romagnola and the Lidi Ferraresi**. **Ravenna** and **Ferrara** show their exciting entertaining side, full of events and attractions, ideal for young people and families. Fine sandy beaches, innovative bathing establishments, designer shops, sunsets live with music. Everywhere life is relaxed, trendy and at the same time suitable for families like only Romagna and Lidi Ferraresi can be. Pure relax.

