

The Arts Society Walton on the Hill presents

The Palaces & Art of Bologna, Mantova, Ferrara & Ravenna

6 days from £1,349 Departs 1st September 2025



FEATURES

- Central Bologna 4* hotel
- Two dinners included
- All excursions, entrance fees & guided tours included
- Direct flights from Gatwick
- Local professional guide for all transfers & included excursions
- Executive coach in Italy
- Audio headsets included on Days 2 to 5
- Welcome drink included
- Gratuities to be paid by the group organisers

WHAT WE WILL SEE

- **Bologna** – guided city tour, guided tour at the Pinacoteca Nazionale, the Anatomical Theatre & the Mantova – guided tour of Palazzo Ducale & Palazzo Te
- International Music Museum & Library
- **Ferrara** – guided city tour
- **Ravenna** – guided city tour, Neonian Baptistery, Mosaics of St Vitale & Mausoleo di Galla Placidia

ACCOMMODATION

We stay five nights at the 4* Hotel Touring in central Bologna (www.hoteltouring.it). Located close to Piazza S. Domenico, facilities at this hotel include a breakfast room and a lounge. All rooms are ensuite and feature television, telephone, hairdryer and a mini-bar. A set three course dinner with a limited volume of house wine is included at a carefully selected trattoria near our hotel on the first and last evenings, and the remaining three nights are on a bed and breakfast basis.

EXTRAS TO YOUR TOUR

- Insurance (including Covid cover) £79
- Single room supplement £179
- Local accommodation tax to be paid directly to the hotel (approximately €3 per person per night)
- Lunches
- Dinners on Days 2 to 4

Flight details may be subject to change. Price based on twin share. Minimum numbers required. Normal booking conditions apply.



Mosaic at Basilica of Sant' Apollinare Nuovo, Ravenna

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Ferrara Cathedral

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Bologna



Palazzo Ducale, Mantova



San Vitale, Ravenna

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Day 1

We meet at Gatwick for our direct scheduled Easyjet flight to our allocated Italian airport. On arrival in Italy we are met by our guide and transfer by private executive coach to the centrally located 4* Hotel Touring in Bologna for a five night stay. We enjoy a welcome drink in our hotel this evening, prior to dinner at a carefully selected trattoria near our hotel.

Day 2

This morning we enjoy a guided walking tour of the buildings and porticoed streets of Bologna, home to medieval palaces and the oldest university in Europe. We then enjoy a guided tour of one of Northern Italy's finest galleries, the Pinacoteca Nazionale in Bologna, housing works of the great Northern Italian artists including Giotto, Raphael and Perugino. This afternoon we visit the Anatomical Theatre, designed in an amphitheatre form in 1637 for the anatomy lessons by Bologna's artist Antonio Paolucci and decorated with statues of celebrated doctors such as Hippocrates and Bartoletti.

Day 3

Our full day in Mantova begins with a guided tour of the Palazzo Ducale, once one of Europe's largest palaces and now housing a wonderful art collection including the frescoes in the 'Camera degli Sposi' by Mantegna. This afternoon we visit the magnificent Palazzo Te and Giulio Romano's 'Room of Giants'.

Day 4

A guided tour of Ferrara this morning introduces us to one of the region's greatest walled towns and one of Italy's hidden gems, with many attractive streets and medieval houses, a 12th century cathedral and the palaces of the d'Este dynasty. The rest of the day is at leisure in Bologna.

Day 5

Our guided tour of Ravenna this morning is a wonderful introduction to the city that was once the capital of Rome's Western Empire and one of the great seats of Byzantine art in Europe, and takes in the magnificent Neonian Baptistery, and the mosaics of St Vitale and Mausoleo di Galla Placidia. A set three course farewell dinner is included at a carefully selected trattoria near our hotel this evening.

Day 6

After checking out of our hotel this morning, and flight times permitting, we visit the International Music Museum & Library in Bologna, that was established in 2004. Located in the prestigious Palazzo Sanguinetti, the exquisitely frescoed rooms are home to one of the most prestigious collections of printed music from the 16th to 18th centuries. We then return to our allocated Italian airport for our direct scheduled Easyjet flight back to Gatwick.

NB:- Please note we reserve the right to alter the above itinerary if required for operational reasons. Given the historic nature of the places visited, a certain degree of walking will be involved, and this holiday may not be suitable for those with mobility problems.