

ATTAVOLA TOUR

Travel in Italy as an Italian



Emilia-Romagna, Italy | Sept. 28-Oct. 6, 2024

Airfare is not included in trip cost. You'll need to arrange your own flights.

The below is a preliminary itinerary. Full trip details will be provided to confirmed travelers.

Saturday, Sept. 28: Bologna Airport/Bologna

Welcome! There will be one transfer provided by shuttle from the Bologna Airport* to the hotel in Bologna if you arrive by 12 p.m. local time. If you arrive later than 12 p.m. local time to the Bologna Airport, you will need to arrange transportation to the hotel (approximately a 30-minute drive time). After you settle into the hotel in Bologna where you'll have a two-night stay, there will be time to relax or explore prior to a welcome aperitivo at 7 p.m. at the hotel followed by a group dinner. **Please note that airfare is not included in trip cost. You will need to book your own flights.*

Sunday, Sept. 29: Bologna

After breakfast at the hotel, you'll enjoy a guided tour of Bologna, one of our favorite food cities in the world. A special lunch will be arranged for the group at a historic food emporium located in the center of Bologna, giving you a taste of the region's cuisine. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy.

Monday, Sept. 30: Bologna/Maranello/Pavullo nel Frignano/Parma

Not only is this region of Italy known for its great food, but it's also renowned for its fast cars! After breakfast at the hotel, luggage will be collected and you'll head to the Ferrari Museum in Maranello. If you are looking to get behind the wheel for a test drive, you won't be alone! We'll then head to Pavullo nel Frignano to visit the wonderful family who produces our Parmigiano-Reggiano for a behind-the-scenes tour and a tasting lunch. You'll then travel to our next hotel in Parma for a three-night stay. Enjoy the evening on your own.

Tuesday, Oct. 1: Parma/Montecchio/Parma

Take the morning to explore or enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Mid-morning, private transportation is arranged to whisk you to a tasting lunch at a wine producer in Montecchio. Later in the afternoon, you'll embark on a guided tour of Parma, a city brimming with cultural beauties and good food to be enjoyed. Marvel at all Parma has to offer, including a stop at a local market. That evening, you'll dine with the group for a slow food Italian dinner near Piazza Duomo.

Wednesday, Oct. 2: Parma/Langhirano/Parma

After breakfast, get ready to travel with the group to Langhirano, a town renowned for its Prosciutto di Parma. We'll visit with our artisan producer for a behind-the-scenes tour and tasting lunch on site. Afterwards, enjoy your last evening in Parma soaking in the sights and flavors.



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Thursday, Oct. 3: Parma/Modena/Castelvetro/Bologna

You'll depart Parma with the group after breakfast, traveling to Modena for a mid-morning guided tour of the medieval city. We'll then travel to a producer just outside of Modena who we are proud to partner with for our very own DLM Aged Balsamic Vinegar of Modena. Enjoy a behind-the-scenes experience and a special tasting lunch. Afterward, you are in for picturesque views as we settle into a winery resort for the remainder of our stay. Take the evening to unwind with a tour of the winery and a tasting aperitivo, of course.

Friday, Oct. 4: Forli/Santarcangelo di Romagna/Forli

After breakfast, you'll travel with the group to Santarcangelo di Romagna so you can explore this charming medieval village with ancient origins and a vibrant cultural ambiance. See where the cobblestone streets take you and enjoy lunch on your own. We'll then travel back to Forli to prepare for a special experience! Learn how to prepare a traditional Emilia-Romagna meal as you take part in a hands-on cooking class that'll culminate with dinner. A professional chef will teach you about local ingredients and guide you to prepare a meal together along the way.

Saturday, Oct. 5: Forli/Faenza/Bologna

After breakfast, you'll depart with the group and your luggage to Faenza, an Italian city known for its historic pottery. Here, we'll dive into this ancient art with a longtime traditional producer. Afterward, enjoy exploring this Renaissance city and enjoy lunch on your own. We'll then travel to our original hotel in Bologna. It is here where you'll soak in your final evening on our Food Tour with a group dinner at a restaurant in the heart of Bologna.

Sunday, Oct. 6: Bologna/Bologna Airport

Breakfast will be available at the hotel with a single morning transfer time to the Bologna airport.

SERVICES INCLUDED

❖ Attavola Staff

Dedicated concierge service, for the whole trip for any need/support.

❖ Transportation

Private van transfer with a single, pre-determined group transfer time will be available from/to the Bologna Airport for you to use if you wish. Transportation between destinations listed on the itinerary will be provided for the whole trip, including parking, gas, tolls.

❖ Accommodation 4/5 star hotels reservations.

For each check in and check out, we provide you with luggage service:

- At check-in, you will find your luggage delivered directly in your room.
- At check-out, your luggage will be collected to the bus.

❖ Meals 10 meals, between lunches and dinners

- **4 meals at typical restaurants**, representative of the region.
- **5 tasting lunches/dinners with artisanal producers:**
 - Wine producer in Montecchio: *Visit, explanation, and a tasting lunch.*



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- Parmigiano-Reggiano producer in Pavullo nel Frignano:
Visit, explanation, and a tasting dinner.
 - Balsamic vinegar producer in Castelvetro:
Visit, explanation, and a tasting lunch.
 - Prosciutto di Parma producer in Langhirano:
Visit, explanation, and a tasting lunch.
 - Wine producer in Forlì:
Visit, explanation, and a tasting aperitivo.
- **Half day dedicated on the cooking class with dinner.**

For each provided meal on the itinerary: You will have 3 or 4 courses. Beverages (water and wine) are included. The menus and wine pairings are curated in advance.

❖ Guided tours

3 guided tours of the city, with English speaking tour guides:
Parma, Modena, Bologna

❖ Other activities

Visit at Ferrari Museum + Road Test Drive

Visit at La Vecchia Faenza ceramic workshop

The price includes:

Transfer by private van for the whole tour. All the hotels are **** or ***** stars located in the most beautiful locations. Inclusive in the trip are 10 meals among lunches and dinners. In particular, you will visit traditional restaurants where you will sample typical dishes of the region and meet local food/wine producers. English speaking guides are at your disposal for walking tours in all the principal places. During all tours, English/Italian speaking staff will support you for any requests. All the guests will receive the "Attavola bag" with a welcome letter, the itinerary, all the information about the producers and the cities that you will visit during the tour, food suggestions that you can consult during your free time, and a questionnaire to evaluate the trip. Our intention is to make your trip an unforgettable experience with sightseeing stops, lunches, dinners and visits to producers. In short, we are offering you an exclusive culinary view of Italy that you wouldn't get on most tours!

The price does not include:

Airfare, travel insurance, personal expenses, entrance to museums, and everything not expressly mentioned under "The price includes." You are responsible for meals that are not planned as a part of the itinerary.



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Meals:

It is our goal to provide a unique dining experience that highlights the regional specialties. Therefore, we will work with the restaurants to plan a menu for each meal. If anyone has any particular food allergies, there will be an opportunity to inform us.

Reservation List Form:

Upon completing payment, we will provide you a Food Tour Reservation Form to fill out and return with further detailed information: passport information, emergency contacts, and food allergies. It is our goal to accommodate to the best of our ability.

Changes of Hotels or Venues:

We reserve the right to change a hotel or other venues on the trip if circumstances arise that necessitate this. If for some reason a change needs to be made, the level of service and quality will be equal to what has been agreed upon in the itinerary. It is our goal not to change a hotel or venue unless, for some unforeseen event, it becomes necessary. We will advise the group of the change as soon as a problem should arise.

Detailed Itinerary:

After Dorothy Lane Market has received payment, final arrangements for the group and tour can be made. An updated itinerary with the names of all the hotels, restaurants, and stops will be provided.

Deadline to confirm your reservation* and make payment: Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Refund Policy:

We will confirm with all travelers on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, or sooner that booking requirements have been met so everyone can begin to book their airfare independently (not included). If booking requirements (total number of registered travelers) are not met, a full refund will be issued.

From **May 29, 2024**, through **June 27, 2024**, a refund of 50% of the full payment will be given to anyone who decides to cancel their reservation. At this time, DLM Food Tour/Attavola has already made arrangements to book the tour and will have already made non-refundable deposits for hotels, bus, restaurants, etc. Therefore, we cannot give a full refund.

From **June 28, 2024**, through **July 27, 2024**, a refund of 30% of the full payment will be given to anyone who decides to cancel their reservation. We are assuming that by this point, if someone needs to cancel the tour, it would be for a fairly serious reason. At this point, almost the entire tour is committed and we cannot refund more than that.



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From **July 28, 2024**, through **September 27, 2024**, there are no refunds available. We will have committed to all the businesses involved in this tour to pay for a certain number of rooms, food, and seats in a vehicle. Therefore, after **July 28, 2024**, we cannot offer any refund.

For trip questions, please contact FoodTour@DorothyLane.com and we'll be happy to assist.

