Travelling to the University of Ferrara

Flight: The nearest airport is Bologna – Marconi.

Option 1: Train Route

Take the Marconi Express from the airport to Bologna Central Station (Stazione Centrale). The express is easily accessible from the airport's arrival hall. Alternatively, you can also pick the bus that connect the airport to the train station, just outside the airport. From Bologna Central Station, take a train to Ferrara (most trains continue to Venice). You have two train options:

- Fast trains (Frecciarossa or Italo): 20 minutes, approximately €21.50
- Regional trains: 35 minutes, approximately €5.50

Book your train tickets at:

- Trenitalia: www.trenitalia.com
- Italo: www.italo.com

Option 2: Direct Bus Service

The "BUS & FLY" coach service runs directly between Bologna Airport and central Ferrara. For city center accommodations, get off at the Viale Cavour stop.

https://www.ferrarabusandfly.com/it/acquista-biglietto-navetta

- Cost: €18.5 online / €22-25 on board
- More information and schedules available through BUS & FLY service
- Recommended: Book in advance

Discovering Ferrara: Art, History, and Cuisine

Things to Do in Your Free Time

1. A Relaxing Walk Along Corso Ercole I d'Este (1 hour) – One of the most beautiful Renaissance streets in Europe, part of the grand urban expansion between 1492 and 1510, commissioned by Duke Ercole I d'Este and designed by court architect Biagio Rossetti. From Palazzo Turchi di Bagno, walk to Palazzo dei Diamanti, then turn right and continue to Porta degli Angeli, on the ancient city walls, before heading back to the Castello Estense. A perfect route to experience the elegance of Este-era Ferrara.

2. Castello Estense – The city's iconic landmark, with its moat, drawbridges, and Renaissance frescoes. If you're short on time, we recommend admiring the exterior and visiting the inner courtyard.

3. Palazzo dei Diamanti – This iconic building is just a 5-minute walk from the conference venue. If you have extra time, visit the exhibitions "From Monet to Van Gogh to Kandinsky. New Visions on Nature and Modernity". Don't miss the museum's bookstore, a beautifully curated art bookshop where you can find books on Ferrara, the Renaissance, and ongoing exhibitions, as well as high-quality stationery. Afterwards, enjoy an aperitif at the Caffè dei Diamanti.

4. Parco Massari – If the weather is nice, take a short stroll through this elegant city park, home to centuries-old plane trees—an excellent way to relax between conference sessions. A café inside the park offers coffee and refreshments, and the entrance is just across from the venue. Adjacent to the park, you can also explore the university's Orto Botanico, a lush botanical garden with a great variety of plants.

5. Via delle Volte – A lesser-known medieval gem of Ferrara, this street features atmospheric porticos and archways, perfect for a picturesque stroll. We recommend walking the section starting from Via San Romano, heading west.

6. Biblioteca Ariostea – A hidden gem in Ferrara, housed in a historic palace with a frescoed reading room and the tomb of Ludovico Ariosto, one of Italy's greatest poets.

If You Have More Time…

7. Palazzo Schifanoia – A lesser-known but truly extraordinary Renaissance masterpiece. Its Salone dei Mesi (Hall of the Months) features stunning frescoes from the Ferrara school, with vibrant colors and symbolic details depicting life at the Este court.

8. Ferrara's City Walls – The city's ancient defensive walls are now a park perfect for a relaxing walk. The connected "Campagna in Città" route leads through a picturesque, almost bucolic part of Ferrara, passing by the perimeter of the Jewish Cemetery.

9. Jewish Cemetery – A peaceful and evocative place, surrounded by greenery. It is also the final resting place of writer Giorgio Bassani.

To discover a wider array of attractions and activities in Ferrara, please visit:

https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/733/#:~:text=City%20and%20Province%20of%20Ferrara,Basemaps

https://www.google.it/maps/search/Things+to+do/@44.8267955,11.6104133,15z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m6!2m5!3m4!2zNDTCsDQ5JzM2LjQiTiAxMcKwMzcnMTQuNiJF!4m2!1d11.620713!2d44.826777?entry=ttu&g_ep=EgoyMDI1MDUxMS4wIKXMDSoASAFQAw%3D%3D

Where to Eat and Drink (some suggestions)

Breakfast and Brunch

- Il Filonificio – If the weather is nice, this is the perfect place for an outdoor breakfast with excellent pastries (including vegan options) and high-quality coffee.

- Bar Centro Storico: Corso Martiri della Libertà, 16/18, 44121 Ferrara. Located in the heart of Ferrara, offering a range of services throughout the day. It functions as a café, pastry shop, and bar. They offer breakfast, lunch (with a fixed menu), and aperitivo. The bar has recently been renovated and aims to blend classic style with a modern approach, offering both traditional and international dishes and drinks.

  Website: https://www.segafredo.it/it/bar-centro-storico

- Caffè del Corso:c.so della Giovecca, 66 - Ferrara. Good coffee and a variety of pastries. It's a popular spot for morning gatherings and a relaxing break.

  Website: https://www.caffedelcorsoferrara.it/

- Pasticceria Chocolat: Via Cortevecchia 55, 44121 Ferrara. Artisan pastries and high-quality chocolate products. They are known for their creative and perfect-tasting creations.

  Website: https://chocolat-ferrara.it/

- Caffè Europa: c.so della Giovecca, 51a - Ferrara. Known for high-quality espresso and creamy cappuccinos.

  Website: https://www.caffeeuropaferrara.com/

Restaurants offering authentic local cuisine

- Il Mandolino: Via Carlo Mayr, 83, 44121 Ferrara. A cozy, traditional Ferrarese restaurant with delicious homemade dishes. Open only for lunch (closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays), it doesn't take reservations. We recommend arriving around noon and waiting to be seated.

  Website: https://www.ristoranteilmandolino.it/

- IL Frattino: Via Carlo Mayr, 155, 44121 Ferrara. The establishment is known for its kind and attentive staff, and its brilliant cuisine. Patrons can enjoy a selection of traditional dishes, as well as pizza. Due to the restaurant's popularity, it is advisable to make a reservation in advance.

  Website/Link: https://alfrattino.eatbu.com/

- Trattoria da Noemi: Via Ragno, 31, 44100 Ferrara. Located in the historic city centre, this family-run trattoria is housed in a 15th-century building and offers traditional Ferrarese dishes. They are known for their fresh, seasonal ingredients and homemade pasta. It's a highly recommended spot for experiencing authentic local cuisine in a cozy atmosphere.

  Website/Link: https://www.trattoriadanoemi.it/

- La Locanda 22: Piazza della Repubblica, 11, 44121 Ferrara. Specializing in meat and fish dishes, as well as pizza. The restaurant is situated near the Estense Castle and offers both indoor and outdoor dining options. Their pizza selection is highly recommended.

  Website: https://locanda22.eatbu.com/

- Principessa Pio : Via delle Vigne, 38, 44121 Ferrara. Situated within the city walls and near the Renaissance vegetable garden, Principessa Pio offers a "territorial cuisine" in a comfortable setting surrounded by greenery. They serve typical local specialties and have outdoor seating.

  Website/Link: http://www.principessapio.com/

Bars and Pubs

- Al Brindisi:Via Adelardi, 11, 44121 Ferrara. The oldest tavern in Europe, once frequented by Copernicus and Ariosto! Enjoy traditional Ferrarese cuisine and a selection of Emilian wines.

  Website: https://www.albrindisi.net/

- Double Sip: Via Carlo Mayr, 61, 44121, Ferrara. A stylish cocktail bar with expertly crafted drinks and a refined atmosphere, perfect for a high-quality after-dinner experience.

  Website: https://www.doublesip.it/

- Birreria Giori: Piazza Savonarola, 1, 44100 Ferrara. Near to the Estense Castle, this "beer house" has been a local institution for years, known for its sandwiches and a wide selection of beers. It's a casual spot perfect for a quick bite and a drink.

  Website/Link: http://www.birrariagiori.it/