

## Events in Ferrara

### September 2020

#### **“La Giostra del Monaco” - Medieval Festival**

*27<sup>th</sup> August – 6<sup>nd</sup> September*

*Viale IV Novembre, Baluardi della Fortezza*

*Every day from 6.30 p.m.*

*Saturday & Sunday from 12.30*

This is a ten-day festival where you can travel back in time and taste what life was really like in Medieval times. The festival takes its name from a jousting game whereby knights compete to hit the central target – representing one of the Ferrara’s sworn enemies “Il Monaco” (the Monk) – whilst on horseback.

Walk amongst a Medieval encampment and meet soldiers, knights and maids. Watch sword fighting, jousting and archery competitions. Enjoy Medieval music, theatre and dancing whilst sampling Medieval beer and other delicacies. There are also workshops for children, storytellers, jugglers and a Medieval market.

#### **Ferrara Summer Festival**

*20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September*

This events hosts a variety of concerts and book presentations with local authors. Following the Covid safety regulations, Piazza Trento Trieste will be set up with appropriately distanced chairs and there will be a maximum number of spectators. It is advised not to bring children under the age of 4.

The author presentations are free of charge and do not need to be booked in advance. These take place on the following days:

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Matteo Bianchi - 'Dal Sottovuoto. Poesie assetate d'aria'

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Paolo Panzacchi – 'Il pranzo della domenica'

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September**, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Marcello Simoni – 'Il segreto del mercante dei libri'

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September**, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Furio Zara – 'Le nostre notti magiche. Italia 90'

However, concerts do need to be booked in advance. Tickets can be bought on-line at: [www.ferrarasummerfestival.it](http://www.ferrarasummerfestival.it)

Here, you can find prices, times and further information.

**Programme:**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> - Elisa

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Hans Zimmer tribute to Lunare

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Piano Solo

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Samuel from Subsonica: Golfo mistico Tour

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> – Notre Dame (musical)

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> – 'Musicfilm' summer edition

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> – On Broadway – 'A Night in Chicago'

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> – Morricone al Chiaro di Luna

**Giardini Estensi – Autumn Edition**

*12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> September, 8.30 a.m. – sunset*

*Parco Massari, Corso Porta Mare, 9*

*Admission: Free*

A beautiful exhibition of autumn flowers and plants for everyone to admire as well as stands selling a variety of novelty items in the theme of this gardening event.

There will also be guided tours by bicycle of some of the Ferrara's special gardens.

For further details please email: [info@giardiniestensi.it](mailto:info@giardiniestensi.it)

## **'Interno Verde' – Ferrara's Secret Gardens**

*Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May*

*Via del Turco, 39*

*The gardens are open from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. / 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.*

The association 'Il Turco' is organizing a special weekend in Ferrara, called 'Interno Verde', where it is possible for the public to visit some of Ferrara's secret gardens. If you enrol before the event you pay 10 Euro per person (children under the age of 13 are free) and this allows you access to the gardens for the whole weekend.

Register directly at the association 'Il Turco' in via del Turco, 39, which is open from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. / 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. You will receive a kit with a very interesting illustrated book with excellent information about these green spaces, a bracelet to gain entrance to the green areas and a visitor's map.

If you prefer to register on-line go to: [www.internoverde.it](http://www.internoverde.it) and click on 'iscrizione'. (There is a small contribution to pay if you book on-line). Here, you can already download the visitor's map and plan your visits.

## **European Market**

*25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30 a.m. – 1 a.m.*

*Viale Alfonso d'Este (cycle along the walls from school, towards San Giorgio)*

The European Market is held near San Giorgio and the old hospital. If you can't find it just follow the wonderful smell of Italian focaccia, Dutch waffles or Spanish paella! Discover a variety of crafts, jewellery, flowers and other European products. Soak up the atmosphere and enjoy a German beer or have dinner in the evening at one of the many restaurants and bars set up along the street. For a quieter experience, visit the market early in the morning.

## **‘Pittori Fantastici nella Valle del Po’** (Fantastic artists in the Po valley)

*Padiglione d’Arte Contemporanea*

*Corso Porta Mare, 5 (just down the road from school)*

*3rd July – 27th September*

*10 a.m. – 1 p.m. / 4 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. (closed on Mondays)*

We live in the Po valley, so what better way to discover this unique valley through the eyes of these local artists!

*Admission: €5*

*Booking is recommended: [www.prenotazionemusei.comune.fe.it](http://www.prenotazionemusei.comune.fe.it)*

## **‘Ferrara Rinasce con i Musei’**

The local town council has had a great idea to try to help Ferrara get back on its feet through tourism after the closure of its museums during the pandemic. If you eat at a restaurant, bar, ice cream parlour, stay in a hotel, take a taxi or go on an organized guided tour of the city and spend €10 or more, take your receipt within 48 hours to the tourist office in the Castle’s courtyard. Here, you will be given a coupon with 30% off a single entrance ticket to one of Ferrara’s main tourist attractions which include:

- Natural history museum
- Palazzo Schifanoia
- Cathedral museum
- Estense Castle & Futurism art exhibition
- Palazzina Marfisa
- Padiglione d’Arte Contemporanea (‘Pittori fantastici nella Valle del Po’ – art exhibition)

## **Open-air Cinema**

*Parco Pareschi, Corso Giovecca 148*

*The park opens at 8.45 p.m. Films start at 9.30 p.m.*

*Tickets can be bought at the entrance and cost €6*

01/09 **ANTEPRIMA** – Si muore solo da vivi, A. Rizzi

02/09 Criminali come noi, S. Borensztein

03/09 La vita invisibile di Eurídice Gusmão, K. Aïnouz

04/09 Burning – L’amore brucia, L. Chang-dong

05/09 Jojo Rabbit, T. Waititi

06/09 C’era una volta a... Hollywood, Q. Tarantino

## **Un Fiume di Musica – A River of Music**

*Until 17th September*

*Via Darsena, 58, Palazzo Savonuzzi*

*Thursdays 8 p.m. Concerts start at 9.00 p.m.*

Every Thursday, the banks of the Po di Volano come alive with music. Enjoy an aperitif in a well-organized and safe place, sit back and relax. Admission is free but you must book a table ( a minimum of 3 people and max. 5). You can do this by downloading the APP EVENTBRITE, by emailing [unfiumedimusica@gmail.com](mailto:unfiumedimusica@gmail.com) or by going onto the website [www.eventbrite.it](http://www.eventbrite.it)

You will also be offered the chance to go on a boat ride around the canals of the city from 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. This is with the Nena motorboat company. Please book this by telephoning 347 7139988 or by going onto the website [www.lanena.it](http://www.lanena.it)

## **British Beer Festival – Acido Acida**

*4th – 6th September, midday – 2 a.m.*

*Sunday – midday to midnight*

*Chiostro di Santa Maria della Consolazione, Via Mortare 98*

This year, the organizers ask people to bring their own beer mugs/glasses. At the entrance you buy tokens ('gettoni') which cost €1,50. Beers cost between 1 and 3 tokens. You will also receive a guide to the different beers and breweries present at the festival when you buy your first token

## **Le Sagre - Food festivals near Ferrara**

These food festivals are an excellent way to get to know local food and places.

### **Ferrara - Sagra del Pinzino e dell'Arrosticino**

*Centro Rivana Garden, Via Pesci 181*

*2<sup>nd</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September - 7 p.m. (takeaway), 7.30 p.m. restaurant opens*

This food festival serves a traditional Ferrarese fried bread called 'pinzino' as well as lamb skewers and 'Piadine' ( a type of typical flat-bread sandwich).

### **Sant'Agostino – Sagra del Tartufo (truffle festival)**

*Viale Europa, 37, at 7.30 p.m. (On Sundays at 12.00 and 7.30 p.m.)*

*2<sup>nd</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September*

An intriguing savoury truffle-filled menu including truffle lasagna and savoury truffle-flavoured pancakes.

### **Mirabello - Sagra della Cotoletta Mirabellese**

*11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September*

*Sports Field, Via Belvedere, 64, at 7.30 p.m. (Sunday only at lunchtime 12 p.m.)*

Milan is famous for its “Cotoletta” which is pork or veal steak covered in breadcrumbs, but Mirabello has made its own version for you to try!

**This year, it has been announced that the ‘Palio’ has been postponed to 2021.**