



# EVENTS IN FERRARA

SEPTEMBER 2024



Two events which are well-worth a mention which conclude on 1st September are the Mediaeval fair 'La Giostra del Monaco' and the British Beer Festival 'Acido Acida'. For details read August's newsletter which is also found on Smiling's website.

## Estate Bambini - Children's Summer Festival

6th - 8th September

Parco Massari

[www.estatebambini.it](http://www.estatebambini.it)

This is a fun festival dedicated to children to celebrate the last days of the summer holidays. There are lots of arts and crafts workshops, storytelling and theatre performances and they are all completely free! Extra Smile members can see our separate article for the full programme.

## Festabà - Children's Theatre Festival

2nd - 7th September

Sala Estense, Piazza Municipio at 9.30 p.m.

Free entrance

### Programme:

Monday 2nd - '**Bella, Bellissima!**' (3yrs +) a puppet theatre performance.

Tuesday 3rd - '**Legami**' (5yrs +) This play takes a look at the relationships between people through the world of a contemporary circus

Wednesday 4th - '**Un tuffo all'insù**' (4/5 yrs +) explore the theme of mutual acceptance and collaboration.



Thursday 5th - **‘Jack, il ragazzino che sorvolò l’oceano’** (4yrs +) is a story based on the adventures of Charles Lindbergh, the first pilot to cross the Atlantic Ocean alone.

Saturday 6th - **‘Piccoli principi e principesse’** (3yrs +) is a show which plays with mirrors and invisible string.

## **Giardini Estensi – Autumn Edition**

*14th & 15th September*

*9 a.m. - 8 p.m.*

*Parco Massari, Corso Porta Mare, 9*

*Admission: Free*

Parco Massari is hosting a beautiful exhibition of autumn flowers and plants for everyone to admire as well as stands selling a variety of gardening items. This event coincides with ‘Interno Verde’ which you can read about below.

## **Interno Verde - Ferrara’s Secret Gardens**

*14th & 15th September*

*10 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

Each year, the association ‘Il Turco’ organizes a special weekend in Ferrara, called ‘Interno Verde’, where it is possible for the public to visit some of Ferrara’s secret gardens. You will be amazed at how many hidden green areas there actually are in our town!

€11 entitles you to a ‘kit completo’ which includes a bracelet (a two-day pass giving you access to all gardens for the whole weekend), a map and a programme. Children under the age of 13 are free.

It is worth purchasing tickets online before the event as you only pay €11 instead of €15. An interesting book about the gardens, which includes photos, can be bought online for €7. Just add it to the shopping cart.

To register, go to [www.internoverde.it](http://www.internoverde.it) You can collect your kit directly from the association ‘Il Turco’ from 11th September onwards, in via del Turco 39, which is open from Mondays to Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. / 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. or on 14th & 15th September from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

You can also buy last-minute tickets on the weekend of the event, which cost €15 in total for both days, from the info point in Parco Pareschi, Corso Giovecca 148.



## 'Testaperaria' Children's Bookshop

Via De' Romei, 19 (in the centre of Ferrara)

This children's bookshop is holding some exciting art workshops for children. If you are interested, you need to book them in advance.

Wednesday 11th September at 5.30 p.m.

'**Arrivederci estate!**' / '**Goodbye Summer**' – Have you ever dreamt of an ice-cream as high as a mountain?

Wednesday 18th September at 5.30 p.m.

'**Bentornato autunno!**' / '**Welcome back, Autumn!**'

All the shades of Autumn in an arts and crafts workshop.

Duration of both workshops: 1 hour

Cost: €7,50

Suitable for: 4yrs +

To book: **0532 202823** or email [info@testaperaria.it](mailto:info@testaperaria.it)

Sunday 15th September at 4.30 p.m. to celebrate 'Interno Verde'

'**Carri fantastici e come costruirli**' / '**Fantastic carts and how to build them**' – an animated storytime followed by a creative workshop to decorate a cart, organized by Roberto Agnelli.

You may also be interested in booking one of these art labs in advance, which are taking place in October:

'**Artisti come noi**' ('Artists like us')

Wednesday 2nd October at 5.30 p.m. – **Hokusay e L'onda** ('The Wave')

Wednesday 9th October at 5.30 p.m. – **Mirò e il Ritratto** ('The Portrait')

Wednesday 16th October at 5.30 p.m. – **Mondrian e i Colori Primari** ('Primary Colours')

Wednesday 23rd October at 5.30 p.m. – **Monet e le Ninfee** ('Water Lillies')

Duration: 1 hour

Cost: €7,50

Suitable for: 4yrs +

To book: **0532 202823** or email [info@testaperaria.it](mailto:info@testaperaria.it)



## European Market

20th, 21st & 22nd September

9.30 a.m. – midnight

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

The European Market is held near San Giorgio and the old hospital. Just follow the wonderful perfume 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. Over the years, other countries have joined making this event even more international. For a quieter experience, visit the market early in the morning.

## Ferrara Film Festival

21st – 28th September 2024

[www.ferrarafilmfestival.com](http://www.ferrarafilmfestival.com)

*The festival's locations:*

*Teatro Nuovo (Piazza Trento Trieste, 52) – Film premieres / Masterclass / Golden Dragon Awards*

*Piazza Trento Trieste, 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. - Cine Village & Mazda Lounge*

*Darsena City Shopping centre, Via Darsena 73, Notorious cinema Ferrara, - Film screening*

*Sala Estense, Piazza Municipio – Film screening / Masterclass /Conferences*

Did you know that Ferrara is the birthplace of some of Italy's most important film directors and actors, and that it has played an important role in the history of cinematography? Ferrara's Film Festival was founded in 2016 and it has become one of the fastest growing film festivals in Italy. Visit the official website above to find out the line up for this exciting event and which international and national films are in the running for Ferrara's prestigious 'Golden Dragon Award'. The programme will be published on 2nd September.

## Ferrara in Fiaba – A Fairytale Ferrara

27th, 28th, 29th September, 4th, 5th & 6th October

Friday 3.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. – 7.30 p.m.

[www.ferrarainfiaba.it](http://www.ferrarainfiaba.it)

Six days of magic where Ferrara's Parco Massari turns into a magical fairytale land. Admission to the park is free. Donations are welcomed and proceeds go to the local Association 'Giulia ODV' which supports families with children who have cancer.



In the park, you can meet a variety of fairytale characters and take part in different games, take photos, watch shows, visit the mediaeval area, the arts and crafts market and listen to magical stories. There are plenty of things to see and do which are free of charge. Some of the workshops, activities and puppet shows however, are not and you must buy tickets in advance. These are listed at the bottom of the page of the official website in red. Click on 'Cliccate Qui' to book and buy tickets. For the large Lego area and bouncy castle zone, tickets can be bought directly at the park. As always, there is a food area and this year you can stop for lunch, dinner or a snack at the Street Food area.

## **'I Pirati del Po' – Ferrara in Fiaba**

*28th & 29th September, 5th & 6th October*

A new fairytale event which sounds particularly fun is 'I Pirati del Po' (The Pirates of the Po River), an interactive pirate adventure along the river Po on the 'Nena' motor boat. If you are interested visit: <https://www.ferrarainfiaba.it/i-pirati-del-po/>

This adventure includes a 'survival course' for young pirates on the Po river, birdwatching, a special story time about pirates from the past, an arts & crafts workshop to make a boat and of course plenty of pirate songs.

**Duration:** 90 minutes. Choose from a variety of time slots

**Departure:** from the dock area in Via Darsena 57

**Cost:** €12 per person.

**To book tickets:** <https://www.feshioneventi.it/prodotto/i-pirati-del-po/>

## **Food Fairs Continue...**

### **Ferrara – Sagra del Pinzino e Arrostiticini**

*1st – 8th September*

*Centro Sociale Rivana Garden, Via Gaetano Pesci, 181 (off Via Bologna)*

*Food stand opens at 7 p.m.*

'Pinzino' is a delicious, traditional type of fried bread served with salami or other cooked meats. At this fair you can also try lamb skewers, spare ribs, 'piadine', cheese and meat platters as well as home-made desserts.

If you wish, you can book by telephoning **370. 361 8173**



## Ferrara – Arrostitini nel Chiostro

*1st, 6th, 7th & 8th September*

*San Paolo's cloisters, Via Boccaleone 19 (city centre, opposite the castle)*

*Food stand opens on Friday 8 p.m. Saturday & Sunday 7.30 p.m.*

This is a great food fair which everyone can reach as it is in the centre of Ferrara. You can taste typical pasta dishes such as 'Cappellacci' (delicious pumpkin filled pasta), 'Cappelletti' (meat filled pasta) and 'Garganelli' pasta with a yummy cream and sausage sauce.

Main courses include tiny meat skewers 'Arrostitini', liver skewers, mixed grills, lamb burgers, cheese platters and luncheon meat platters.

## Malalbergo - Sagra dell'Ortica

*1st, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th September*

*Piazza Primo Carlini 1, Malalbergo (Bo)*

*Open every evening at 7 p.m.*

At this food festival you can try a variety of imaginative dishes featuring nettles including risotto, pasta, lasagna and stuffed roast meats. The village is just outside Ferrara on the way to Bologna and it is well-worth the journey.

## Francolino – La Sagra di Santa Liberata

*19th – 22nd & 26th – 29th September*

*Via Calzolari, behind the main church*

*Opens at 7 p.m. Live music every evening at 9 p.m.*

This traditional Ferrarese food festival is only a bike ride away from Ferrara. From school, head towards Malborghetto on Via Calzolari using the cycle path, which will take you all the way to Francolino.

Enjoy a variety of traditional Ferrarese starters and main courses plus homemade typical desserts including 'Salame al cioccolato' (a wonderfully rich biscuit and chocolate cake in the shape of a salami) 'Zuppa inglese' (which translates as an 'English trifle' as it has a similar custard layer but it also includes some Italian 'secrets' which make it a rather alcoholic dessert!), 'Tenerina' (a deliciously 'soft' chocolate cake) and of course Italy's famous 'Tiramisu'.

A children's menu is available.

If you wish, you can book a table by telephoning Monica at [339 2063842](tel:3392063842) or Paolo [349 4310511](tel:3494310511).



## Stellata di Bondeno – Sagra dell’Anatra

1st, 6th, 7th & 8th September

Piazza Cavagion, Via Antonio Gramsci, 293/D, Stellata

Stand opens at 7.30 p.m., Sunday 8th September at midday and 7.30 p.m.

Visit Bondeno’s food fair which is serving roast duck, duck breast with mushrooms as well as homemade pasta and risotto.

It is important to book in advance by telephoning 340.9743290 or by emailing

[arcstellata.97ibero.it](mailto:arcstellata.97ibero.it)

## Sant’Agostino - Sagra del Tartufo

4th – 16th September

Next to the sports field, Viale Europa 37, Sant’Agostino (FE)

Open every evening at 7.30 p.m. On Sundays midday and 7.30 p.m.

This food festival celebrates the savoury truffle - a popular ingredient in Italian cuisine. It provides an exciting menu of pasta, pancakes, risottos, cutlets, eggs, roast beef and guinea fowl flavoured with truffle.

## Contemporary Dance Festival - Teatro Comunale

Corso Martiri della Libertà, 5

This exciting contemporary dance festival gives Ferrara’s local dance schools an opportunity to perform in front of a public.

**12th September at 7.30 p.m.** at the ‘Rotonda Foschini’ (outside, in the small oval-shaped piazza which is part of the theatre’s building. Corso Giovecca 22)

**13th September at 8.30 p.m.** Inside the main theatre.

**Tickets cost: €5 with concessions €3**

To buy tickets, visit the website and click on the link ‘Acquisti’ selecting the date

<https://www.teatrocomunaleferrara.it/events/event/festa-della-danza/>

Telephone: **0532 202675**

Email the ticket office: [biglietteria@teatrocomunaleferrara.it](mailto:biglietteria@teatrocomunaleferrara.it)

Or visit the ticket office which is a few doors down from the theatre’s main entrance.