FERRARA FOOD FESTIVAL

31ST OCTOBER - 2ND NOVEMBER 2025

Festival Preview

This year, there will be an interesting preview of 'Ferrara Food Festival' at **Ipercoop 'Il Castello'** shopping centre (Via Giusti 4) on 25th and 26th October.

From Saturday 25th - 2nd November

Inside, you can visit a photography exhibition in the main plaza which highlights the history of typical food products from the local territory.

Saturday 25th October

At 3.30 pm in the main indoor plaza of the shopping centre
'Typical Products: Tradition, Health & Innovation' – Conference

At 5 pm in the main plaza a cookery demonstration by students from local cookery school

Ferrara Food Festival Begins

31st October – 2nd November

This is a 3-day festival dedicated to showcasing Ferrara's finest products and regional specialities. Throughout the three days there will be cooking demonstrations, talks, interviews and food competitions between towns and farmhouses. Below you can find the programme.

Friday 31st October

At 9 am: Display & food stands open in Piazza Trento Trieste, Savonarola and Castello.

At 10 am: Piazza Municipio

Opening Ceremony with guest chef Davide Oldani

Tasting session of 'Tortello di nebia e vite' – inspired by Comacchio and the Delta del Po.

At 2 pm: Piazza Municipio

'Panettone Pop: Creativo, Gusto Locale' – new ideas for promoting Italy's well-known Christmas cake 'Panettone' using local products.

At 3 pm: Events Area, Piazza Municipio

The business 'Codigoro' will present its fine product 'Grandi Riso'. Excellent quality rice is grown in the fertile soil of the Po Delta region with production centred around Jolanda di Savoia, Codigoro and Massafiscaglia. Varieties include Arborio, Canaroli, Baldo and Volano. Its distinct aroma and savoury taste make them perfect for Italian cuisine!

At 5 pm: Pears Production in Emilia Romagna IGP

A Presentation of projects, ideas and the important production of pears in this region.

At 6 pm: Piazza Municipio

Fulvio Marino, a baker who specialises in breadmaking, will present his latest book entitled 'Il Mondo del Pane'.

Saturday 1st November

At 9 am: Display stands open in Piazza Trento Trieste, Savonarola and Castello

At 9 am: Historic city centre

Look out for the enormous sign 'Ferrara' made out of typical products.

At 10 am: Events Area, Piazza Municipio

'Tiro al Salame' – a fun game for families who have to throw a hoop over a 'salame' in order to win it!

At 10 am: Piazza Castello

Popular games from the past for everyone to enjoy, made by hand using recycled or natural materials.

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Live on television - 'Ci Vediamo in Piazza' with television presenter Andrea Barbi.

At 11 am: Historical city centre

Aspiring experts in making pasta, students from the 'Accademia della Sfoglia' will create a gigantic nest of Tagliatelle which will be on show until the end of the festival.

At Midday: Piazza Municipio

'The Rediscovery of the secrets of 'Caviale Ferrarese': From Ferrara to New York (and back!)'.

The fascinating story of a lost recipe, created in Ferrara, rediscovered in the Jewish community of New York and returned to its land of origin.

At 1 pm: Farmacia Comunali Ferrara

Always supporting this event, the town's pharmacies tell their side of Ferrara Food Festival in an interesting conference.

At 2 pm: 'Passatelli in Brodo' Champions League

A competition between local pasta makers in the region to make a traditional dish of 'Passatelli' pasta in broth. Who will be the winners? A panel of expert judges will decide!

At 4 pm: Piazza Municipio

'Raspelli's Chefs '– Andrea Funi, Antica Trattoria 'La Grotta' (Sasso Marconi)

Edoardo Raspelli, a television presenter, food critic and food author will interview the chef Andrea Funi who will present his own recipe to the public, inspired by Ferrarese cuisine.

At 5 pm & 6 pm: 'White Parade' – an amazing stilt-walkers parade around the streets of Ferrara.

At 5 pm: An impressive historical procession in the city centre with flag-waving, drums, knights and ladies of court who will reenact the celebrated Renaissance marriage between Lucrezia Borgia and Alfonso d'Este.

At 6 pm: Piazza Municipio

Celebrating and remembering the life of **Carlo Rambaldi** who was born in Vigarano Mainardo (Ferrara). His contribution to cinema with the making of King Kong, Alien and E.T. made him internationally recognised as an expert in visual effects and as a special effects make-up artist.

At 7 pm: Hundreds of white balloons will be released into the sky to mark the end of the White Parade.

Sunday 2nd November

At 9 am: Display stands open in Piazza Trento Trieste, Savonarola and Castello

At 9 am: Historic city centre

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At 10 am: Castle's Courtyard

'Processo al Pampepato Ferrarese' – Learn more about our 'Pampepato', Ferrara's unique chocolate cake, through a court hearing! Listen to the witnesses and help the jury decide if it is guilty or not.

At 10 am: Piazza Castello

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Traditional cakes made by the 'Club delle Fornelle' – a group of amateur bakers who share a passion for making cakes. Join them in Piazza Municipio to sample some of their homemade typical Ferrarese cakes.

At 11 am: Piazza Municipio

The 2025 Diamante Estense Award will be presented to Marcello Simoni, a local young author of historical novels, who has contributed to the promotion of culture in Emilia Romagna and Ferrara with passion and talent.

At Midday: Piazza Municipio

'Raspelli's Chefs' – Federico Sarzi Amadè, sous chef at 'Casa Perbellini 12 Apostili' in Verona will be interviewed by television presenter, food critic and author Edoardo Raspelli. Amadè will present his special dish dedicated to Ferrarese traditions: 'Gnocchi di Patate, Spuma di Patata e Salama da Sugo'.

At 3.30 pm & 4.30 pm & 5.30 pm: Historical city centre

Performance by Street Band 'La Bandessa'.

At 4 pm & 6 pm: Historical city centre

Performance by 'Bedizzole Marching Band'.