TOP 10 RESTAURANTS IN FERRARA

TEACHERS' CHOICE

1) TRATTORIA DA NOEMI

Via Ragno, 31 (city centre)

Tel: 0532 769070

Thursdays – Mondays: 12.30 – 2.30 pm & 7.30 pm – 10.30 pm

Closed on Tuesdays & Wednesdays

www.trattoriadanoami.it

Da Noemi is a family-run trattoria in the heart of the city centre with a welcoming and intimate atmosphere. It offers home-made traditional Ferrarese cooking with a twist. The portions are hearty and desserts are delicious!

Vegetarian options

2) CUSINA E BUTEGA

Corso Porta Reno, 28 (city centre)

Tel. 0532 209174

Mondays – Sundays: 12.30 – 2.30 pm & 7.30 pm – 11 pm

Closed on Tuesdays

www.cusinabutega.com

If you are looking for an interesting experience in the heart of the city centre, this is a restaurant which has been nominated by several members

of staff. Choose from a variety of delicious meat and cheese platters and add 'Pinzini' (traditional hot fluffy bread), homemade 'Piadina' (a type of regional flat bread) or fried seasonal vegetables in batter. If you have room, try one of their homemade pasta courses followed by a meat or vegetarian main dish, accompanied by a bottle of wine. If after all this you are still hungry, the dessert menu will undoubtedly bring your experience at 'Cusina e Butega' to an excellent conclusion.

Vegetarian & Gluten free dishes available. Outdoor seating

3) OSTERIA RISTORANTINO L'ORBA CANOCIA

Via Bologna 1029 (just outside the city centre)

Tel: 0532 712544

Tuesdays – Saturdays: Midday – 3 pm & 7.30 pm – 11 pm

Sundays lunch times only: midday – 3 pm

Closed on Mondays

www.osteriaristorantinolorbacanocia.eatbu.com

This is a seafood restaurant and has received excellent reviews from staff for its quality and choice of imaginative dishes.

4) LEMÒKÒ

Via G. Byron, 10 (city centre)

Tel: 335 7407628

Tuesdays - Sundays: 12.30 – 2.30 pm & 8 pm – 10.30 pm

Closed on Mondays

www.lemoko.it

This restaurant has been recommended by teachers for its lovely garden, dining atmosphere and its high quality food. A lot of love and care is given to the dishes and the fish courses in particular are excellent. Booking is compulsory.

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5) THE LAB – FOOD TO FEEL

Via Guglielmi degli Adelardi 9/A (city centre)

Tel: 0532 203421

Tuesdays & Wednesdays: 7.30 pm – 11 pm

Thursdays to Sundays : 12.30 – 2 pm & 7.30 pm – 11 pm

Closed on Mondays

www.thelabfoodtofeel.it

The Lab has a unique contemporary and trendy décor with friendly staff and good service. It specialises in gourmet burgers and steaks, although delicious salads and pasta are available. It also has an excellent wine list as well as a variety of beers to try.

Vegetarian friendly

6) BRUNCH REPUBLIC

Piazza del Muncipio 18-120

Tel: 345 6331068

Mondays - Thursdays & Sundays 8 am - 11 pm

Fridays & Satrudays 8 am - midnight

www.brunchrepublic.com

ferrara@brunchrepublic.com (to book for large groups)

Elected 'Best Breakfast Spot 2025', you can actually enjoy an all-day menu with breakfast, brunch, lunch, mid-afternoon snack, aperitif or delicious evening meal options. It caters for a variety of tastes offering sweet and savoury treats, healthy salad bowls, smoothies and fruit presses, breakfast burritos, club sandwiches, scrumptious pancakes, cheeky cocktails and much more! You can of course, just sit and enjoy one of their special coffees, matchas or spiced lattes in their upbeat dining area.

Vegan, vegetarian & gluten free options. Just ask staff

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7) KRISTALL BAKERY – GLUTEN FREE

Via Ripagrande 142 (a short walk from the city centre)

Tuesdays – Sundays: 6 am - 10 pm

Closed on Mondays

Tel: 0532 450494

See Facebook & Instagram page

This bakery never stops! You can drop in for breakfast, a morning coffee, lunch with friends, take away an afternoon snack, have a simple aperitif or enjoy an evening meal and everything is gluten free! The bakery's aim is to provide tasty, quality food for people who have to follow a gluten free diet without having to give up delicious food and flavours. Teachers who have tried and tested it, give their thumbs up!

8) QUEL FANTASTICO GIOVEDÌ

Via Castelnuovo, 9 (a short walk from the city centre)

0532 760570

Fridays - Tuesdays: 12.30 – 2.30 pm & 7.30 pm – 11 pm

Thursdays: 7.30 pm – 11 pm

Closed on Wednesdays

www.quelfantasticogiovedi.com

This is a small and elegant restaurant which provides an Italian fine-dining experience with quality ingredients and imaginative dishes. It is a popular restaurant with locals as well as famous people. Booking is compulsory.

9) TRATTORIA LE NUVOLE (FISH RESTAURANT)

Via Fondo Banchetto, 5 (city centre)

Tel: 347 2591995

Tuesdays – Fridays: from 7.30 pm

Saturdays: 12.30 am – 2.30 pm & from 7.30 pm

Sundays: 12.30 – 2.30 pm

Closed on Mondays

www.trattorialenuvole.it

If you are looking for a romantic or intimate place where to dine, this is the restaurant for you. A few simple quality ingredients, a respect for culinary traditions along with a passion for cooking and a pinch of creativity provide a seafood culinary experience which you will never forget!

10) AL BRINDISI (ENOTECA)

Via Guglielmo degli Adelardi, 11 (city centre)

Mondays & Tuesdays: 11 am – 4 pm

Wednesdays – Sundays: 11 am – 11 pm

No bookings taken

www.albrindisi.net

This is the oldest Hosteria in Italy and has been visited by famous people through the ages. The astronomer Copernicus lived above it during his studies in Ferrara and it is mentioned in Ariosto's work 'La Lena'. It is an important wine bar with an extensive selection of wines. Whilst it is nice to sit back and enjoy a good wine it is also worth tasting their 'Cappellacci' (pumpkin filled pasta) – voted by some members of staff as being the best in Ferrara!

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WELL-WORTH A MENTION

NORMA'S BURGER BAR

Via Carlo Mayr 59 B (a short walk from the city centre)

Tel: 351 6466264

Tuesdays - Sundays: 7 pm - 11 pm

Closed on Mondays

www.normasburger.it

Delivery service using Norma's Burger App

Norma's Burger Bar, which started up in Australia, comes highly recommended by teachers for its variety of quality burgers made with fresh ingredients and lots of passion! It is an upbeat place with a friendly service and staff who can speak English. It provides a takeaway service and caters for vegetarians. People say the chips are awesome and it is the best burger in town!

Vegetarian friendly

YUN - TASTE OF JAPAN

Via Ravenna, 13 (just outside the city centre)

0532 473346

Tuesdays to Sundays: midday - 3 pm & 7 pm - midnight

www.ristoranteyun.it

This Japanese restaurant takes customers on an oriental journey of colours, tastes, flavours and scents. Teachers recommend Yun for the quality of its ingredients, authentic dishes, elegant dining areas and location overlooking the river.

All you can eat. Vegan options. Outdoor seating

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CAVALIER ULIVA

Via San Marco 46, 35129 Fossalta (near Ferrara)

Tel: 0532 866126

Wednesdays – Sundays: midday – 3 pm & 7 pm – 10 pm

Closed on Mondays

See Facebook page

Inside, this restaurant may remind you of an old English pub while outside you can find a pleasant seating area and garden. Its culinary highlights are the first courses which are in abundance. You can try a special tasting menu of different starters and it is unlikely that you will have room for a main course!

Vegetarian & Vegan friendly. Outdoor seating

OLD WILD WEST

Via Modena 20, Ferrara (just outside the city centre)

Tel: 0532 1858267

Mondays - Thursdays & Sundays: midday – 3 pm & 6.30 pm – 11 pm

Fridays & Saturdays: midday – 3 pm & 6.30 pm - midnight

www.oldwildwest.it

Takeaway & Delivery services

The Old Wild West offers a fun atmosphere where you can choose from an extraordinary variety of burgers, wraps, salads as well as Mexican style food.

It also includes children's sized portions and a gluten free menu. Sit in the saloon area, in a teepee, pioneer-style wagons or even in jail to eat your hearty meal. Make sure you book in advance as it is a popular destination.

Vegetarian friendly. Gluten free menu

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L'OSTERIA DAL 1997

Via De Romei 51

Tel: 0532 202237

Mondays - Thursdays 6.30 pm - midnight

Fridays & Saturdays 6.30 pm - 1 am

Closed on Sundays

www.osteriasal1997.it

L'Osteria is an elegant and spacious wine cellar dating back to the 1500s, situated right in the heart of the city centre. It serves a variety of local and regional cuisine and has an excellent choice of wines. It comes highly recommended for its delicous 'pinzini' (a traditional fried bread) and salumi platters. It is also open until late at night.

Vegetarian friendly

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