Smiling International School
An Extra Smile

EVENTS IN FERRARA

FEBRUARY 2026

Teatro Nuovo

Piazza Trento Trieste, 52

6th February at 9 pm - Paying homage to Morricone. Music from the Oscars with special guest Susanna Rigacci

Ticket office opening times *(inside the theatre):*
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 11 am – 1 pm & 4 pm – 7 pm, Thursday 11 am – 1 pm
One hour before each performance for last-minute tickets

Email: ***biglietteria@teatronuovoferrara.com***

Teatro Comunale

Corso Martiri della Libertà,5
www.ferraramusic.it
Tickets: ***biglietteria@teatrocomunaleferrara.it***

Tuesday 3rd February at 8.30 pm – Skrjabin and Chopin
Tuesday 17th February at 8.30 pm – Webern, Mozart & Beethoven
Wednesday 25th February at 8.30 pm – Schumann & Schubert

Free Concerts Continue at Palazzo Naselli Cripsi

Via Borgo Leoni 28 at 5.30 pm

(Free guided tour of the building at 4.30 pm. No need to book)

Wednesday 11th February – Camera con Vista

Wednesday 18th February – Il Concerto delle Dame

Wednesday 25th February – De Mulieribus Claris

(It is advisable to book the concerts. Whatsapp only 333 8043626)

Testaperaria Children's Bookshop

Via Casa De' Romei, 19

Saturday 7th February at 5 pm – La Casa dei Suoni / The House of Sounds

Children and adults alike are invited to join music teacher Elisa Pifanelli for a fun an engaging workshop on words, sounds and rhythm inspired by the book 'La Casa dei Suoni' written by Claudio Abbado.

Suitable for: *everyone whatever age*
Cost: *€8*
To book by Friday 5th February: *0532 202823 or email* ***info@testaperaria.it***

'Dalle Prime Attese alle Prime Letture' / 'From Expecting a Child to Reading their First Books'

Three meetings held by Alice Rugiero, teacher and psychologist, which explore albums created during maternity and paternity, and babies' first books aged 0 – 3 as useful tools for nurturing attachment, emotions and imagination.

Saturday 14th February, 10 am – 11.30 am: 'Essere madre, immaginarsi mamma' / 'To Be a Mother, Imagining Yourself as a Mother'
Albums which explore maternal identity and its representations

Saturday 14th March, 10 am – 11.30 am: 'P di Papà, P di Progetti'
With Father's Day approaching (in Italy), this workshop is to talk about paternity, projects and family through albums.

Saturday 18th April, 10 am – 11.30 am: 'Primi Libri, Primi Mondi da Esplorare' / First Books, First Worlds to Explore'

Exploring pregnancy albums to babies' first books

Suitable for: *parents, future adults, teachers & curious adults*

Cost: *€7 (€18 for all three workshops)*

To book: *0532 202823 or email* ***info@testaperaria.it***

'Art & Ciocc' Festival

12th - 15th February 2026

Piazza Trento Trieste 9 am – 8 pm (until 9 pm on Saturday)

The chocolate makers are on tour once again and will stop off in Ferrara to create a sweet weekend with market stalls full of every type of chocolate imaginable.

'Love' Candlelit Dinner at the Castle

Saturday 14th February at 8.30 pm - 11.30 pm

Held at the Imbarcadero 3 of Castello Estense

Book now for a romantic candlelit dinner inside the beautiful setting of the Castle. Enjoy a delicious Valentine's Day themed menu accompanied by live music featuring a repertoire of the most well-known love songs ever written. The dinner, which is prepared and served by the 'Agriturism La Florida' includes:

-A vegetable strudel served with a crunchy purple cabbage salad
-Vegetarian lasagne with cream of mushroom and almonds
-Rolls of chicory and bacon
-Chocolate cake with a melted centre

Cost: €45 per person

The price includes: table charge, water and a bottle of wine per couple.

The evening includes some romantic surprises and a little gift for each couple. Hurry up and book as places are limited!

https://feshioneventi.it/evento/san-valentino-castello-estense/

P.S. For parents who would like a romantic evening alone at this event, they can leave their children with 'Bosco delle Meraviglie' (the children's entertainment association) who have organised a pyjama party for children aged 3+. Email: ilboscodellemeraviglie@gmail.com

Love Walk 2026

Sunday 15th February

Are you in love? (with your life, your partner, your children, your parents, your pets or a friend?.....) Why don't you join 'Ferrara Love Walk' to help raise money for the charity A.D.O.? The money collected from this event will be given to this charity which helps provide palliative care for cancer patients. Each participant will receive a refreshment and heart-themed memento at the end of the walk.

Meeting at 9.30 am Piazza Castello where you can find the A.D.O. stand, 'Glitter Love Bar Cuori' and you collect a cute heart-shaped balloon.
Departure at 10.45 am for a 5km walk (non-competitive) around the city centre.
Arrival back in the centre: around 11.45 am where you can enjoy a refreshment offered by A.D.O.

Cost: *€12 which will be donated to A.D.O.*
To book: *https://feshioneventi.it/evento/love-walk-2026/*
(You can also turn up at the last-minute and the organisers usually let people join)

Palazzo dei Diamanti – 'Chagall, testimone del suo tempo'

Until 8th February
9.30 am – 7.30 pm
(Ticket office closes 1 hour before closing time)

The first week of February marks the last opportunity to visit this vibrant exhibition. Check out the special evening opening hours:

Friday 30th & Saturday 31st January, Friday 6th & Saturday 7th February until 10.30 pm (The ticket office closes at 9.30 pm)

To book online email: diamanti@comune.fe.it or telephone 0532 244949

Jazz Club Ferrara

Torrione San Giovanni,
Via Rampari di Belfiore 167 (At the end of Porta Mare)
www.jazzclubferrara.com

Concerts continue at Ferrara's Jazz club. Visit the official website above for more details but here is a general overview:

Open on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays
Ticket office opens at 7 pm
Wine bar opens at 7.30 pm (where you can also eat)
Concerts start at 9.30 pm
Jam session at 11 pm

February's Programme:

Sunday 1st – Veneer
Friday 6th – Patrizia Laquidara / Florula
Saturday 7th – Mikkel Ploug Quartet featuring Mark Turner
Sunday 8th – Federico Califano presents his book on Massimo Urbani
Friday 1th – Luca Dell'Anna Shojin featuring Mauro Negri
Saturday 14th - Logan Richardson Blues People
Sunday 15th - The Mad Lover & Francesco Massaro Body Electric
Friday 20th - Russ Lossing Mood Trio
Saturday 21st - Michael Ragonese Quartet
Sunday 22nd - A Bad Day
Friday 27th - Simone Graziano Emem
Saturday 28th – Luke Stewart Silt Trio

You may be interested to know that every Sunday, from 5 pm – 6.30 pm it is possible to book a guided tour of this fascinating Renaissance tower. If you are interested, telephone 331 4323840 (every day from midday to 10 pm)

Ferrara's Carnival - 'Il Carnevale degli Este 2026'

14th & 15th Feburary

Historical city centre

www.paliodiferrara.it

Ferrara's own Carnival is taking place on **14th & 15th February**. As tradition, it focuses on one of its historical members of the Estense court and this year it is dedicated to Beatrice d'Este, who was born in Ferrara and married off to Ludovico Sforza from Milan. A lady of culture, leader in fashion and important patron of the arts, Beatrice helped make Milan one of the leading capitals in Renaissance Europe.

During this first Carnival weekend their will be re-enactments and historical parades in costume. Keep checking the official website above for times or an official programme as nothing has been published yet. (To give you an indication, last year's event started at around 4 pm / 4.30 pm).

'Il Carnevale degli Estense'

21st & 22nd February

Around the Castle

www.prolocoferrara.org

This is Ferrara's second weekend which celebrates Carnival traditions with food stands in Piazza Castle selling delicious cakes, puppet shows for children to watch, a special parade with Italian masks, an ice castle inspired by Frozen, fun and games for all the family.

Last year's event opened at 9.30 am and closed at 7.30 pm so we are guessing that this year will be the same. However, for further information or a programme of events, we always suggest that you consult the website above nearer the time.