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# EVENTS IN FERRARA

## JULY 2026

Here are three exciting events taking place along the riverbanks in Via Darsena:

### 1)Rio Latino

*30th June – 5th July*

***www.dodicieventi.it/riolatino***

Relax on the river banks in the evening and watch Latin American, Swing, Tango and other styles of dance performed by local dance schools. Choose from a variety of food and drink areas and enjoy an aperitif or dinner at this fun event. Most shows start at about 8 pm but we recommend that you consult the full programme on the official website above, where you can also take a look at the mouthwatering menus available in the restaurant areas!

### 2)'Uain' Italian Wine Festival

*7th – 19th July*

*6.30 pm – 2 am*

***www.dodicieventi.it/uain***

This Italian wine festival hosts over 300 national producers, offering visitors an amazing opportunity to discover wines from all over the country. Enjoy an aperitif, dinner and after-dinner experiences which showcase typical food to accompany these special wines. Complete with live music, this festival makes a perfect summer evening!

- Gluten free menus
- Nena Motor boat wine-tasting excursions available each evening
- Refreshment areas dotted along the riverbanks for dogs
- It is no longer possible to book a table at a restaurant however, there are over 2,500 seating positions in the 25 restaurant areas
- Kennedy and Ex-Mof carparks have plenty of spaces however, it is also possible to arrive at the riverbanks from the town centre by the tourist 'train'.

For further information visit: **www.dodicieventi/comearrivare**

## 3)Mangiafexpo

*22nd July – 9th August*

*6 pm – 1.30 am*

This exciting food event is an excellent opportunity to taste flavours and smell aromas created by traditional and gourmet chefs who 'take to the streets' and bring their restaurants to the people in a less formal and more direct way.
Visit the official website: **www.mangiafexpo.com** or **www.dodicieventi.it/mangiafexpo** to find out more about the menus nearer the time.

## Testaperaria Children's Bookshop

*Via Casa De' Romei 19A*

**Corso di Uncinetto per Bambini / Crochet Workshop for Children**

3rd July, from 5.30 pm – 7 pm

Learn how to make special friendship bracelets at this fun workshop.

**Suitable for:** children aged 7 – 12

**Cost:** €15

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

## Nena Motorboat Excursions

*Via Darsena, 57*

***www.lanena.it***

*For further information & to book, contact Antonell:* ***info@lanena.it***

A boat trip is a great idea to enjoy the outdoors and escape the town for a couple of hours. Here are some interesting summer excursions:

**29th June, 8 pm – 10.15 pm** – Pizzata in navigazione sotto la luna delle fragole /Pizza by Moonlight Onboard the Nena

**3rd July, 7.30 pm – 9 pm** - Aperitivo al Tramonto sul Po di Volano / Aperitif at Sunset on the Po di Volano

**4th July, 6 pm – 7.30 pm** – Ferrara Fluviale con Aperitivi / Ferrara Riverfront with an Aperitif

**5th July, 4 pm – 6 pm** – Sulle acque del Po di Volano / On the Waters of the Po di Volano

**5th July, 10 am – 12.30 pm** – Viagetto sul Po Grande / Trip Along the Majestic River Po

**6th July, 7.30 pm – 9.15 pm** – Pizzata in navigazione attraverso la città / Pizza Onboard while Navigating the Town's Canals

**Booking online is compulsory** with tickets being issued at the time of embarkment. To book: **www.bookinglanena.it**

## Ferrara Summer Festival Continues...

*Piazza Ariostea*

***www.ferrarasummerfestival.it***

**N.B.** The programme continues to be updated and new shows have been added so please check the official website above for further information and tickets. The organisers recommend that you arrive well in advance.

**2nd July – Bring Me the Horizon**

Gates open at 5 pm

Thornhill 6 pm – 6.30 pm, Dying Wish 7 pm – 7.30 pm, Malevolence 8 pm – 8.45 pm, Bring me the Horizon 9.15 pm onwards

**3rd July – Fluo Run Ferrara (Piazza Ariostea) – Festival di Benessere**

**Fitness Day and 5km Fun Run or Walk to promote well-being, movement and socialisation**

Opening at 6 pm

Fitness at 7 pm – sport, fun and social gathering

Start Fluo Run at 9.30 pm – for family, friends, runners, walkers and even beginners

Book online for special offer tickets: **www.fluorun.eu**

**4th July – Teenage Dream Festival – An Enormous Karaoke**

6 pm – 2 am

Music, performing & freedom – a karaoke which encourages everyone to sing along together to some of the most popular songs and theme tunes including: High School Musical, Camp Rock, Disney Channel, One Direction, Avril Lavigne, Katy Perry, Rihanna, Jonas Brothers.

**5th July at 9 pm– Salmo and Luca Agnelli 'Fuori Controllo'**

(Gates open earlier) - Rap, electronic and techno.

**10th July – 'Rewind Big Show' back to the 90s**

7.30 pm – 2 am

Free entry but you must register online. Open at 7.30 pm. Show starts at 9 pm

**11th July at 9 pm – Marilyn Manson 'One Assassination under God Tour'**

No introductions necessary for this controversial and intriguing artist!

**18th July at 7 pm – 'Helloween' 40 Years – Live in Ferrara**

The fathers of power metal return to Italy. Backing groups include 'Visions of Atlantis' and the Italian band Wind Rose.

**22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th & 26th July at 9 pm – Notre Dame de Paris – The Musical**

Five evenings of music, poetry and theatrics telling the tale of Riccardo Cocciante's masterpiece. Backstage experiences available too.

## Un Fiume d' Musica / A River of Music Charity Festival Continues...

*1st June – 16th July*

*Via Darsena 57, at the Wunderkammer docks*

*Free entry. Donations welcomed*

*Gates open at 8 pm. Concerts start at 9 pm – 11 pm*

*Food & Drink available*

***www.unfiumedimusic.it***

**2nd July – Simone Galassi Band (Rock Blues and funk)**

6th July – Filippo Orefice Quintet (American Jazz)

**9th July – John Strada (Anglo-American pop and folk)**

13th July – Skunk 3 Plus One (From jazz to funk, soul & R&B)

**16th July – Enrico Cipollini & The Skyhorses (Blues, folk & country)**

## Celtic Bundan Festival

*16th, 17th, 18th & 19th July 2026*

*Stellato di Bondeno (FE), Parco Golenale*

*6 pm – 3 am*

***www.bundan.com***

This is an exciting four-day historical festival which takes place each year along the banks of the river Po, around the fortress of Stellata (about 30 – 40 minutes from Ferrara). The festival opens in the evening with the lighting of an enormous bonfire. You can listen to traditional Celtic music, folk stories, watch re-enactments, try local food, take part in Celtic games and visit the numerous craft stalls.
Check out the official website above for the full programme which should be published shortly.

***P.S. Don't forget your mosquito repellent just in case!***

## Ferrara Sotto Le Stelle – Music Festival

*Castello Estense Courtyard*

***www.ferrarasottolestelle.it***

Here is another popular summer festival called 'Ferrara Under the Stars' which is being held in the Castle's courtyard. To find out more about the bands that are

performing and to book tickets, visit the website above.

Wednesday 22nd July – Ministri & Lostatobrado

Thursday 23rd July – The Notwist & Banadisa

Saturday 25th July – Emma Nolde & Marta Guidoboni

## Francolino Walk & Run

*23rd July at 7.30 pm*

*Meeting place: Chiesa San Marco, Via Calzolai 218*

Here is a fun non-competitive walk (5,8km) and a non-competitive run (5,8km) in Francolino which is just outside Ferrara, after Malborghetto. If you are interested in taking part, please enrol by emailing the following address: polisportivaputinati@uispfe.it (Tel. 329 1921688)

Enrolment fees cost €6 for the walk and €8 for the run.

## 'Chiostro Live' - Concerts

*24th, 25th, 26th & 30th, 31st July, 1st & 2nd August*

*Cloisters of Santa Maria della Consolazione*

*Via Mortara 98 (close to Smiling's Porta Mare campus)*

*Restaurant opens at 8 pm. Concerts start at 9.30 pm*

*For further information: 366 9849021*

This is another lively music event in the town where you can enjoy great tribute bands and good food in the intimate setting of Santa Maria's Cloisters. Entry is free but donations are welcomed.

**Programme:**

24th July – Queen Vision tribute band

25th July – 60 lire (60s band)

26th July – Emilia Rock Star (Ligabue, Zucchero & Vasco)

30th July – Funky Strike

31st July – Vintage Rock Experience ( The history of rock from 1968 – 1978)

1st August – Tatanka Mani (Tribute to Italian songwriters)

2nd August – ABBA mon Amour (tribute band)

## Open-air Cinema at Parco Pareschi Continues...

*Corso della Giovecca, 148*

*Until 13th September 2026*

*Tickets: €6.50 that can be bought at the entrance on the night*

Programme:

**Wednesday 1st July: Michael** — (in original language with Italian subtitles)

Thursday 2nd: Il faro – Il fantastico viaggio della Banda Rulli Frulli

**Friday 3rd: Amarga Navidad** — (in original language with Italian subtitles)

Saturday 4th: TEDxFerrara 2026

Sunday 5th: La mattina scrivo

**Monday 6th: Gioia mia**

Tuesday 7th: Il diavolo veste Prada 2 — (in original language Italian subtitles)

**Wednesday 8th: La grazia**

Thursday 9th: Il maestro

**Friday 10th: Anna, Monica Guerritore**

Saturday 11th: I colori del tempo

**Sunday 12th: Hamnet**

Monday 13th: Le cose non dette

**Tuesday 14th: Le città di pianura**

Wednesday 15th: Michael

**Thursday 16th: Sentimental value**

Friday 17th: Bugonia

**Saturday 18th: The Drama**

Sunday 19th: Rental Family

**Monday 20th: Norimberga**

Tuesday 21st: L'agente segreto

**Wednesday 22nd: Amarga Navidad**

Thursday 23rd: Gli occhi degli altri

**Friday 24th: La casa dalle finestre che ridono**

Saturday 25th: Marty Supreme — (in original language with Italian subtitles)

**Sunday 26th: ...che Dio perdona a tutti**

## Food Festivals Continue...

### Ferrara's City Centre - Arrosticini nel Chiostro / Meat Skewers

*3rd, 4th & 5th July*

*Small Cloisters of San Paolo's Church, Via Boccaleone 19*

*Friday 8 pm – 11 pm, Saturday & Sunday 7.30 pm – 11 pm (open & covered stand)*

This food festival, which is located in the heart of the city, offers traditional 'Cappellacci' and 'Cappelletti', as well as beef skewers & liver skewers inspired by the Abruzzo region. You can try mixed grills, lamb burgers, cheese and/or meat platters, mixed salads and various desserts.

### Renazzo - Fiera della Pera / Pear Festival

*17th, 18th, 19th & 20th July*

*Via di Renazzo, Renazzo di Cento (about 40 minutes from Ferrara)*

*Stand opens at 7 pm (Outdoor)*

A delicious menu of pasta filled with pear, roast pork with pear sauce and scrumptious desserts including a pear and white chocolate 'crostata' and a tiny tasting menu of 3 mini-desserts with pear liquor awaits all you food lovers!

### Casaglia - Sagra dal Balanzon di San Giacomo / Tortellini Festival

*Church Hall, Via Giovanni Ranuzzi 101, Casaglia (FE)*

*10th, 11th, 12th & 17th, 18th & 19th July*

*Stand opens at 7.30 pm (Outdoor & indoor seating with air conditioning)*

This food festival celebrates 'Balanzoni' which are tortellini filled with meat and served with besciamella and ragù! Other dishes are available too but these are a 'must' if you decide to go!

### Casumaro - Sagra della Lumaca / Snail Festival

*24th – 31st July, 1th – 10th August*

*Via Garigliano 14, Casumaro (FE)*

*(Indoor area with air conditioning)*

An interesting menu with an incredible variety of dishes made from snails!