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EVENTS IN FERRARA

NOVEMBER 2026

Spazio Tribù – 'Boo!' Children's Halloween Party

Saturday 31st October at 4 pm

Via Melchiorre Gioia 20

https://www.facebook.com/spaziotribuferrara/

Here is a children's Halloween party at an indoor play centre that sounds like fun! Tickets include access to the inflatable playground plus there will be an organised treasure hunt, spooky music and a scary snack. Of course, don't forget your costume!

Cost: *€15 (party + access to the inflatable playground)*

You need to book: *379 3299833*

Ferrara Food festival

30th October – 1st November 2026

9 am – 8 pm (stands open)

City Centre

https://www.ferrarafoodfestival.it/programma-2026/

A three-day festival dedicated to showcasing Ferrara's finest products and regional specialities. Visit the gastronomy stands in Piazza Trento Trieste to find out more about Ferrara's culinary heritage. Throughout the three days there will be cooking demonstrations, talks, aperitifs, interviews and food competitions between towns and farmhouses, as well as a games area for families in Piazza Castello. For the full programme of events, check out the website above.

Museo Archeologico Nazionale – Halloween con gli Etruschi

Sunday 1st November at 3.30 pm

Spend an afternoon at this interesting museum, unravelling myths, rituals, and discovering demons that inhabited the Etruscans' afterlife. At the end of the tour, the children will make a special talisman inspired by an actual artefact that was unearthed in the ancient city of Spina.

***Suitable for children** aged 6+*

***Cost:** Free of charge*

The museum asks you to kindly book by telephoning **0532 66299**

Usi & Costumi Trade Fair

Saturday 7th (10 am – 7 pm) & Sunday 8th November (10 am – 6 pm)

Ferrara Expo, Via della Fiera 11

Step back in time with this exciting international living history fair which brings together over 200 artisans from across Europe. It features live demonstrations from blacksmiths, antique-armour makers, ceramic artists, musical instrument makers and period costume creators. It also organises historical reenactments.

Tickets can be bought at the entrance and cost: €12, €10 (children aged 10 -14), free for children under the age of 10

Tapas e Valpolicella

Saturday 7th November

Midday – 3 pm

Association Nuovo TerraViva

Via delle Erbe 29

Spend an enjoyable lunch in this precious green space, tasting three special Valpolicella wines accompanied by three delicious tapas dishes created by TerraViva's kitchen.

To book: **347 396 2892** or email **info@nuovaterraviva.org**

Candlelight Concerts

National Archaeological Museum of Ferrara

Via XX Settembre 122

https://feverup.com/it/ferrara-italia?srsltid=AYCX9vI0IbHZ_W6M63b-3hWcoP44mWGIQesO6GSLS9uj8dxu9_fPyzbu

Saturday 7th November

At 7.30 pm – tribute to Ludovico Einaudi (piano)

At 9.30 pm – tribute to the celebrated Italian songwriter and singer Lucio Dalla (piano)

Hans Zimmer Live Tribute

Saturday 14th November at 9 pm

Sala Estense, Piazza Municipio

A live chamber orchestra will perform famous film scores. Highlights include music from Inception, Interstellar and The Dark Night.

For tickets, go to: **https://www.ticketone.it/event/hans-zimmer-le-colonne-sonore-dal-vivo-sala-estense-21893206/?affiliate=IGG**

What's on at Teatro Nuovo?

Piazza Trento Trieste, 52

www.teatronuovoferrara.com

info@teatronuovoferrara.com

25th November at 9 pm - Swan Lake Ballet (European Classical Ballet Company)

29th November at 4.30 pm – 'Pura Immaginazione'- Music Film Live Show

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Teatro Nuovo and the 10th anniversary of the Music Film Festival, this unique show is a musical journey through the most iconic movie soundtracks in cinema told through the eyes of an eight-year-old. Alongside an imaginary friend, he navigates space adventures and action-packed scenes proving that imagination is the ultimate safe for our most precious memories.

Suitable for *families with children*

Buy tickets on the website *or from the ticket office inside the theatre.*

Other Concerts & Performances at the Music Rooms – Ridotto del Teatro Comunale

https://ferraramusica.it/calendario/

Visit Ferrara Musica's website where you can find a series of interesting concerts held in the elegant music rooms of Teatro Comunale. Not only can you find excellent prices and various times, these concerts are also an opportunity to discover upcoming young artists who perform in a more intimate setting.

Calice d'Autunno – 'A Cup of Autumn' Wine-tasting event

Friday 13th from 7 pm - midnight
Saturday 14th from 6 pm – midnight
Sunday 15th from 6 pm - midnight
Piazza Municipio

Three days of wine tasting where you can discover new flavours, talk to producers and learn about different regions and the world of wine.
Tickets cost €15 and entitle you to:

-Wineglass holder
-Wineglass (€5 deposit)
-10 tickets to use to create your own wine tasting menu

- *If you book online in advance, tickets cost only €12 but hurry as they may run out!*
- *On the days of the event, tickets can be collected (and bought) at the Information Point in Piazza Municipio*
- *To book:* **https://feshioneventi.it/evento/calici-dautunno-2026/**
- *Keep an eye out on the website for Masterclasses with a sommelier which you can book.*

Jazz club at Torrione San Giovanni

Via Rampari di Belfiore, 167 / Corso Porta Mare 112
www.jazzclubferrara.com
Open from 7 pm – 2 am

Jazz concerts continue at the historical tower San Giovanni. It is possible to book dinner before concerts start, by telephoning 331 4323840 (every day between midday and 10 pm) or by emailing the venue: **jazzclub@jazzclubferrara.com**

You need to buy a guest pass which lasts the whole year. This can be bought at the entrance along with tickets for the concert. Concerts start at around 9 / 9.30 pm (see the program on the website for further details).

What's on in Bologna?

Lego Exhibition

Grand Tour Itali (Ex-Fico Eatly)
Via Paolo Canali 8, Bologna 40127
Thursdays to Sundays 10 am – 7 pm
During Christmas and New Year it will be open 7 days a week
https://mostramattoncini.it/bologna/en/

Europe's largest Lego exhibition has just opened at the Grand Tour Italia venue in Bologna and features more that 15 million bricks! It will be running until the start of May. Highlights include a massive 11-metre Titanic, a 4-metre-long Triceratops, an 8-metre steam locomotive and the legendary mountain of Erebor from 'The Hobbit'. At the end of your visit, you can have a go at building your own models in a special room of Lego.

Tickets can be bought directly on the website above or on-site.

Immersive Exhibition:

'Tutankhamun: The Tomb, the Treasure, the Curse'

October 2026 – 2nd May 2027
Palazzo Belloni, Via de' Gombruti 13/a (near Piazza Maggiore)
Open every day from 10 am – 7 pm
https://www.mostratutankhamon.com/

This family-friendly exhibition takes you on an interactive journey back to 1922 retracing the steps of Howard Carter and his legendary discovery of the Valley of the Kings. Walk through life-sized burial chambers, discover the pharaoh's burial treasure and take part in a virtual reality experience where you can step into a tomb. Tickets can be bought on-site or on the website above.

‘Sagre’ - Food Fairs Continue...

With the arrival of colder weather, November is the last month to experience these fun food fairs. They will then return at the end of spring in the warmer months. Here are the last few which celebrate the arrival of autumn:

Casumaro: Sagra del Tartufo / Savoury Truffle Fair

6th, 7th, 8th, 13th, 14th & 15th November
Via Garigliano 14
Open at 7.30 pm. Sundays at midday only. (Heated indoor area)

An amazing array of imaginative dishes, from appetizers to dessert, featuring Italy’s white and dark savoury truffle. The menu also offers an excellent choice of vegetarian dishes as well as meat ones.

Bondeno: Astro Gastro d’Autunno/Star-Gazing and Autumn Flavours

20th, 21st & 22nd November
Agriturismo ‘La Florida’, Via Burana 103
Open at 7.30 pm and Sunday at midday and 7.30 pm (Heated indoor area)
It is possible to book: **www.agriturismolaflorida.it**

A simple but tasty menu presenting dishes such as: Ferrara’s pumpkin Cappellacci, maccheroni with leek and speck, grilled vegetables and meats, homemade pumpkin ‘Tenerina’ – another traditional Ferrarese cake, apple pie and other delicious delights. Dinner is followed by a special visit to the astronomy observatory and digital planetarium.

Ferrara’s Christmas Market will be arriving in Piazza Trento Trieste around the 3rd weekend of November! More Italian Christmas market news coming soon!