

# Bologna:

## A quick guide to exploring the city



### About the City

Bologna, known as “La Dotta, La Rossa, La Grassa” (The Learned, The Red, The Fat), is a city rich in culture, history, and flavors. As the home of Europe’s oldest university, the University of Bologna, the city embodies a unique blend of youthful energy and historic charm. Visitors are captivated by its red-tiled rooftops, extensive porticoes, and lively piazzas, and its reputation as a culinary capital.

### Food and Drinks in Bologna

#### Coffees

- **Caffè Gamberini:** Established in 1907, Caffè Gamberini is Bologna’s oldest coffee shop, offering exquisite pastries and a classic Italian coffee experience. [Google Maps Link](#)
- **Caffè Zanarini:** Located near Piazza Galvani, this café has a sophisticated vibe, perfect for a relaxing coffee break. [Google Maps Link](#)

#### Ice Cream

- **Cremeria Cavour:** A popular spot with unique flavors and a beautiful location at Piazza Cavour. [Google Maps Link](#)
- **Cremeria Santo Stefano:** Known for its artisanal gelato made with high-quality ingredients, this place is a local favorite. [Google Maps Link](#)
- **Cremeria La Vecchia Stalla:** A bit off the beaten path, this gelateria offers both traditional and inventive flavors. [Google Maps Link](#)

#### Fresh Pasta

Bologna is famed for its pasta, particularly tagliatelle al ragù and tortellini. Here are two iconic spots to sample or purchase fresh pasta:

- **Paolo Atti e Figli:** Since 1880, this historic shop has been crafting traditional Bolognese pasta, perfect to take home as a delicious souvenir. [Google Maps Link](#)
- **Sfoglia Rina:** Both a pasta shop and eatery, Sfoglia Rina allows you to taste and buy fresh pasta. [Google Maps Link](#)

#### Useful links:

- Main attractions: [Things To Do in Bologna – Bologna Guide](#)
- 7 Secrets of Bologna: a series of hidden sites and intriguing tales that reveal the city’s mysterious side [7 Secrets of Bologna](#).

#### Markets

- **Mercato di Mezzo:** Dating back to medieval times, this is Bologna’s first covered market, offering a lively atmosphere and a selection of local delicacies. [Google Maps Link](#)
- **Mercato delle Erbe:** Another iconic market in Bologna, Mercato delle Erbe is located in the heart of the city and provides a colorful and aromatic experience. [Google Maps Link](#)

#### Other Unique Spots

- **Osteria del Sole:** Osteria del Sole is one of the city’s oldest osterias, dating back to 1465. This spot allows guests to bring their own food while ordering wine by the glass or bottle, making it a great option for enjoying your purchases from Mercato di Mezzo or Mercato delle Erbe. It’s a unique, communal experience that gives you a true taste of Bolognese conviviality. [Google Maps Link](#)
- **Libreria Nanni:** A charming and historic bookshop located on Piazza di Porta Ravegnana, it’s a peaceful spot to browse Italian literature and pick up a literary souvenir. [Google Maps Link](#)

Enjoy your stay!



## Art

- 1 MAMBO  
Museum of modern art
- 2 PINACOTECA NAZIONALE  
National picture gallery
- 3 MUSEO MEDIEVALE
- 4 BASILICA DI SAN FRANCESCO
- 5 BASILICA DI SANTO STEFANO
- 6 CHIESA SAN GIOVANNI IN MONTE
- 7 BASILICA DI SAN DOMENICO

## Food

- 1 DROGHERIA DELLA PIOGGIA  
Historical candy shop
- 2 OLTRE. RESTAURANT  
The bolognese cuisine
- 3 ANTICA DROGHERIA CALZOLARI  
Wines and spirits
- 4 OUI CUCINA  
Gastronomy and local food
- 5 BERBERÈ  
Fancy pizza
- 6 BIAGI RESTAURANT  
The traditional taste
- 7 AL SANGIOVESE RESTAURANT  
For pasta lovers
- 8 CREMERIA SANTO STEFANO  
Best gelato

## Craft

- 1 MESTICHERIA BOLOGNESE  
Historical art and craft shop
- 2 LA CALZOLERIA DI MAX E GIO  
Handmade shoes
- 3 FITZROY  
Clothing
- 4 RELECTIC  
Vintage and handmade shop
- 5 ATELIER TERRAROSSA  
Handmade ceramics

## Hotel

- 1 HOTEL ROYAL CARLTON