

# Ferrara. Exploring the river Po's countryside by boat and on foot

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Exploring the province of Ferrara by bike and boat, following the Rings of the Po river. This new tourist product is along itineraries that blend navigation with pedals in the beautiful natural scenery of the Po Delta Park to discover two Delizie Estensi ancient residences, both of which are UNESCO World Heritage sites.

## **River tourism and sustainable mobility**

Visit Ferrara has developed four ring routes for bicycle excursions with scheduled departures from Ferrara. These are a way to experience the Renaissance arts, beautiful naturalistic areas, and the great foods and wines of the area in the name of river tourism and sustainable mobility.



## Cycling the Renaissance Ring

Up to 30 October 2022 you can cycle the Renaissance Ring (28 August and 25 September) up to the ancient d'Este residences of Belriguardo and Verginese, then board the Volano in the afternoon for Sabbioncello San Vittore and return to Ferrara by boat. The itinerary along the Ring of the Po di Volano, on 3 July and 23 October, consists of a two-wheeled itinerary on the Destra Po cycle path, with a visit to the San Venanzio Charterhouse near Copparo, a stop in Copparo to visit its beautiful castle, and at Villa Mensa, before embarking at Sabbioncello San Vittore and sailing back to Ferrara.

## Visiting the ancient d'Este residences

The Ring of the Great River departs from Este on 4 September and 30 October, continuing along the Burana cycle path to Bondeno, where you can visit the Rocca di Stellata and then take the boat back to Ferrara on the Po river in the afternoon. The Ring of Delights (9 October) is a journey through d'Este residences, beginning with a bike ride to Villa Mensa and continuing to the Delizia di Copparo and the Pieve di San Venanzio, as well as navigation from Ro Ferrarese to Ferrara.

## Half-day tours are also available

Daily excursions, including guided tours, bike assistance, and boat navigation on the Po Rings, can be booked directly on [www.visitferrara.eu](http://www.visitferrara.eu), with the option of selecting tour packages that include the bike and boat experience and overnight accommodation. On some of these dates a half-day tour will be available. These will include river navigation from the Darsena di Ferrara, arrival in Baura, a guided tour of the drain pump by the Reclamation Consortium, and the return to Ferrara by bike.



