



Explore and experience Emilia Romagna by train this year

From UNESCO World Heritage Sites to local delicacies and scenic landscapes

Environmentally-conscious travellers looking to reduce their carbon footprint this year should consider visiting the northern Italian region of [Emilia Romagna](#). With some of Europe's fastest trains and most scenic routes, Emilia Romagna is a great place for rail travel enthusiasts who wish to make more sustainable choices when travelling this year.

The railway network in the region provides fast connections with Northern, Central and Southern Italy. Trenitalia's and Italo's high-speed trains (AV) connect the Bologna and Reggio Emilia train stations, in Emilia Romagna, to an array of cities around Italy – including Milan, Turin, Verona, Bolzano, Florence, Venice, Rome and Naples. However, for those looking to explore more locally and lovers of leisurely and authentic travel, regional trains are easily accessible too – providing a perfect solution by connecting all cities like a back bone.

Following the path of the ancient roman road Via Emilia here are some of the best places to visit by train in Emilia Romagna eg:

Piacenza – Discover the authentic 'food valley' (1 hour by train from Milan)

Named 'pleasant place' by the Romans, Piacenza is located at the centre of the Po River Valley. Only 41 miles from Milan, travellers can reach Piacenza by train in just over an hour. Here, foodies will be able to discover and explore the real 'food valley' and one of the biggest producers of PDO cured meats, cheeses and D.O.C (Controlled Designation of Origin) wines – including Gutturnio, Malvasia, and Ortrugo. The real attraction of the city, however, is the Duomo dedicated to Saint Mary of the Assumption and Saint Justina. The Duomo brings together original architecture with examples of the Emilian Romanesque style and Gothic elements from a later restructuring.

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Parma - Indulge in the city's creative gastronomy (30 minutes by train from Piacenza)

The second largest city in Emilia Romagna, Parma is known as the gastronomic centre of the 'Italian food valley' and has recently been proclaimed a UNESCO Creative City for Gastronomy. Boasting a range of excellent and unique culinary experiences, travellers will be able to indulge in authentic local delicacies such as world renowned Parmigiano Reggiano, Salami di Felino and Prosciutto di Parma. South of the city, the Langhirano valley is home to approximately 500 authorised producers of the famous Parma ham (known locally as Prosciutto di Parma).

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Your trip could continue along the [Via Emilia](#) with

Modena – From famous race tracks to UNESCO World Heritage Sites (30 min from Parma), then Bologna – Experience the food capital of the world (33 min from Modena), then Ferrara – Explore arts and culture in the city of Renaissance (30 min from Bologna).

Or move east with: **Ravenna – Sightsee the historical city by the Adriatic coast (1h10min from Bologna), Forlì- Discover the heritage of the early 20 century architecture so-called "rationalist" (50 min from Bologna), Cesena – Step back in time at the Malatesta library (14 min from Forlì), and Rimini – The multifaced and never stopping city (25min from Forlì).**

Further information

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