FERRARA FOR

ROMANTIC SOULS

Timeless atmospheres, medieval views, and hidden gardens make Ferrara **an ideal destination for those seeking romance**. Among cobbled streets, Renaissance palaces, and quiet parks, the city invites you to slow down and get lost together. Here, you can rediscover **love stories, legends, and literary inspirations** –while creating your own romantic experience.

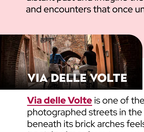
Discover some of the places where romance comes to life in Ferrara.

HOUSE OF LUDOVICO ARIOSTO

The poetic imagination of Ludovico Ariosto gave voice to some of the most famous passions in European literature. In *Orlando Furioso*, love is a powerful, overwhelming force: jealousy, escape, and madness intertwine in the stories of Orlando, Angelica, and Medoro. It was in this very house that the poet worked on the final version of his masterpiece. Ariosto was **deeply attached to this residence**, even having an inscription carved on the façade to celebrate the moment he finally found a home "small, but suited to him."

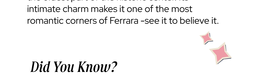
GARDENS OF HISTORIC PALACES

Walking through the **gardens of Ferrara's historic palaces** means stepping into a true *locus amoenus* –a place of encounter, conversation, and inspiration. The Orange Garden of the **Estense Castle** and the garden of **Palazzo Schifanoia** are among the most evocative, but many other palaces hide unexpected green corners: from the **Palazzina Marfisa d'Este** to **Palazzo Costabili**. Strolling through these spaces, where architecture meets nature, you can almost hear echoes of a distant past and imagine the stories, passions, and encounters that once unfolded here.



VIA DELLE VOLTE

Via delle Volte is one of the most photographed streets in the city. Walking beneath its brick arches feels like **stepping back in time**: from here, you can continue toward the streets of the Jewish Ghetto and the oldest part of the historic center. Its intimate charm makes it one of the most romantic corners of Ferrara –see it to believe it.



Did You Know?

The Este Weddings

During the Renaissance, weddings of the Este family were **grand public spectacles**. When **Lucrezia Borgia** arrived in Ferrara in 1502 to marry **Alfonso I d'Este**, the city became a stage: triumphal arches, knightly tournaments, performances, and lavish banquets animated the streets for days. Marriage was not just a private union, but a public celebration of power, prestige, and alliances.

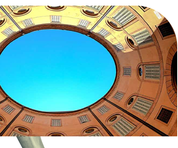
Ugo e Parisina

One of the most tragic love stories of the Este court, **Parisina Malatesta**, wife of Niccolò III d'Este, **fell in love with Ugo**, the duke's illegitimate son. When their relationship was discovered in 1425, both were sentenced to death. The story deeply influenced European imagination and inspired poets and musicians over the centuries, including **Lord Byron**.

LOVE IN FERRARA THROUGH THE SEASONS

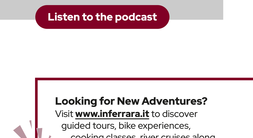
In Ferrara, the atmosphere changes throughout the year, and each season has its own charm. In **autumn**, foliage paints parks and city walls in warm tones. **Winter** brings mist that wraps the city in soft, dreamlike landscapes. **Spring** fills gardens and green spaces with life, while **summer** animates squares and courtyards with music and open-air events.

Every season is perfect for experiencing love in Ferrara. And for those who wish to turn it into an unforgettable memory, the city offers unique venues to say "I do," thanks to the **Sposami a Ferrara** project.



The Shot You'll Remember

Rotonda Foschini, next to the Municipal Theatre, is one of the most enchanting spots in the city. Its elliptical shape creates the perfect setting for a romantic and poetic photograph.



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