



Our insiders guide to Bologna which is known for its rich food and ancient architecture.

Bologna is a place full of charm and culture, but also a young and hip city. For the curious traveller, we have assembled a list of eating spots that range between the respectful Bolognese classic, and new, innovative options. No matter what your taste is, you can't leave Bologna without loving its food!

[Ristorante I Carracci](#)

If one wants to bask in the glorious past of Bologna, while enjoying the food that earned the city the title of “Italy’s capital city of food”, then no other location is more apt than “I Carracci”. Helmed by the talented Cristian Mometti, this restaurant offers respectful versions of Bolognese classics like tortellini in capon broth and tagliatelle with ragù, a revisited “Cotoletta Bolognese” served on a skewer, and a full tasting menu dedicated to the Chef’s trademark cooking technique “Vasocottura”, or glass pot cooking. All of this is served under a breath-taking 16th century frescoed ceiling, painted by the pupils of the renowned Carracci brothers, with an impressive “Fall of Phaeton” central feature.

[Oltre](#)

Bologna’s culinary tradition is famously resistant to change, but recently small group of young chefs and entrepreneurs set on a journey to update traditional dishes to a contemporary version, while retaining the familiar and convivial feeling of the classic Trattoria. One of the youngest and most successful incarnations of this trend, OLTRE is the brainchild of Daniele, who earned plenty of experience as the first chef of Osteria Bottega, and Lorenzo, son of Nico Costa, the Michelin Star-awarded chef who helms Battibecco. The duo’s ambitious ideas may sound like heresy for the tradition purists, but the flavours are bound to take you to heaven!

Fico-Eataly World

After the involvement in the organization of 2015's Milan Expo dedicated to food, Eataly, the now-global brand which promotes Italy's culinary excellence, embarked on their most ambitious feat so far: a 100.000 Square meter theme park dedicated to food, in all its forms and implications. FICO-Eataly World is an impressive structure, including educational farms and fields, a 9000 square meter market and as many food joints as one could ever want, ranging from the simplest Italian traditions like "arrosticini" and "tigelle", to proper gourmet dining locations. This impressive installation, which is conveniently located just a few minutes outside of Bologna's city center, will only be available for 10 years, but its effect on food culture will have a much longer impact.

Camera Con Vista

Tucked away on a corner of the lovely Piazza Santo Stefano, this little jewel of a bistro is easy to miss, but it only takes one look inside the dimly-lit entrance to fall in love with the place. The rather featureless façade then reveals an opulent and majestic cross between an antique shop, a prohibition-era speakeasy and a French bistro. The owners obsessed over the idea of giving their creation an air of old-world luxury which is unique in the city, and the menu they offer happily departs from Bologna to encounter some classics of the French tradition, like frog legs and foie gras. Stop for a cocktail or for a light meal, Camera Con Vista is surely a place you will talk about for a long time!

Jukebox café

Bologna would be nothing without its university area, and the students who animate its streets for a night out after a day of study. For enjoying this young and lively atmosphere, Jukebox Café is the perfect locations: it's young, it's hip, it offers amazing cocktails and gourmet hamburgers, and it even features a functioning juke box, filled with dozens of indie music classics and recent releases. All of this thanks to the owners of Covo Club, one of the hottest live clubs in the city, and Osteria Dell'Orsa, another staple of the Bolognese convivial restaurant tradition. And since we're on the subject, here's an insider tip: if you are planning to visit Osteria dell'Orsa, but the queue outside is putting you off, have the stewards sign your name on the waiting list, and then enjoy a properly prepared Old Fashioned at Jukebox Café next door while you wait!

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