



Bologna 2024



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INTRODUCING BOLOGNA



Located in the center/north of Italy, Bologna is the capital of the Emilia-Romagna region.

Bologna is an art city, very important for its culture and for its food, in fact it's called at the same time "La Dotta" (the erudite one), for its ancient university, and "La grassa" (the fat one), for its cuisine.

It's a medieval city, full of arcades, taverns, theatres and little shops.



THE VENUE

GENERAL INFORMATION

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



GENERAL INFORMATION

Bologna LMS is going to be run in the Bologna Fiera Exhibition Centre. The event will be in pavillion 33, using the entrance "Via Aldo Moro" marked on the map.

<http://www.bolognafiere.it/en/home>

Visit this link to see on Google Maps
<https://goo.gl/maps/zoTY43PmnreLhMny8>



PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

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BUS: You can hop on one of several [bus lines](#) (detailed page 18) to reach the venue:

- **Line 35** towards **Aldo Moro**: get off at **Fiera Aldo Moro** stop.
- **Line 28** towards **San Pietro**: get off at **Fiera Aldo Moro** stop.
- **Line 39** towards **Ospedale Maggiore**: get off at **Fiera Aldo Moro** stop.
- **Line 38** towards **Ospedale Maggiore**: get off at **Serena** stop.
- **Line 38** towards **Mille**: get off at **Serena** stop.

Visit www.tper.it to check bus routes and service times (site in Italian)

TRAIN: Both Bologna Centrale and Bologna Centrale P.le Est stations are within walking distance (5 and 8 minutes walks respectively)

THINGS TO KNOW

 GENERAL INFORMATION

 LANGUAGE

 MONEY

 WEATHER

 ELECTRICITY AND PLUGS

 OTHER INFORMATION





GENERAL INFORMATION

Telephone country code: +39

Emergency numbers:

- General: 112 (A call center will answer and provide you help)
- Sanitary emergency: 118
- Fire emergency: 115
- Police: 113

Time zone during summer: Central European Summer Time (CEST), UTC+2

Time and date format: 24-hour clock (0:00 – 23:59), dd/mm/yy (or yyyy)



LANGUAGE

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The primary language is **Italian** 🇮🇹.

You should not have any problems if you ask for information speaking English 🇬🇧 in hotels, at the train station or at the airport.

Only about 30% of the general population speak English. However, since Bologna is important for its university, there are a lot of students, even from other countries, that live there and speak english quite well, so if you need some information asking young people is usually a safe bet.

USEFUL PHRASES

Thank you	Grazie
You're welcome	Prego
Can you repeat?	Può ripetere?
Can you speak slowly?	Può parlare più lentamente?
Please	Per favore
What's your name?	Come si chiama?
Yes	Sì
No	No
How are you?	Come va?
Is the tip included?	Il servizio è incluso?
Excuse me	Mi scusi

USEFUL PHRASES

How much does that cost?	Quanto costa/costano?(sg./pl.)
I'm sorry	Mi dispiace
Can I get on the Internet?	Posso collegarmi a Internet?
I don't understand	Non capisco
I don't speak Italian	Non parlo italiano
Can you help me?	Mi può aiutare?
Where is the bathroom?	Dov'è il bagno?
Do you speak English?	Parla inglese?

NUMBERS

1/Uno

2/Due

3/Tre

4/Quattro

5/Cinque

6/Sei

7/Sette

8/Otto

9/Nove

10/Dieci

100/Cento

1000/Mille



MONEY

Italy is part of the European Union, and the current currency is the **Euro (EUR - €)**. You can pay with credit cards almost everywhere.

If you need to change money, you can find an exchange center at the central station:

FOR EXCHANGE:

Address: Stazione di Bologna Centrale, 40121 Bologna BO

Opening hours: 10-17 (closed on Sundays)

Phone: 800 305 357





WEATHER

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The climate in Bologna in the end of April is ok, a mix rain and sun, prepare with layers of clothes.

The temperature can reach a maximum of 35°C (95°F). In the morning the temperature falls around 10°C (50°F). The average temperature end April is 21°C (70°F).

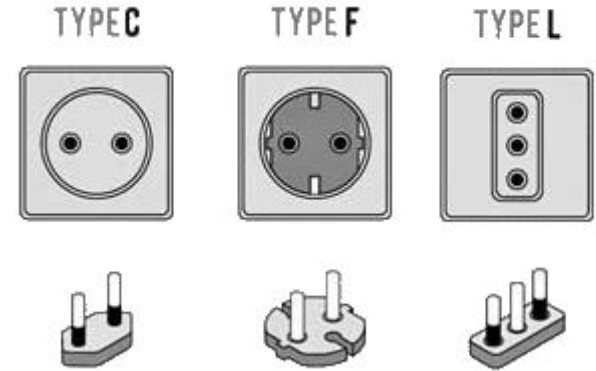




ELECTRICITY VOLTAGE AND PLUGS

Italy uses plugs C and F, as well as **Type L (Italian plug) which is still the most common**. The L sockets don't fit the F plugs, so you might need an adapter which you can buy very easily. The standard voltage is 220 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.

If your devices are made only for 100V and 127V (such as in the US, Canada and most South American countries) you **cannot use them** and you will need a **voltage converter**.



OTHER INFORMATION

Most shops are open 10AM to 8PM, with grocery stores opening earlier around 7/8AM.

Tobacco shops (*Sali e Tabacchi* - look around for the big T) sell more than just cigarettes. They are your general conveniency shops. There you can buy batteries, pens, bus tickets and more, as well as printing documents or making copies.

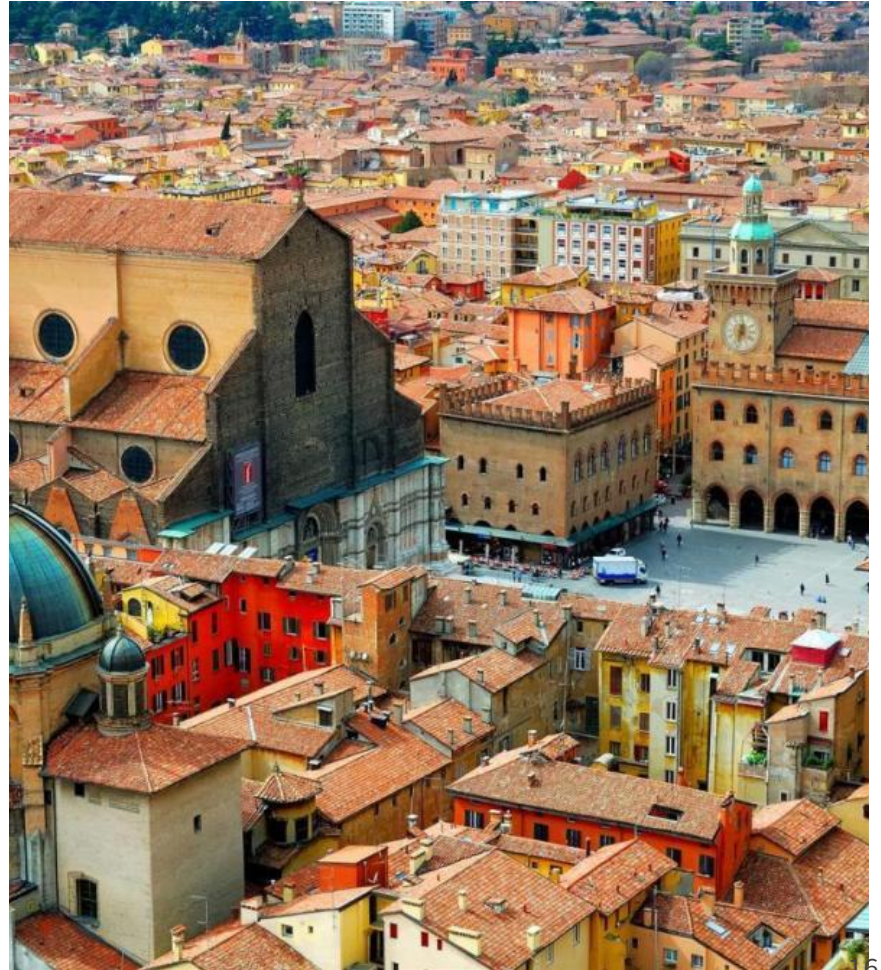
Tap water is usually safe to drink in Bologna



ARRIVING TO THE CITY

BY PLANE

BY TRAIN



BY PLANE



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Bologna Guglielmo Marconi Airport (BLQ) is one of the main airports in Italy and it has a lot of cheap flights run by low-cost companies. It is located 6km north-west of the city center and all flights operate from the same terminal.

You can get from the airport to the city center using the [shuttle train service Marconi Express](https://www.marconiexpress.it/en/). **It runs between 5:40 AM and midnight and it will take approximately 7 minutes** to get to the city center.
<https://www.marconiexpress.it/en/>

A **one way ticket is 9,20 €** and can be bought online. It will take you to the **Bologna Centrale** train station, on the outskirts of the city center, with only one intermediate stop (**Lazzaretto**)

Taxi service is available as well. A one way trip to the city center will be **around €18-20**. You can find both taxis and aerobus **outside the terminal on the ground floor**.



BY TRAIN



The **Bologna Centrale** station is a large railway hub. Most highways and railways connecting northern and southern Italy cross in Bologna. The **high-speed rail services** [Frecciarossa](https://www.trenitalia.com/en.html) (operated by Trenitalia) and [Italo](https://www.italotreno.it/en) both link Bologna to the other major cities in Italy. Reserving at least **a week in advance** is recommended

<https://www.trenitalia.com/en.html>
<https://www.italotreno.it/en>

You can also purchase tickets at the station for local rail

GETTING AROUND BOLOGNA

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

TAXI

CAR



PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



Bologna doesn't have a metro, but makes up for it through an efficient Bus network. The ticketing options are:

- **HOURLY TICKET:** allows for **unlimited bus rides over a 75 minutes period**. It's available in newsstands and tobacco shops for 1,50 €, or directly on board for 2 € (though you can only purchase it through a coin-only ticket machine that will not provide change).
- **CITY PASS:** a carnet of 10 hourly tickets for 14 €
- **DAILY TICKET:** allows for **unlimited bus rides over a 24 hours period**, starting from the moment you validate it on the first bus you get on. and you can find it in the same shops for 6 €.

Visit <https://www.tper.it/> to check bus routes and service times (site in Italian)

[TPER](https://www.tper.it/) call centre: 0039 051 290 290, everyday from 7 AM to 8 PM

TAXI



Cabs are not very popular among locals, and as such they are not as readily available as elsewhere. You can find **taxi stands** in some specific places (**airport, train station, city center**, and also in front of the **venue**) or you can book one through the **Uber*** or **Wetaxi** app, or by calling these numbers:

- **COTABO**: +39 051.372727 - <http://www.cotabo.it/>
- **RADIO TAXI CAT**: +39 051.4590 - <http://taxibologna.it/?lang=en>
- **PRIORITY TAXI** (FOR PEOPLE IN WHEELCHAIRS OR OTHERWISE IMPAIRED): +39 051 372525 - You can reserve a taxi calling this number only from monday to friday, from 8am to 5pm

**due to Italian laws, Uber can only be used to book licensed taxis*



CAR



Most of the city center can only be accessed by residents, as it is a *Limited Traffic Zone (Zona Traffico Limitato - ZTL)*. Speeds in the city are limited often to 30KPH

You will find signs like the one on the left to tell you where you can't go. Entering without a permit will result in a fine as there are cameras that registering every car access.

If your hotel is in the ZTL, you can ask for a temporary pass to enter and reach the hotel, or you can buy a pass at <https://www.tper.it/ztd> (daily pass: 6 € - 4 days pass: 15 €)

Around the venue you can park on the streets on the blue parking lots, or in large signposted parking areas near the pavillion entrance (usually you will pay 10-15 € for the entire day).

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Piazza Maggiore and Basilica di San Petronio

Le Due Torri

Torre Prendiparte

I canali e La Finestrella

Il Quadrilatero e Santa Maria della Vita

Santuario di San Luca

FICO Eataly World



Piazza Maggiore and Basilica di San Petronio

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Piazza Maggiore is the main square of Bologna, surrounded by the most important buildings of the city: “**Palazzo del Podestà**” and the great “**Basilica of San Petronio**”.

Here you can also find the “**Fontana di Nettuno**”, a great monumental fountain. From here it is possible to reach almost every main attraction walking down the most important streets: *Via dell’Indipendenza*, *Via Galleria*, *Via dell’Archiginnasio*.

The Basilica of San Petronio is the main church of Bologna. It dominates Piazza Maggiore. It is the fifteenth largest church in the world, 132 metres long and 66 metres wide, while the vault reaches 45 metres inside and 51 metres in the facade.



Le Due Torri

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The most representative symbol of the city are the two leaning towers: **Torre degli Asinelli** and **Torre della Garisenda**, built in the 12th century.

The **Torre degli Asinelli**, 97 m high, is the highest original medieval tower in Italy. It is the only tower open to the public, you can climb 498 steps to admire a breathtaking “bird’s eye” view. Its story is linked to a legend about a young man who decided to build the tower to win the hand of a girl he had fallen in love with.

The **Torre della Garisenda** is known for its slope! This is due to the subsidence of the foundation. For this reason, in the mid-fourteenth century it was lowered to avoid future collapses.



Torre Prendiparte



Torre Prendiparte (Prendiparte Tower), also known as Coronata Tower, was built in the 12th century by the guelph Prendiparte family as a means of defence. It is 60 meters high, thus being the second one in terms of height after the Asinelli Tower.

It was supposed to be even higher in the beginning and it seems it was then reduced for some obscure reason.

I Canali e La Finestrella

Bologna has always been a city of water, a small Venice that is now largely hidden.

The most evocative glimpse of this unusual Bologna can be discovered through a small window located in Via Piella. Here you can admire the view on the old “**Canale delle Moline**” and take very suggestive photos.



Il Quadrilatero e Santa Maria della Vita

The “**quadrilatero**” is considered the food quarter inside the city center and it is a very picturesque district. It is a small quarter between the *Two Towers* and *Piazza Maggiore*, that was once dedicated to trade. Since the Middle Ages, the ancient streets have hosted the shops of artisans and the headquarters of commercial corporations.

Wandering around you’ll find **old food shops**, but also small **restaurants** where you can taste all kinds of food. If you want to take home some food, this is the right place to go. Hidden between the small streets you’ll find the church **Santa Maria della Vita**, built in the 13th century.



Santuario di San Luca

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Above a hill near the city center there is **The Sanctuary of the Madonna of San Luca.**

You can reach this place walking through the longest arcades of the world, with 666 arches and 4 km long. It connects the gate of Porta Saragozza with the Sanctuary of San Luca, on Colle della Guardia.

Someone says that if you express a wish at the start of the walk, the wish will come true only when you reach the top of the hill.

FICO Eataly World

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Just outside the historic center, there is **FICO Eataly World**. It is a real theme park dedicated to Italian gastronomy.

Here you can taste typical dishes from all over Italy, divided by areas of origin and regions and you can see closely how the foods we eat every day in Italy are produced.



One Last Secret

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...or seven of them.

Bologna is rumored to possess seven secrets about some of its most famous attractions, like the canals, the Nettuno fountain and the Archway of Palazzo del Podestà. You already know one...

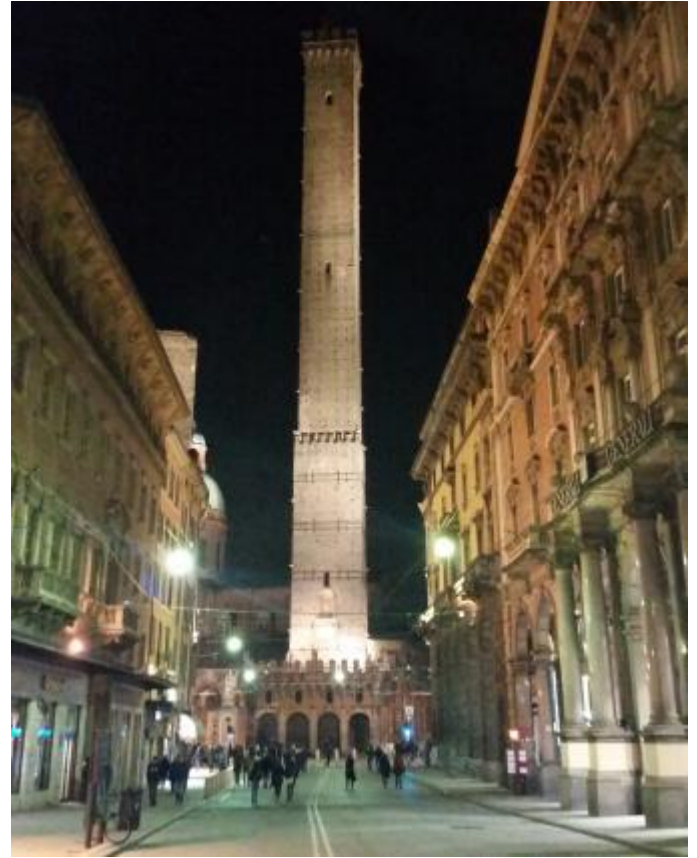
If you're feeling adventurous, try googling "The 7 secrets of Bologna"!

WHAT NOT TO MISS IN THE CITY

Shopping in Bologna

Food and Restaurants

Bologna by Night



Shopping in Bologna

Via Indipendenza connects the train station to the center of the city, it is the main shopping street, with its clothes and accessories stores, cafeterias and fast food restaurants.

If you prefer local market, don't miss **Mercato di Mezzo**, a central location for trade and good food since the Medieval times. You can also stop here to enjoy your happy hour. A lot of small and big kiosks will offer you a wide range of food and beverages, which you can eat in common tables.

Another popular food market is **Orefici Market**, where you can find Italian specialties and regional delicacies.



Food and Restaurants - Homemade Pasta

A very typical food in Bologna is homemade pasta. One of the most famous is **Tortellini**, handmade, meat-stuffed pasta squares. You can have them two ways: the more traditional, in broth, or also with cream sauce. You can also try **Tagliatelle al ragù Bolognese**, hand-cut pasta, slow-cooked meat, and pure tomato sauce.



Bologna is also the birthing place of everyone's favorite **Lasagna**: green pasta layers alternated with long cooked meat tomato sauce, parmesan cheese and bechamel.

Where to find: [Sforgia Rina](https://www.sfogliarina.it), Via Castiglione, 5/b (near the 2 Towers)
www.sfogliarina.it



Food and Restaurants - Pizza



Pizza is probably the most famous dish Italy has to offer. So, while you are here, you really have to try the original Italian pizza. Beware, we do not prepare Hawaiian pizza!

Do you want to get the best of the experience? Ask for a Margherita: tomato, mozzarella di bufala and some basil: wonderful!

Where to find:

For a quick slice of superb pizza in the city center, head to [Pizzeria Altero](http://www.pizzaltero.it), Via Indipendenza 33 www.pizzaltero.it

For a full pizza dinner near the venue you can also try [Pizzikotto](http://pizzikotto.it/ristoranti/bologna), Via del Lavoro, 19 pizzikotto.it/ristoranti/bologna

Food and Restaurants - Cotoletta alla Bolognese

It is also called Cotoletta Petroniana in honor of San Petronio, the patron saint of the town.

This is a real explosion of flavor. Veal or chicken is breaded in the egg and fried, then baked in the oven with a spoonful of meat broth, a slice of ham and Grana cheese.



Where to find: Trattoria [Da me - 1937](#) - Via San Felice 50/A, a typical “Osteria” in Bologna, a warm and cozy place to eat Emilian food

www.facebook.com/trattoriadame/

Food and Restaurants - Mortadella and Other Cured Meats

This traditional cured meat from Bologna is a **Protected Geographical Indication (PGI)** product. It's made of finely hashed or ground heat-cured pork, which incorporates at least 15% small cubes of pork fat. Peppers, pistachios, or olives can be added into the mixture. You can try it in a sandwich, with tigelle or crescentine.

In Bologna you can also find typical cured meats of the Emilia Romagna region, such as the renowned **Prosciutto Crudo di Parma**, also a PGI product.



Food and Restaurants - Tigelle and Crescentine



Tigelle are small, round, thin pieces of bread while **Crescentine** are a kind of fried bread. They are usually served with different cured pork meats, pickles, and typical cheeses. Try them with **Squacquerone**, a soft, slightly acid fresh cheese, or **Pesto Modenese**, a mixture of lard and spices.

Where to ind: [Trattoria Nonna Rosa](#)-Via Piave, 31/b. It's not in the city center, but you will be rewarded with one of the magical places of the emilian food culture!

www.trattorianonnarosa.it

Other Suggested Restaurants

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[Lambrusco](#): this is probably the best traditional restaurant within walking distance of the venue. Here you can find good pasta, crescentine and tigelle with mixed cured meat and cheese. Also, you'll find very good wine.

www.lambruscobologna.it

[Pane, vino e San Daniele](#): Right in the city centre, this cozy place offers the best of the traditional salami of Emilia Romagna and Friuli, together with the best wine the territory has to offer.

["Laboratorio Salumeria Simoni"](#) In the middle of the "quadrilatero", in the old center of the city, enjoy a plate of mixed cured meat and cheese, the best you can find in the city. All products are selected by the family from small producers.

www.salumeriasimoni.it



Other Suggested restaurants

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[Antica Trattoria della Gigina](http://www.trattoriagigina.it): one of the most famous restaurants in Bologna. Here you can eat all the specialties of the Emilian cuisine, in particular “Le Mitiche Tagliatelle al Ragù”, maybe the best tagliatelle in the whole city.

www.trattoriagigina.it

[Osteria dell'orsa](http://www.osteriadellorsa.it): located in the city center, it's a little restaurant where you can taste local dishes at low prices in a rustic but familiar place. Beware, they don't accept reservations!

www.osteriadellorsa.it



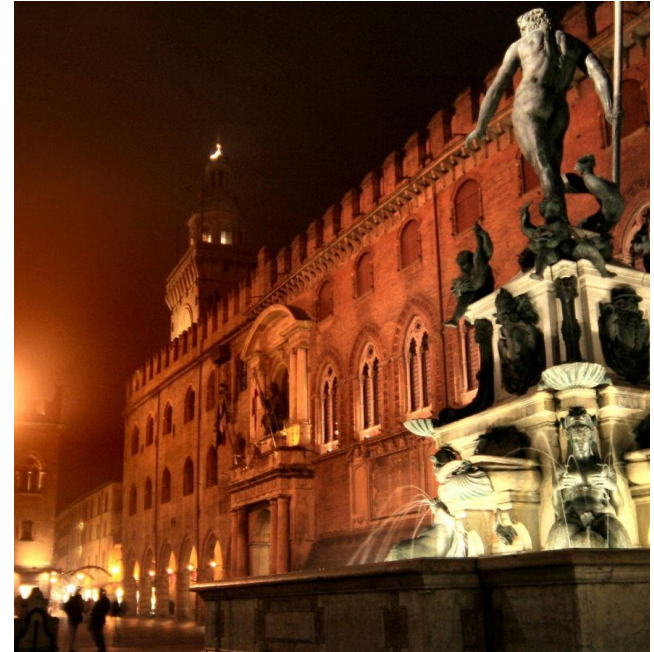
Bologna by Night

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The university community of Bologna fuels a lively nightlife scene, especially in the student quarter (**via Zamboni** hosts various low budget restaurants and pubs), the streets around **Piazza Verdi** and **Via del Pratello**. Here you can find plenty of nightclubs, discos and live music venues.

If you like the thrill of a challenge, there are also several **escape rooms** in the city. Check out [AdventureRooms](https://www.adventurerooms.it/bologna/) and [Resolve](https://escaperoomresolve.it/)

<https://www.adventurerooms.it/bologna/>
<https://escaperoomresolve.it/>



Bologna by Night - Suggested Pubs, Wine Bars, and Disco

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[BrewDog Bar:](#)

Come here if you love beer and a young setting. This location is the official reseller of the UK Beer Company. Reservation is required during the weekend for groups of more than 5 people.

www.brewdog.com/bars/worldwide/bologna



Bologna by Night - Suggested Pubs, Wine Bars, and Disco

[Birreria Baladin:](#)

Set in the modern location of *Mercato di mezzo*, right in the city centre, this is an excellent alehouse of a local brewery. The location also offers many more restaurants and food shops that share tables, where people in the same group can get different kind of food and eat together.

<https://www.baladin.it/baladin-bologna>

Jukebox cafe:

It is a rock and roll bistro in the student area, perfect for hamburgers (vegetarian or vegan too) and Cocktails.

<https://xn-jukeboxcaf-86a.it/>

