



## THE CATHEDRAL OF MODENA

**CATHEDRAL, TOWER AND PIAZZA GRANDE**  
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Construction of **Modena's Cathedral** (or duomo) began in 1099. Consecrated by Pope Lucius III in 1184, the Cathedral is a masterpiece of the European Romanesque, notable both for Lanfranco's architectural design and for the marble reliefs on the façade sculpted by Wiligelmus. Modifications to the original project were undertaken between the 12th and 14th centuries by stoneworkers and builders known as the Campionesi Masters. The façade is divided into three areas that correspond to the nave and two aisles within. Below the rose window (12th century), the "Portale Maggiore" (main door), carved by Wiligelmus and additionally decorated by four stone panels containing stories from the Book of Genesis, opens into the Cathedral.

Two side gates - the **Porta dei Principi** ("Princes Gate"), created by the so-called "San Geminiano Master" and by followers of Wiligelmus, and the **Porta Regia** in pink Verona marble - decorate the Cathedral's southern flank on **Piazza Grande**. The **Porta della Pescheria** is located on the northern flank and bears evidence of Burgundian influence. The Cathedral's interior includes a marble parapet with sculpted reliefs by Anselmo da Campione (dating to c. 1160-1180) and a terracotta creche by the Modena-born sculptor Antonio Begarelli (1527). The Cathedral's crypt houses the tomb of Modena's patron saint, Geminianus, as well as the **Madonna della Pappa**, a creche in polychrome terracotta by Guido Mazzoni (1480). Construction of the initial floors of the **Ghirlandina Tower** was finished by 1169 and building was completed in 1319 by the Campionesi Masters. Eighty-seven meters in height (about 285 feet), the Tower played a role in civic life from its very beginning: custodians signaled from the Tower for the opening or closing of the city's gates and kept watch over the commune's treasury.

The **Cathedral Museums** consist of two sections: the **Lapidary Museum** which houses numerous sculptural fragments belonging to the cathedral and to the previous buildings and the **Cathedral Museum** which displays precious works of art and furnishings related to the history of the cathedral.

<http://www.unesco.modena.it/en>

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Check updated info at: [www.visitmodena.it](http://www.visitmodena.it)

## EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS

[www.visitmodena.it/en/events](http://www.visitmodena.it/en/events)

## MODENA CITY TOUR

Walking guided tour of the city center of Modena  
**RESERVATION IS REQUIRED** within the day before the tour (03:00 pm)  
The tour will be activated with a minimum of 10 participants  
Adults: € 10,00 / Children: 0-12 years: free  
**COMPLETE TOUR SCHEDULE:**  
[www.visitmodena.it](http://www.visitmodena.it)

online booking

There's so much to discover in **Modena** and nearby.  
Book an experience on [Visitmodena.it](http://Visitmodena.it)

## IAT - Modena Tourist Office

[www.visitmodena.it](http://www.visitmodena.it)

- Information on Modena and Emilia-Romagna Region
- Booking and Tickets for the Balsamic Vinegar Production and the historical rooms of the Town Hall, and for the Ghirlandina Tower
- Free bicycles rental
- Ducal Palace of Modena guided tours booking
- Tours & hotel booking center
- Art & Book shop with local handycraft products

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Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9.00 - 18.00  
Sun 9.30 - 18.00  
Closed: 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. & Easter

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# WELCOME TO MODENA

A brief guide

Chiesa di San Geminiano  
Comune di Modena  
UNESCO World Heritage Site  
VISIT EMILIA ROMAGNA

## PALAZZO COMUNALE (TOWN HALL)

From its position looking out onto Piazza Grande, the Palazzo Comunale is actually a series of annexed medieval buildings that were, beginning in the 1600s, "cloistered" within an arcade. The Palazzo also preserves the "stolen bucket" - plundered, as tradition holds, by the City of Bologna during the 1325 Battle of Zappolino. As a symbol of civic heroism, the bucket inspired Alessandro Tassoni's celebrated mock-heroic epic poem, "La Secchia Rapita" (The Stolen Bucket). The Palazzo's important attractions include the **Sala del Fuoco** (the "Fire Room") where a brazier once supplied live coals for heating and which contains frescoes by Niccolò dell'Abate dating to 1546, and the 17th-century **Sala del Vecchio Consiglio** ("Old Council Chamber"), where the Stalli dei Conservatori (a wooden bank of chairs for city elders) are found by a processional standard painted along by Ludovico Lana in 1633. The ceiling dreg was created by Ercole dell'Abate and Bartolomeo Schedoni. The 18th-century tapestries in the **Sala degli Arazzi** recall the preparations for and signing of the Peace of Constance in 1183, a "manifesto" of autonomy for the free commune of Modena.

**Monday - Friday**  
Open 9.00 - 18.00  
Free entrance / reservation required

**Saturday:**  
Open 13.00 - 15.00  
Free entrance / reservation required

**Sunday & Holidays:**  
Ticket € 2,00 / reservation required.

Entrance scheduled at: 15.50, 16.00, 16.45, 17.30, 18.15.

**MODENA TOURIST OFFICE**  
The tourist office, located on Piazza Grande 14, is hosted inside one of the oldest part of the town hall.

Tel: +39 059 2032660

## PALAZZO DUCALE (DUCAL PALACE)

Roman architect Bartolomeo Avanzini designed the Palazzo Ducale, whose construction began in 1634. The Palazzo housed the **Este Court** for more than two centuries and is today the headquarters of the Italian **Military Academy**. A majestic stairway climbs upward from the Honor Court to a loggia that leads to three "apartments": the "Apartment of the Princes," the "Private Apartment" (site of the Military Academy's museum), and the "State Apartment," which contains frescoes and portraits of the Este family. The most spectacular rooms are the vast, elegant Hall of Honor and the 18th-century Golden Salon, where it is believed Duke Francis IV signed the death sentence of **Ciro Menotti**, the leader of an unsuccessful 1831 rebellion against Austrian dominance.

**PALAZZO DUCALE**  
Open on selected Saturday or Sunday with guided tours. Reservation is required.

**INFO & BOOKING**  
Tourist Office:  
Tel: (+39) 059-203-2660  
vis@modena.it  
No more than 40 visitors are allowed on each tour.  
Guided tour: € 10

The Palazzo Ducale is the headquarters of the Italian Military Academy. Under exceptional circumstances, the Academy reserves the right to cancel guided tours.



## LAND OF MUSIC & OPERA SINGERS

Modena has always had an extraordinary relationship with music, which has grown through its schools, music institutes, its theatres and events, its love for singing and opera. Thanks to this vocation, this land has produced and welcomed high calibre names such as Raina Kabaivanska, Mirella Freni and Luciano Pavarotti, known as "The Maestro". Modena's opera tradition is kept alive today with the rich program offered by its **TEATRO COMUNALE LUCIANO PAVAROTTI** (1838).

**TEATRO COMUNALE LUCIANO PAVAROTTI**  
www.teatrocomunalemodena.it  
Corso Canalgrande 85  
Tel: +39 059 2033010  
Guided Tours only by reservations, min. 10 pax.

**Info and reservations:**  
Tourist Info Office:  
+39 059 2032660



The town is also the seat of important music and singing schools such as the Master classes by Raina Kabaivanska at the Vecchi-Tonelli Music Institute. In this region there is also a long-life choral music tradition, also young Luciano, together with his father Fernando, used to sing in a choir, the Corale Rossini, still active today.

**CASA MUSEO LUCIANO PAVAROTTI**  
Luciano Pavarotti was born in Modena on 12 October 1935. Just outside the town you can visit the Casa Museo Luciano Pavarotti, the residence in which the Maestro lived the final years of his life. **A tour of his home** will bring his memory alive and let visitors familiarize with his daily habits. You'll also find his most famous theatre costumes, the photos and videos that marked his artistic career, the countless awards and honours, the relics of a career that spanned over forty years in the opera theatres of the whole world. Pavarotti died on 6 September 2007 and his funeral ceremony was held in Modena cathedral, he now rests in the cemetery of Montale Rangone.



**PAVAROTTI STATUE**  
At Teatro Comunale, via Goldoni corner with C.so Canalgrande

A bronze statue dedicated to Pavarotti, donated by the City of Pietrasanta (Lucca) made by sculptor Stefano Pierrotti, was placed in 2017 outside the "Teatro Comunale".



## PALAZZO DEI MUSEI (MUSEUMS PALACE)

It hosts the main cultural institutes of the city.

**Galleria Estense (Estense Gallery)**  
The Estense Gallery is among the most important Italian art collections and demonstrates the interest of the Este Dynasty not solely in painting and sculpture, but in archeology and traditional arts and crafts. Bernini's marble bust of Francis I d'Este, a Velasquez portrait of Francis I, Cosmé Tura's Saint Anthony of Padua, Correggio's Madonna and Christ Child, an El Greco triptych, and a crucifix by Guido Reni are particularly noteworthy.

**Biblioteca Estense Universitaria (Estense Library)**  
The library's holdings include printed books, incunabula, and a large assortment of illuminated manuscripts from the 14th to the 16th centuries. The centerpiece of the collection is the Bible that belonged to Borso d'Este, a 15th-century masterpiece of illuminated miniature from the Ferrara school.

**Musei Civici (City Museums of Modena)**  
**The City Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology** houses the earliest evidence of human occupation of the Modena area. Materials from the Neolithic, the Copper Age, the Bronze Age, and the beginning of the Iron Age are accompanied by items attesting to Etruscan, Celt, and Gallic dominion over the city as well as from the era of Roman control. The ethnological collections include textiles, decorative objects, weapons, and ceramics from New Guinea, pre-Columbian Peru, South America, Africa, and Asia. The collections of the **City Museum of Art** include painting, ceramics, musical and scientific instruments, and weaponry that document the transformations the city has undergone between the Middle Ages and the modern era.

**Archeology** On the ground floor of Palazzo dei Musei is the **Museo Lapidario Estense**, a collection of sarcophagi, reliefs and inscribed stone slabs, from Roman times up to the Renaissance and the **Museo Lapidario Romano** with vestiges of ancient Mutina, founded in 183 B.C. including the altar of Villetta Egloge. At the **Novi Ark Archeological Park**, close to the Museum Palace, visitors can walk along an ancient Roman road unearthed during the construction of the Novi Park underground car park. Just a few km from Modena you'll find the **Archeological Park and Open-air Museum of Terramara di Montale Rangone** (Bronze Age).

**palazzoemuseimodena.it**

**GALLERIE ESTENSI**  
**Galleria Estense, Biblioteca Estense, Museo Lapidario Estense**  
Largo Porta Sant'Agostino 337  
info: tel. 059 436711  
Openings and ticket info:  
www.gallerie-estensi.beniculturali.it

**MUSEI CIVICI**  
(City Museums of Modena)  
info: tel. 059 2033125  
www.museivicimodena.it

**Inside Museums Palace:**  
**Museo Civico Archeologico Etnologico / Museo Civico D'Arte**  
Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 9.00 - 12.00  
Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays: 10.00 - 13.00 e 16.00 - 19.00. Closed on Monday.

**Gipsoteca "Grazioli"**  
(City Museums of Modena)  
Tuesday - Friday 9.00 - 12.00  
Saturday, Sunday & holidays 10-13 and 16-19 Monday, closed  
Upon request during the opening hours of Palazzo dei Musei (Infopoint).

**Lapidario Romano**  
Hours: Mon - Sat: from 8.30 to 19.30  
Sunday and holiday from 9.30 to 19.30

**Archeology in Modena and surroundings:**  
- **Novi Ark Archeological Park** 24h / free entry, 300mt from the Museum Palace.  
- **Archeological park and openair museum "Terramara di Montale"** ca. 10km from Modena  
info / hours: www.parcromontale.it

## THE BENEDICTINE ABBEY OF SAN PIETRO

The abbatial church as it stands today was consecrated in 1518 and the wonderful Cloister of the Columns was added in subsequent years. The wealth of art works from the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries inside the church include six large terracotta sculptures depicting the Virgin Mary of Conception and various saints by Antonio Begarelli, together with his last work, the Apogee Begarelliano in the ninth chapel, and the Pietà. The sixteenth-century organ by Giovanni Battista Facchetti is worthy of note, as is the particularly fine sacristy with frescos by Girolamo da Vignola. Adjacent to the church is the Monastic Dispensary and vinegar production.

San Pietro, 7 Modena  
Via S. Pietro, 7 Modena  
Info: +39 059 214016 or  
+39 059 223032 (Dispensary)  
www.monasteromodena.com



## MOTORVALLEY

The spirit of enterprise, a passion for mechanics and the myth of speed are the ingredients of the motoring vocation thanks to which Modena and Emilia Romagna region have been dubbed the "Motorvalley".

**MUSEO ENZO FERRARI**  
Set in the house where the Grand Prix legend was born in 1898, it features an ultra-modern, yellow aluminum exterior designed to resemble the hood of a car designed by architects J.Kaplický and A.Morgante. Along with Ferrari's birthplace, hosting the museum of Engines, under the yellow bonnet you'll find a futuristic automotive design gallery, with an exhibition of Ferrari cars and their brands connected with its history and temporary exhibitions. High-definition projectors take visitors on a virtual timeline showing 100 years of motoring in Modena, as well as the story of Enzo Ferrari.

**MUSEO FERRARI MARANELLO**  
The museum tells the Ferrari story by delving deep into the Prancing Horse's extraordinary roots and taking visitors on a magnificent journey via its most famous and successful F1 cars, legendary sports prototypes and GTs, and, of course, the road cars that have set the benchmark for the entire car industry.

**MASERATI FACTORY & SHOWROOM**  
Maserati was founded in 1914 in Bologna and transferred to Modena in 1937, to the current plant located a short distance from Modena's historic center and from the Enzo Ferrari Museum. In the Maserati showroom and Store you can admire the cars currently in production and the "loop", the semi-suspended ring designed by Ron Arad. Factory tours are occasionally available, only upon request.

**MOTOR VALLEY TOURS**  
Info & Booking:  
Modena Tourist Office  
Ph: +39 059 2032660

**VISIT THE MOTORVALLEY!**  
MUSEO ENZO FERRARI (Modena)  
- MUSEO FERRARI (Maranello)  
- MASERATI FACTORY SHOWROOM (Modena)  
- HOMBRE - UMBERTO PANINI COLLECTION (Modena)  
- MUSEO STANGUPELLINI - (Modena)  
- AUTODROMO DI MODENA (Modena)  
- PAGANI FACTORY (San Cesario sul Panaro - MO)  
- RIGHINI COLLECTION (Parzanico - Carrelfranco - MO)  
- LAMBORGHINI FACTORY & MUSEUM (Sant'Agata B. BO)  
- MUSEO FERRUCCIO LAMBORGHINI (Fano di Arpeggato - BO)  
- DUCATI FACTORY & MUSEUM (Borgo Panigale - BO)

**MUSEO ENZO FERRARI** 42  
Via Paolo Ferrari 85 - Modena  
Tel. 059 439 7979

**MUSEO FERRARI MARANELLO**  
Via Dino Ferrari 42 - Maranello  
Tel. 0536 949713  
www.ferrari.com/en-EN/museums

**MASERATI FACTORY & SHOWROOM** 70  
Via Divisione Azzurri 17 - Modena  
Factory & Showrooms guided tours info and booking:  
factorytour@maserati.com  
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**PAGANI MOTOR MUSEUM**  
c/o Azienda Agricola Hombro  
Via Corletto Sud 320 - Modena  
www.paninimotormuseum.it

**PAGANI FACTORY AND MUSEUM**  
Via dell'Industria 26 - San Cesario sul Panaro (MO)  
Info: Modenatur +39 059 220022  
www.pagani.com

**STANGUPELLINI COLLECTION**  
Via Emilia Est 759 - Modena  
Open upon reservation.  
info@visitmmodena.it



**PANINI MOTOR MUSEUM**  
Visit the most important classic Maserati private collection in the world, hosted by a cheese dairy, producing organic Parmigiano Reggiano cheese. The collection includes also an exhibition of classic scooters and motorcycles.

**PAGANI FACTORY AND MUSEUM**  
The brand new Pagani Factory is waiting for you, to share the birth of its supercars, which represent "made in Italy", design and technology at its best! The factory also hosts a museum, a shop, and a meeting room.

The Pagani Factory tour, which also includes a visit to the "Horacio Pagani" museum, can only be made upon reservation. The museum can be visited from Monday to Friday (excluding holidays) without reservation from 9.30am to 12.30pm and from 2.30pm to 5pm.

**PRIVATE COLLECTION "MUSEO STANGUPELLINI"**  
A private collection of historical cars produced by Stanguellini and other car companies.

**BOOK YOUR MOTORVALLEY EXPERIENCE!**

Scan the following QR code to have updated info about prices & opening times of the motor valley visiting places!



## CONTEMPORARY ART, PHOTOGRAPHY AND STICKERS

The Modena Visual Arts Foundation (FMAV) was set up in 2017 by the Modena Municipal Council and the Fondazione di Modena, merging the Modena Civic Gallery, the Modena Photographic Foundation and the Museum of Stickers into one institution while keeping alive the legacy and cultural heritage of all three. The FMAV is a centre for cultural production and professional training and education that aims to promote contemporary visual art and culture. It manages various exhibition venues and organises exhibitions and advanced courses, workshops, performances and conferences.

In addition to these initiatives, which can be viewed at www.fmav.org, the **Museum of Stickers Collection** in Palazzo Santa Margherita is open to visitors.

This collection was donated to the Modena Municipal Council in 1992 by Giuseppe Panini, founder of the company that bears his name, together with his brothers Benito, Franco Cosimo and Umberto. It numbers over 500,000 small coloured printed exhibits that include the stickers themselves plus other items similar for their technology and function like matchboxes, envelope seals, paper money, menus, small calendars, and albums. Alongside a permanent exhibition of some 2,500 items, which include stickers, albums, cigarette cards and many other different objects, a glass cabinet houses temporary exhibits.

**Sedi espositive di FONDAZIONE MODENA ARTI VISIVE:**

FMAV - Palazzo Santa Margherita  
Corso Canalgrande, 103 - Modena  
Tel: +39 059 2033166

FMAV - Palazzina dei Giardini  
Corso Cavour, 2 - Modena  
Tel: +39 059 2032919

FMAV - MATA  
Via della Manifattura dei Tabacchi, 83 - Modena  
Tel: +39 059 6138098

FMAV - Scuola di alta formazione  
Via Giardini, 160 - Modena  
Tel: +39 059 224418

www.fmav.org  
Orari e giorni di apertura variano in base alle mostre in corso.  
Per informazioni consultare i rispettivi siti web

## AGO - MODENA FABBRICHE CULTURALI

AGO Modena Fabbriche Culturali is a project that groups together as a system the cultural institutions whose headquarters overlook Largo Porta Sant'Agostino in Modena: Palazzo dei Musei, the former Estense Hospital, the church of Sant'Agostino, and the former Sant'Agostino Hospital.

The **Anatomical Theatre** was built at the end of the eighteenth century thanks to Antonio Scarpa, who taught anatomy and surgery after the university reform brought in by Duke Francis III d'Este. The theatre is entirely built in multi-colour wood, with a central section in which cadavers were dissected for the anatomy lessons.

The **historic pharmacy** in the former Sant'Agostino hospital dates back to the second half of the eighteenth century and a painting on its cloister vault depicts men of science and a large open hand with the Latin motto of the Opera Pia "Patet omnibus", which means that assistance is available to all those who need it. The original shelves in maple wood are still preserved inside the pharmacy.

Dating back to the 1300s, the **church of Sant'Agostino** was chosen for the magnificent funeral service held for Francis I in 1659 and in subsequent years the Dukes transformed it into the Pantheon of the Estensi. The church is home to works by Tomaso da Modena, Antonio Begarelli, Francesco Stringa, Lattanzio Maschio, Oliver Dauphin, and Adeodato Malatesta.

AGO - Modena Fabbriche Culturali  
Largo Porta Sant'Agostino, 228  
Modena (MO)  
Tel: +39 059 6138098  
http://www.ago.modena.it

Information on visiting methods and times and on all AGO exhibitions or events on:  
www.ago.modena.it



## FOOD & WINE

Modena is the province richest in PDO (Protected Designation of Origin) and PGI (Protected Geographical Indication) products and is synonymous with fine food the world over. Its long standing status as a food capital is due to its commitment to authenticity, its regard for tradition and guardianship of local flavours. The area boasts a wealth of food and wine as well as extensive culinary experience offered by a network of restaurants, trattorias and osterie, as well as farms and artisans that have achieved worldwide recognition thanks to their efforts to safeguard and enhance local products and flavours.

Some visits are free of charge, for others a ticket should be bought. Most of the factories are near Modena and in the province and can be reached either by private transport (car, motorbike or bike), on public transport or with organized tours. (ES. DISCOVER FERRARI & PAVAROTTI LAND) or chauffeur-driven cars. The tourist information office can provide any details you may need. ph: +39 059 2032660  
info@visitmmodena.org

**FOOD & WINE EXPERIENCES**

- Visit **ALBINELLI MARKET** inaugurated in 1931, where you can buy all the local traditional products. Open in the morning from Monday to Saturday and on some Saturday afternoon.
- Visit a **VINEGAR FACTORY** that produces Aceto Balsamico Tradizionale di Modena DOP and/or Aceto Balsamico di Modena IGP
- Visit the **BALSAMIC VINEGAR MUSEUM** in Spilamberto
- Visit the **ACETAIA COMUNALE DI MODENA** (at Palazzo Comunale)
- Visit a **PARMIGIANO-REGGIANO CHEESE DAIRY**
- Visit a **WINERY** to taste Lambrusco di Modena DOP
- Visit a factory that makes **PROSCIUTTO DI MODENA DOP** (Modena Ham)
- Visit the Museum of Characteristic "MUSA"
- Join a **COOKING CLASS!**

**ACETAIA COMUNALE**  
A small balsamic vinegar production is hosted by the Town Hall (Palazzo Comunale).



**ALBINELLI HISTORICAL MARKET**  
The market was opened on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 1931. During the construction of the market, big attention was given to the aesthetic aspect, as revealed by the elegant iron scrolls that connect the pillars, as well as the beautiful fountain of the "little girl with a basket of flowers", by the sculptor and painter Giuseppe Graziosi. Today the market is a very important place for the citizens of Modena and for foodies from around the world, where to find top quality local products!

**ACETAIA COMUNALE**  
Guided tours (in Italian):  
Friday 15.00 and 16.30  
Saturday and Sunday: 10.30 and 11.30, 15.30 e 16.30  
Closed on Eastern, Christmas and new year's day.  
Entrance fee: € 2,00 or UNESCO "COMBO" TICKET € 6,00

**MERCATO ALBINELLI** 32  
Via Albinelli - Modena  
Tel: 059/211218  
Hours: from Monday to Friday 7.00 - 15.00  
Saturday 7.00 - 19.00  
Closed: Saturday afternoon from June 1st to mid September and sundays  
Restaurants are open Monday to Sunday 12-15 and 18.30 - 23  
www.mercatoalbinelli.it

