RAVENNA

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ACT LIKE A LOCAL

Give us time. We might not be the loud and welcoming Italian cliché you had in mind. But don't worry, we drop our shields once we've gotten to know you a bit.

Want to look local? Rent a bike. It's our favourite way to move across the city and you can even use it to go to the seaside during the right season.
Learn to play Mahjong, that game with odd Chinese characters on little tiles. In the whole of Italy, only Ravenna people play it. And at all ages too.
Beach tennis, that's the other game. Once, people played it just on the beach, but we got so addicted that we now built indoor sand fields to practise all year round. In the beach resorts, you'll see people playing 'racchettoni' relentlessly, at any hour. And don't even try to occupy a field for any other sport! The ones with a narrow net are exclusively for beach tennis, while the ones with a higher net are for beach volley.

At weekends, a typical local **loves to stroll around the city centre** and stop for a **plate of Cappelletti** in the best restaurant (which is a different one for everybody you speak to), or have our holy aperitivo: a plate or buffet of snacks that you get when you order a drink (usually from 6pm to 8pm).

We all live in the same region Emilia-Romagna, but we sure keep the distinction in mind. **Someone from Emilia is emiliano, someone from Romagna is romagnolo.** Well, that's the stereotype. (But we kind of believe it)

Well, now you are ready to immerse yourself in our beloved Ravenna!

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BIKE LIKE US
Look here for a bike rent point: Piazza Farini, near the railway station, Ravenna Incoming (by the Mausoleum of Theodoric), Casa del Ciclo, and Darsena PopUp.

NEED A BUS?
Check on Google Maps or on **www.startromagna.it** to find out the bus routes.

TAXI, PLEASE!
For radio Taxi call: +39 0544 33888
More info: **www.taxidiravenna.it**

EMERGENCY NUMBERS
112 is the general emergency number in Italy, **118** is for the ambulance service. The Ravenna hospital is not far from the city centre.

FREE WATER
Ravenna has a series of public drinking fountains (Piazza del Popolo, Giardini Pubblici, Piazza Caduti sul Lavoro, camper van area in via Teodorico and in via Chiavica Romea).

SHOPPING AND EATING
Shops are generally closed on Thursday afternoon. They are usually open from 9am to 12.30pm and from 3.30pm to 7.30pm. And if you're hungry, Italians usually lunch from 12.30pm to 2.30pm, while dinner time may vary from 7.30pm to 10pm

NIGHTLIFE
Find the events and check the online guide to discover how to spend the night on **www.turismo.ra.it**

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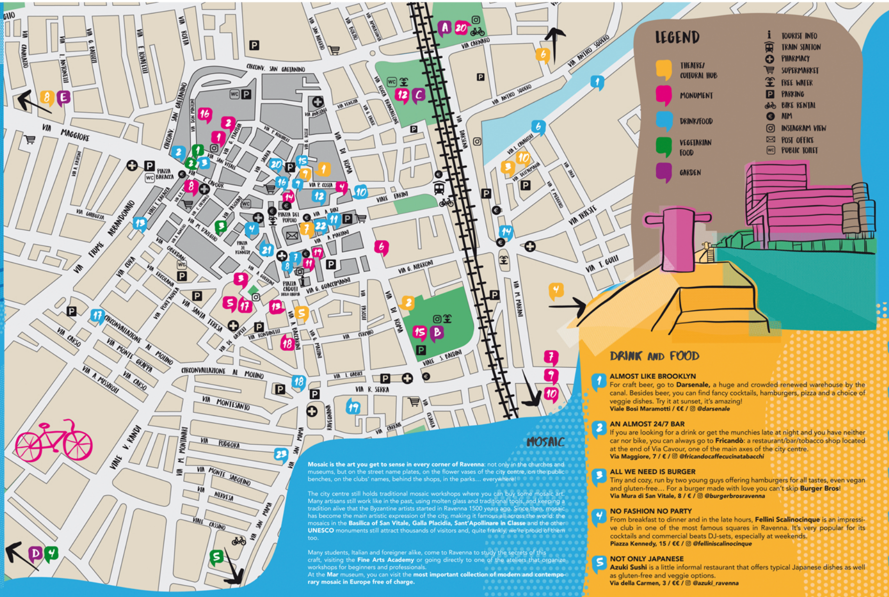

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4. ARIAN BAPTISTERY
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6. BASILICA OF SANT'APOLLINARE NUOVO
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14. CIVIC TOWER
15. MAR – RAVENNA ART MUSEUM
16. RAVENNA NATIONAL MUSEUM
17. ARCHIEPISCOPAL MUSEUM
18. TAMO MUSEUM – ALL THE ADVENTURE OF THE MOSAIC
19. DANTE MUSEUM
20. MAUSOLEUM OF TEODORICO

MOSAIC

Mosaic is the art you get to sense in every corner of Ravenna: not only in the churches and museums, but on the street name plates, on the flower vases of the city centre, on the public benches, on the clubs' names, behind the shops, in the parks… everywhere!

The city centre still holds traditional mosaic workshops where you can buy some mosaic art. Many artisans still work like in the past, using molten glass and traditional tools, and keeping a tradition alive that the Byzantine artists started in Ravenna 1500 years ago. Since then, mosaic has become the main artistic expression of the city, making it famous all across the world: the mosaics in the **Basilica of San Vitale, Galla Placidia, Sant'Apollinare in Classe** and the other **UNESCO** monuments still attract thousands of visitors and, quite frankly, we're proud of them too.

Many students, Italian and foreigner alike, come to Ravenna to study the secrets of this craft, visiting the **Fine Arts Academy** or going directly to one of the ateliers that organize workshops for beginners and professionals.
At the **Mar** museum, you can visit the **most important collection of modern and contemporary mosaic in Europe free of charge.**

BUY LIKE A LOCAL

To buy food from local producers, here are the organic and farmers' markets:

- **BIOMARCHÈ**: on the central Piazza S. Francesco. Tuesday 4.30pm-8pm. FB: Bio Marche' Ravenna.
- **CAMPAGNA AMICA**: on Piazza dei Carabinieri. Tuesday 8.30am-1pm, Friday 2.30pm-7pm, Saturday 8.30am-1pm. **FB:** @campagnamica
- **FARMERS' MARKET IN VIALE FARINI**: Tuesday afternoon.
- **FARMERS' MARKET ON PIAZZA DELLA RESISTENZA**: Monday and Thursday afternoon.
- **FARMERS' MARKET IN MARINA DI RAVENNA**: Monday afternoon on Piazza Marinai d'Italia.

These are the other 'ordinary' food markets:
- **Benigno Zaccagnini**: Wednesday and Saturday 7am-1pm. FB: Il Mercato di Ravenna
- **Piazza Medaglie d'Oro**: Friday morning on Piazza Medaglie d'Oro

- **MERCATO COPERTO**: on Piazza Andrea Costa. Food of all kinds has been sold in this historical building for centuries. Inside, you will also find cafés, pizzerias, restaurants and pubs. From Monday to Friday 8am-12am, Saturday 8am-1am, Sunday 9am-8pm

IF YOU ARE SEARCHING FOR OBJETS D'ART, HANDICRAFTS AND VINTAGE OBJECTS:

- **ANTIQUE AND CRAFT MARKET**: every third weekend of the month along the streets of the city centre. From morning to evening.

- **FATTO AD ARTE:** city centre
Friday night in the summer and the first weekend of the month the rest of the year.

- **GARAGE SALE:** Artificerie Almagià
Once a month. **FB:** @GarageSaleRavenna

DRINK AND FOOD

1 ALMOST LIKE BROOKLYN
For craft beer, go to **Darsenale,** a huge and crowded renewed warehouse by the canal. Besides beer, you can find fancy cocktails, hamburgers, pizza and a choice of veggie dishes. Try it at sunset, it's amazing!
Viale Bosi Maramotti / €€ / *@darsenale*

2 AN ALMOST 24/7 BAR
If you are looking for a drink or get the munchies late at night and you have neither car nor bike, you can always go to **Fricandò**: a restaurant/bar/tobacco shop located at the end of Via Cavour, one of the main axes of the city centre.
Via Maggiore, 7 / € / *@fricandocaffecucinatabacchi*

3 ALL WE NEED IS BURGER
Tiny and cozy, run by two young guys offering hamburgers for all tastes, even vegan and gluten-free… For a burger made with love you can't skip **Burger Bros**!
Via Mura di San Vitale, 8 / € / *@burgerbrosravenna*

4 NO FASHION NO PARTY
From breakfast to dinner and in the late hours, **Fellini Scalinocinque** is an impressive club in one of the most famous squares in Ravenna. It's very popular for its cocktails and commercial beats DJ-sets, especially at weekends.
Piazza Kennedy, 15 / €€ / *@felliniscalinocinque*

5 NOT ONLY JAPANESE
Azuki Sushi is a little informal restaurant that offers typical Japanese dishes as well as gluten-free and veggie options.
Via della Carmen, 3 / €€ / *@azuki_ravenna*

6 A BAR ALONG THE CANAL
Soul Club serves soft and long drinks, amazing Sunday brunches, and the most typical Italian Aperitivo we all love so much. Sit inside one of the two beautiful rooms arranged with vintage objects, or outside, right in front of the canal.
Via Zara, 48 / €€ / *@soulclubravenna*

7 TRUE ROMAGNA CUISINE
Right in the middle of the historical centre, **Ca' de Vèn** still preserves the scent of authentic Romagna. The painted ceilings, the wooden chairs, the constant chatter on the background, and amazing food for all budgets. Not to mention the wine, which, as the name of the restaurant itself suggests, finds its highest expression here.
Via Corrado Ricci, 24 / €€ / *@enoteca_cadeven*

8 QUICK BREAK
Teodora Café is a family-run bar in front of Piazza San Francesco. Here, we enjoy our coffee and a chiacchierata (the Italian word for small talk), and bite a fresh sandwich for lunch. We also recommend you go there in the evening hours when they host rap gigs.
Via Corrado Ricci, 37 / € / *@teodoracafferavenna*

9 A NEW WAY OF PIZZA
Okay, pizza is always good in Italy, but you should really try **I Furfanti**: with a new burst of glamour and original shapes, such as a squared pizza with melted cheese on the crust and some fresh Italian burrata-cheese on top, it is a must-try. What else to say? With a well-chosen menu in a beautiful 15th century building it simply deserves a stop.
Via Paolo Costa, 1 / €€ / *@i.furfanti*

10 AN AMERICAN COFFEE SHOP EXPERIENCE
Grinder Coffee Lab is always packed with university students who pretend to study. Have a vegan pastry or go all the way with brunch, fresh smoothies, berry pancakes and bagels.
Via di Roma, 178 / € / *@grindercoffeelab*

11 BAR FOR STUDENTS
Sedici Bar is a newly-opened bar near the university library. Go there for a quick breakfast or a nice lunch, but what we recommend the most is the Aperitivo: the two-for-one beers formula awaits you on Wednesday.
Via Antica Zecca, 16 / € / *@sedici_bar_ravenna*

12 BOOKS & COFFEE
Located in one of the main shopping streets of Ravenna, there's nothing more relaxing than having breakfast or lunch sitting in the **Caffé Letterario**. Check out the schedule of lectures and book presentations for something more intellectual if you understand Italian of course.
Via Diaz, 26 / € / *@caffeletterario*

13 EAT LIKE AT HOME
Cucina del Condominio is a brand new restaurant, generally open at lunch, and on Friday and Saturday night. You can buy fresh pasta or eat there, you will feel at your grandma's home. The first dishes and the famous omelet with organic eggs deserve a try.
Via Oberdan, 36 / € / *@cucina.del.condominio*

14 LATE-NIGHT FOOD
It's a well-known typical Italian restaurant and pizzeria that locals love: **Naif** is open at lunch and dinner, Tuesday to Sunday, till 2:00. Pizza, pasta and strawberry cake are wonderful!
Via Candiano, 34 / € / *@naif_ravenna*

15 CHILLING IS THE WAY
Have you heard of Brewdog? **Fargo Cafè** is the perfect place to try out craft beers. The bar hugs you with alternative/post/rock music and dim lights. If you fancy hipster-bars and a rich variety of drinks, this is the place.
Via Girolamo Rossi, 17 / € / *@fargo_cafe*

16 FANCY AND MAYBE EVEN A LITTLE BIT CLASSY
Furnished with valued furniture and in the heart of the city centre, **Fresco** is known as a fancy cocktail bar, but you can also have breakfast, lunch and even tapas at dinner. Many locals go there for the Aperitivo, but you can find people until late in the night.
Via IV Novembre, 51 / €€ / *@frescoravennacentro*

17 SPECIAL PIZZA
Field seems to be a typical pizzeria, but what's different is the pizza itself, which is super thin, made with different flours and dressed up with fresh ingredients. Don't miss this lovely place just at a few steps from the historical centre.
Via Circonvallazione al Molino, 128 / € / *@field_ravenna*

18 JUST AS A SECOND HOME
Close to the city centre, **Enoteca Bastione** is the ideal quiet place for an evening with your friends. It is not too expensive for both food and drinks. It is one of the favourite meeting points for locals under 20. Super recommended on cold winter nights.
Via Bastione, 29-31 / € / *@enotecabastione*

19 A GUINNESS IN GOOD COMPANY
Mac Gowan is your typical Irish pub, a winter refuge for when we want to slurp excellent beer and tasty hamburgers with friends. It's a welcoming place, often warmed up by live music or rugby matches on TV.
Via Renato Serra, 17 / Via Magazzini Posteriori 61/ € / @macgowanpub

20 THE RESTAURANT YOU DON'T SEE
Figo is a restaurant set on the first floor of a building that also hosts a cinema. Its varied offer combines sushi, pizza and hamburgers, which seems a bit risky, but strangely works indeed!
Via Ponte Marino, 17 / €€ / *@figo_ravenna*

21 COCKTAILS AND FAMILY
If you are seeking a well-designed drink made by a skillful barman, the one at **Bar Pionia** is your guy. You like rap music? Said enough. Let's have a contest at Pionia!
Via Gioacchino Rasponi, 6 / € / @Pioniacaffe

22 MORE THAN A SELF-SERVICE
Gustavo is a comfortable and welcoming restaurant close to the university main seat and the Dante Alighieri Theatre. If you have a University badge, you will be granted a generous discount on your lunch, even take-away. Good and fast self-service for the ones in a rush, but also pizza and much else.
Via Mariani, 12 / € / www.gustavoitaliano.it

23 NOT JUST BEER
The **Downtown Pub** stands for good beer and your classical hamburger (baby, giant or double-giant size) or creative sandwiches (vegan options included). But the guys know their way around cocktails too. With warm lights and vintage pictures all around, you can spend long nights playing billiards or one of many board games.
Via San Mama, 73 / € / *@down.town.ravenna*

THIS IS THE PLACE

The city dock, called **Darsena della città**, is an artificial water basin built at the end of the 19th century, mainly as a harbour and an industrial site, and it connects the city centre of Ravenna to the sea through the Candiano canal. Since the productivity and functionality of the port had changed, the whole dock area was gradually abandoned, but in the last few years, it has been renovated, becoming synonymous with new music, fancy restaurants and cocktail lounges.

The crumbling warehouses have been turned into bars, pubs and cultural venues, serving as canvas for street artists from all over the world. **Take a walk in the district and don't miss anything!**

Street Art Tour 1

Thanks to the **Subsidenze street art festival,** you can find more than 30 murals made by the most famous street artists from Italy and abroad. You can start from the top of Via Tommaso Gulli and walk your way down looking up in the air and admiring the huge murals. Tip: when you've reached the end of the street (it takes 15/20 minutes), skirt the little river. On your right, you will find three amazing murals by **Ericailcane**, **Bastardilla** and **Basik.**
Fun facts: in front of the Cittadella, across the little river, you find the sports arena Pala de André. Beyond this building, you will see a red sculpture: it is an important contemporary artwork built in 1990 by the renowned Italian artist **Alberto Burri.** Most locals think that it depicts two hands, but the artist's will was to represent a keel of a capsized ship. The mural made by Basik in the Cittadella is a tribute to this sculpture.

Street Art Tour 2

Ravenna has plenty of mosaics made by the famous street artist **Invader**, who has visited the city twice. With the help of his assistants, he has filled the city centre with 40 artworks during his stays. Download the free app **FlashInvaders** and start your treasure hunt!

EVENTS

JUNE/ JULY	RAVENNA FESTIVAL (International music festival)
JUNE/ AUGUST	RAVENNA BELLA DI SERA (Evening summer events in the city centre)
JULY/ AUGUST	MOSAICO DI NOTTE (Guided tours to discover the monuments during the eveninghours)
SEPTEMBER/ NOVEMBER	RAVENNA PER DANTE (Various events dedicated to Dante Alighieri)
DECEMBER/ JANUARY	RAVENNA IN LUCE (Video mapping festival)

5 MINUTES OF HISTORY

Ravenna's story started about 2500 years ago. We know nothing for sure, but where we are standing today, many little villages probably spread across valleys, swamplands, rivers and, of course, the sea.The territory must not have been friendly, and that's exactly why the Romans chose it as the site of one of their most important military fleets.

In 402 a.D. **everything changed**. Ravenna had its a once-in-a-lifetime chance. **Honorius, emperor of the Western Roman Empire**, decided to move here. From a little country town, **Ravenna suddenly turned into the capital of an Empire**. It grew and started to have all the facilities worthy of its new status, of the likes of Rome. The goddess of Fortune had truly kissed us with luck.

Ravenna became a capital two more times: with **Theodoric, king of the Ostrogoths**, at the end of the 5th century and fifty years later again as the seat of the **Byzantine Empire**. All this status embellished the city with amazing monuments and artistic works that made Ravenna into a **top Unesco site with eight monuments**. They preserve a treasure inside: the precious little tiles that raised us to the undisputed capital of Mosaic art.

After this, the city turned back to be a common little city, but it did pop up from time to time on the timeline of history. The Father of Italian literature, **Dante Alighieri**, was welcomed here at the end of the 13th century, after being exiled from Florence. Some centuries later, the English romantic poet **Lord Byron** stayed here too, enthralled by love for the noble Teresa Gamba. She was 19, her husband over 60, so there was room for a lover...

Behind the apparent sobriety of its palace façades, Ravenna hides more stories to listen to. Bikes running by, bells clinking and people stopping for a chat on Piazza del Popolo - indulge yourself and add your own.

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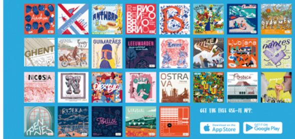

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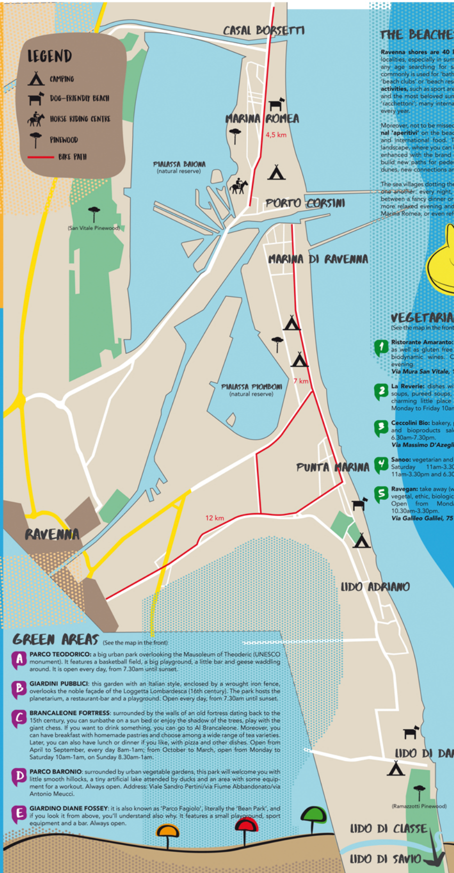

GREEN AREAS (See the map in the front)

- **A** **PARCO TEODORICO:** a big urban park overlooking the Mausoleum of Theoderic (UNESCO monument). It features a basketball field, a big playground, a little bar and geese waddling around. It is open every day, from 7.30am until sunset.
- **B** **GIARDINI PUBBLICI**: this garden with an Italian style, enclosed by a wrought iron fence, overlooks the noble façade of the Loggetta Lombardesca (16th century). The park hosts the planetarium, a restaurant-bar and a playground. Open every day, from 7.30am until sunset.
- **C** **BRANCALEONE FORTRESS**: surrounded by the walls of an old fortress dating back to the 15th century, you can sunbathe on a sun bed or enjoy the shadow of the trees, play with the giant chess. If you want to drink something, you can go to Al Brancaleone. Moreover, you can have breakfast with homemade pastries and choose among a wide range of tea varieties. Later, you can also have lunch or dinner if you like, with pizza and other dishes. Open from April to September, every day 8am-1am; from October to March, open from Monday to Saturday 10am-1am, on Sunday 8.30am-1am.
- **D** **PARCO BARONIO**: surrounded by urban vegetable gardens, this park will welcome you with little smooth hillocks, a tiny artificial lake attended by ducks and an area with some equipment for a workout. Always open. Address: Viale Sandro Pertini/via Fiume Abbandonato/via Antonio Meucci.
- **E** **GIARDINO DIANE FOSSEY**: it is also known as 'Parco Fagiolo', literally the 'Bean Park', and if you look it from above, you'll understand also why. It features a small playground, sport equipment and a bar. Always open.

THE BEACHES

Ravenna shores are 40 km of coast along the Adriatic Sea. These localities, especially in summer, are the perfect destination for people of any age searching for sand and sea. The so-called 'bagni', which commonly is used for 'bathrooms' in the Italian language, is here used for 'beach clubs' or 'beach resorts'. They offer a **wide range of facilities and activities,** such as sport areas for football tennis, beach volley, basketball, and the most beloved summer sport in the area beach tennis, in Italian 'racchettoni'; many international tournaments take place on these fields every year.

Moreover, not to be missed are the **many live concerts with the traditional 'aperitivi'** on the beach; the discos and the restaurants with typical and international food. The century-old pine forest builds a unique landscape, where you can have a relaxing walk amidst the nature, further enhanced with the brand new project of the **Maritime Park,** which will build new paths for pedestrians across the woods, footbridges on the dunes, new connections among pine trees, sand and water.

The sea villages dotting the coast are all very charming and different from one another: every night, you can have many experiences and choose between a fancy dinner or a disco party in Marina di Ravenna, or have a more relaxed evening and go for a walk, enjoying some street food in Marina Romea, or even refresh yourself with a mojito in Lido di Savio.

VEGETARIAN AND VEGAN FOOD

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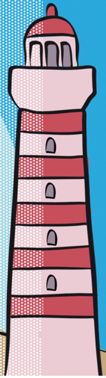
1. **Ristorante Amaranto:** 100% veggie dishes, with seasonal products, as well as gluten free and rawist options, craft beers, organic and biodynamic wines. Closed on Tuesday afternoon and Sunday evening.
   Via Mura San Vitale, 10
2. **La Reverie:** dishes with seasonal fruits and vegetables, as well as soups, pureed soups, salads, juices, smoothies, and yogurts. It's a charming little place with some tables set outside. Open from Monday to Friday 10am-6pm. ***Via Mura San Vitale, 11***
3. **Ceccolini Bio:** bakery, pastry shop, buffet restaurant (also take-away) and bioproducts sale point. Open from Monday to Friday 6.30am-7.30pm.
   Via Massimo D'Azeglio, 3/c
4. **Sanoo:** vegetarian and vegan fast food Open on Monday, Friday and Saturday 11am-3.30pm; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 11am-3.30pm and 6.30pm-9pm. Closed on Sunday. ***Via dell'Aida, 13***
5. **Ravegan:** take away (with some tables and chairs). Everything here is vegetal, ethic, biological and zero mile.
   Open from Monday to Friday 10.30am-7pm; Saturday 10.30am-3.30pm.
   Via Galileo Galilei, 75



SPEAK LIKE YOU EAT

Ciò: a simple sound used in different situations. It might mean: what am I supposed to say? What am I supposed to do? Or even, what am I supposed to think?

Mo va là!: don't say such stupid things!

Osto: Wow!

Ades dop: literally 'now later', but it means 'later... I want to take my time!'

Sta bo' / sta zet: shut up!

Piotost che gnit l'è mei piotost: better something than nothing at all!

Andegna: let's go!!

Patàca: used to describe a person who acts and would like to be very cool... but really isn't!

Burdèl-a/Tabac-a: young boy/girl

Baioc: money

Sporta/Sportina: shopper

Scaia: drunkenness

EAT LIKE YOU SPEAK

Cappelletti: pasta filled with Parmesan cheese, fresh cheese, eggs and nutmeg. You shall eat them in broth or ragù (Bolognese sauce).

Spoja lorda: two pasta sheets, one placed over the other, and the typical cappelletti filling between the two, then cut into little squares. It is usually cooked in broth.

Passatelli in brodo: a first course typical of the area of Ravenna, made with eggs, bread, Parmesan cheese and marrow. To shape this dough, we use a specific tool called 'passatelli iron'.

Tagliatelle: you can find them in different sizes, depending on the sauce, but they are usually served with Bolognese sauce.

Pollo e coniglio alla cacciatora: baked in tomato sauce and served with French fries cooked in lard.

Squacquerone: a typical Romagna fresh cheese that is traditionally eaten with caramelized figs and piadina.

Ciambellone: the typical cake of Romagna, prepared with flour, sugar, eggs, lard, butter, vanilla, zest and yeast. People eat it as a dessert or for breakfast.

Zuppa inglese: milk pudding with custard, chocolate cream and biscuits drenched in a liqueur called Alchermes.

STREET FOOD

You immediately recognize the huts by how they look: small houses painted in green and white stripes. These are the sacred places where **piadina** is made and devoured on the spot.

The recipe is simple: you just need flour, water, lard, salt, and baking soda or yeast.

Round shaped, the piadina is flattened with a rolling pin and its thickness changes from town to town: in Ravenna it is thick, whereas in Rimini it is as thin as a piece of paper.
The so-called **crescioni** are a variant of the classical piadina, which is folded in order to make a bundle. Originally, they were filled with wild herbs collected in the pine forests or in the land moats, and they were then cooked on the so-called 'testo', a round fire-resistant pan.
Piadina is usually served with cold cuts and cheese, and for the crescioni the fillings are varied today; tomato sauce and mozzarella cheese or pumpkin and potatoes fillings are the most common ones.

RAVENNA AND THE WATER

Besides its peculiar relationship with history, Ravenna also boasts a **special connection with water**. It's not what you would think walking across the streets of the city centre: you don't see any river or bridge.
Yet the city was once a sort of **"little Venice"**, scattered on islets, surrounded by brackish valleys, and crossed by a multitude of rivers, which were later diverted outside the city walls. But their existence is still to be seen in the street names such as Via Ponte Marino (which means "Sea bridge), in some plaques that bear witness of devastating floods (like Via Salara), and visually along the city dock.
Before the progressive coastal advancement, the sea level was where today the railway station stands. Hard to imagine! In almost fifteen centuries of history, the city gained morethan 10 km of land: 10 km to reach one of the nine seaside resorts of the city that overlook the Adriatic Sea.

RAVENNA AND ITS NATURAL TERRITORY

Ravenna's strength also lies in the beauty of its territory, which extends far and wide a stone's throw from the Adriatic. Nine seaside resorts with different features and stories dot the coastline. There, you can walk, whether in summer or in winter, you can meet and have encounters.

If you love nature and hiking, you are spoilt for choice. You can venture into the big **coastal pine forests** (San Vitale in the north, Classe in the south), and enjoy in this way a part of the beautiful landscapes that build the **Po Delta Park**. You can also choose to take a boat and discover the so-called "**Pialassa"** (Baiona and Piomboni), remnants of ancient valleys connected to the sea and characterized by the typical fishing huts (padelloni).

If you'd like a more thrilling experience, then visit the flooded forest of **Punte Alberete** and the nearby **valleys of Canna and Comacchio**, where you may sight the famous flocks of flamingos and other migratory birds that arrive from all over the world. You can also consider taking a tour along the mouth of the **river Bevano**, which build a natural site you can visit on foot, by boat and by bike, recommended especially at sunset.

If you want to fully enjoy the sea, how about a walk along the breakwater of **Marina di Ravenna**? This 3-km walkway relaxes and restores you, taking you straight into the middle of the Adriatic.

CULTURAL HUBS, THEATRES AND CLUBS

1. **WANT TO MEET LOCALS?**
   If you want to meet left-wing intellectuals and pretty locals with well-considered sunglasses, you definitely have to stop by the **Moog Slow Bar.** It is a very popular place in the centre of Ravenna: drinks, food and live music; not to mention book presentations, little exhibitions and informal talks.
   Vicolo Padenna, 5 / € / Ⓘ moog_ravenna
2. **EXPERIMENTAL & CONTEMPORARY THEATRE**
   Teatro Rasi is well known for its artistic research focused on young and independent companies and because it is the headquarter of the renamed theatre company of Ravenna 'Teatro delle Albe'. Very active from fall to spring: check out the programme on its website.
   Via di Roma, 39 / € / www.ravennateatro.com
3. **CULTURAL CONTAINER**
   Once a sulfur warehouse, **Almagià** has been renovated and turned into an original cultural venue. You could stumble upon live music, experimental theatre, exhibitions, parties, ballet performances, all depending on the schedule. Check it out!
   Via Dell'Almagià, 2 / FREE / Ⓘ retealmagia
4. **AN UNCONVENTIONAL PLACE**
   CISIM is where to run for a good DJ set (we are talking street jazz, soul, hip hop here) or live concerts. A luxuriant garden surrounds the building, whose walls have served as canvas to a local street artist. It is the perfect spot for an evening with music, theatre or an exhibition in a quite unusual location.
   Viale Giuseppe Parini, 48 - Lido Adriano / € / Ⓘ cisimlidoadriano
5. **THE CONTEMPORARY ART GALLERY**
   In a 1836 building rises **Magazzeno Art Gallery,** which deals with urban and street art. It highliths emerging and established artists from Itlay and abroad. Open only by appointment calling +393282860074.
   Via Mazzini, 35 / €€ / Ⓘ magazzenoartgallery
6. **THE SOCIAL CENTRE**
   Going out from the city, heading north towards the industrial area, surrounded by rails and an urban urban shared garden, you will find **C.S.A. Spartaco.** Politics, art, workshops, entertainment, social relations and agroecology are all part of the deal. During the weekly assembly of public self-management on Wednesday, the participants talk and organize the activities, always sticking to the fight against fascism, sexism, capitalism, with particular attention to environmental sustainability. Visit and share it, and save your soul!
   Via Chiavica Romea, 88 / € / Ⓘ csaspartacoravenna
7. **THE MAIN THEATRE**
   Teatro Alighieri was built in the early 19th century by the architects Tomaso and Giovan Battista Meduna (the same who carried out the restoration works of La Fenice theatre in Venice). The Dante Alighieri Theatre is the most important historical theatre in the city. Every year, the stage is livened up by many shows, ranging from drama to opera, from dance and ballet to concerts. Would you like to know something more? There is a special guided tour that shows you everything. You just need to book your tour on teatroalighieri.org
   Via Mariani 2 / €€ / Ⓘ teatroalighieri
8. **THE THEATRE IN THE COUNTRY**
   Lost in the western countryside of Ravenna, more precisely in the small town of Piangipane, **Teatro Socjale** is a small jewel built by local labourers at the beginning of the last century. Despite its more than 100 years, Socjale is still today a cultural reference point, offering a well-balanced mix of live music, theatrical performances, auteur cinema and exquisite cappelletti rigorously handmade.
   Via Piangipane, 153 Piangipane / € / Ⓘ teatrosocjale
9. **A PECULIAR MUSEUM**
   Since 1840, the Monticelli family has handed down from father to son a heritage made of puppets and marionettes, sets, handwritten scripts and much more. In the heart of Ravenna, a few steps from Piazza del Popolo, you can visit **Casa delle Marionette**, one of the most important of Puppetry Theatre in Italy.
   Vicolo Padenna, 4 / www.lacasadellemarionette.com
10. **THE VILLAGE IN THE DOKS**
    Darsena Pop Up is the most peculiar place of the whole town. It's made by industrial containers which host a bar, a restaurant, a pizzeria and an ice cream parlor. There is also a little skate park painted by the street art duo called Gue, a little play ground to play basketball and to train parkour and several beach volley fields with sand. Illegal to miss it!
    Via dell'Almagià / € / Ⓘ darsenapopup