



Exciting opportunities to admire art treasures and nature

Timeless journeys between past and present

Charming hospitality at every stop and overnight

# Divine Italy on Dante footsteps

*From Florence to Ravenna, from Verona to Mantua  
from Bologna to Rimini, enchanting itineraries  
in the places narrated by Dante Alighieri.*



**TERRE  
DI DANTE**

*Journeys with soul  
to discover Italy*

# Terre di Dante

## A 'slow' tourism choice

*Exiled from Florence (which no longer saw), Dante Alighieri found shelter by the lordships of some of the most beautiful and noble cities in Italy.*

*Thanks to his writings – first of all the Divine Comedy – we have drawn an ideal map – Terre di Dante – which includes the most beautiful places touched and narrated by the poet.*

*Under the guide of Dante (our Virgil), we revisit its geographical and literary steps in a part of Italy that will excite you with its treasures of art, nature and exquisite hospitality.*

**Giuseppe Chicchi**

President

I Parchi Letterari® Le Terre di Dante

### Terre di Dante

It is a brand headed by **MEC Società Cooperativa** based in Ravenna, owner of **Terre di Dante Tour & Travel Tour operator**. Specialized in cultural tourism in a wider context of north and central Italy, from Florence to Ravenna – crossing the Apennines between Tuscany and Romagna – retraces the exile of the Poet, highlighting locations and characters narrated in his works.

Terre di Dante has an agreement with **Società Dante Alighieri** (a no-profit organization of the Italian State) and **Paesaggio Culturale Italiano** which established 19 Parks dedicated to great authors of the Italian literature.

### Discovering I Parchi Letterari®

*At times we dream of walking through the leaves of a book; but what would you say if you were, for once, surrounded by a Literary Landscape?*

**Ginevra Lilli**

### Traveling, meeting learning by experience

Although focused on the life and work of the poet, Terre di Dante tours are an opportunity to become better acquainted with the authentic character of the territories.

We will let you discover the historical, artistic, landscape witnesses of this part of Italy and we will accompany you in the tasting, traditions and excellences routes. It will be an unforgettable journey!

With the '**slow**' philosophy that distinguishes us, you will stay in **hotels, farmhouses, charming inns**, carefully selected to give you the best comfort in each stop of the itinerary chosen.

### All Inclusive Tours or 'tailor made' packages

**Terre di Dante puts no limits to your travel desires.** Choose from the many routes in the 'all inclusive catalogue' or itineraries tailor designed for you, even changing our proposals.

### Special Events, festivals

Throughout the year, **Terre di Dante are rich of cultural events and conferences.** We can integrate your itinerary, leading you to a historical re-enactment or to a local festival; book a night at the theater, a place for a concert or a ticket to an exhibition.

Remaining instead in Dante steps – upon request – we will organize **readings, historical re-enactments and lectures** by prominent specialists on the life and work of the poet.





# Dante Grand Tour

The centenary  
1321-2021

## Halfway along the journey of the exiled poet

Through an Italy crossed by Dante after his exile from Florence between past and present. An overview for a timeless journey to fall in love with right away.



**Florence, Verona, Mantua, Bologna and Ravenna.** To make an unforgettable trip in **Terre di Dante**, only need to visit these capitals of art where the poet lived as a free and exiled man. These are just some of the cities that the poet has touched and described in his wanderings.

**Each of them is the gateway to extraordinary territories**, the seductive **face of an Italy to be revealed** and often unrelated to the conventional tourist circuit. With its itineraries, Terre di Dante guides you through **ancient villages, landscapes** and characters of the Italian culture.

### At a glance, the divine Italy in the footsteps of Dante

To the use of the unaware, curious or experienced traveler about the life and work of the Poet, so it runs the Grand Tour which – as our Virgil – he himself has outlined in his exile.



**Florence and Lunigiana.** Outside Florence, beyond **Pisa** and **Lucca** (first shelters exile), here is Lunigiana. Border valley between Tuscany and Liguria – sprinkling of Roman and medieval remains – presents herself with beautiful views of a fertile and luminous nature

**Casentino.** From **Arezzo** to the forests of the Apennines between Tuscany and Romagna. Remote deeply spiritual places, where secular trees embrace and protect two of the oldest and most impressive monasteries in Italy, **La Verna** and **Camaldoli**.

**Verona and Mantua.** Jewels of architecture where – in the seven hundred years after Dante's death – absolute masterpieces to be admired were added.

**Ravenna, Romagna and the Po Delta.** By the Byzantine splendor of the city where lie his remains, to the changing

landscapes extending from the pine forests on the Adriatic coast to the lagoons of **Comacchio** with nearby, millenary **Pomposa Abbey**.

**The North of Marche. The Castle of Gradara**, theater and symbol of **Paolo and Francesca** love and tragedy, narrated in Canto V: one of the most well-known part of the Comedy translated in the world.

All this is an overview of the **Grand Tour Dante for the Centenary**: 15 days of authentic emotions, where the steps taken and written by the Poet, cross **old and new stories in a timeless journey**.

Insights in the following pages...

**GRAND TOUR DANTE**  
Discover the complete itinerary

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# Dante Grand Tour More closely in the Terre di Dante

From the Grand Tour complete itinerary, the frame tightens on some territories who gave asylum and hospitality to the poet, seven centuries after his death.



«Il bell'ovil  
ov'io dormii agnello...»



Grand Tour...

## Toscana and Lunigiana

A journey on Dante steps, can only start from **Florence**. Home land of the poet, from here was exiled for his aversion to the established power, and never returned. There are numerous historical and architectural traces that the city preserves of the era of Dante (including his birthplace); but nothing compared to the following centuries, that consecrate Florence as the Renaissance capital. Would be titanic to enumerate the churches, palaces, squares dotted around the old town: **fulcrum of the Terre di Dante itinerary in Tuscany and Lunigiana**.

It is in fact in Lunigiana that we enter, through **Pisa** and **Lucca**: other bright art and culture treasures, the first shelters of the Florentine exile.

Between Tuscany and Liguria, in the valley which takes its name from the ancient Roman city of Luni, where the nature and the signs that man has left are protagonists. Green landscapes, ancient villages, towers and castles. Among others – for the value that binds it to the poet – the **Malaspina Castle**: noble family who gave fraternal asylum to Dante, which he repaid with grateful verses addressed to the hospitable land.



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**TOSCANA and LUNIGIANA**  
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Map from: Raffaella Cavalieri, L'Italia con gli occhi di Dante. Guida del viaggiatore, Minerva Edizioni, p.4

Not to be missed  
**Gargonza**

To tastew  
**Garbugia**  
(spring vegetable  
pottage with bacon)

To buy  
**Buccellato**  
(bun with anise)



«O anima cortese mantovana di cui la fama ancor nel mondo dura...»



«Amor, ch'a nullo amato amar perdona...»



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## Mantua, Veneto and Bologna

## Between Marche and Romagna

Not to be missed **Sabbioneta** the ancient theater of the 16<sup>th</sup> century

To taste **Pumpkin tortelli with amaretto**

To buy **Amarone by Count Serego Alghieri** (noble red wine)

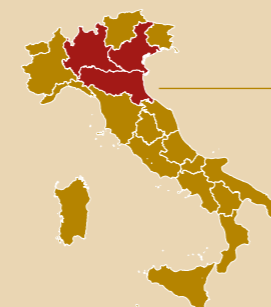
«O anima cortese mantovana di cui la fama ancor nel mondo dura...»

These prophetic verses of Dante dedicated to Virgil and his Mantua. The fame of both is still intact. **UNESCO World Heritage site**, Mantua shows the signs of an alive urban museum that time has enriched of immortal masterpieces. **Mantua shines in art and beauty** inside of fertile land and waterways views.

**Verona** is the city where the poet stayed longer as guest of Cangrande della Scala. In the ancient **Chapter Library** he wrote most of the Comedy. Known around the world for the Roman Arena and the tragic story of Romeo and Juliet, Verona every year is animated by the re-enactment of

the **Drape Green Palio**, a race already described by Dante in the last verses of Hell's XV canto.

**Bologna**, the noble city with the characteristic arcades, where Dante studied at the oldest University in Europe.



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Not to be missed **San Leo and the Malatesta Temple** in Rimini

To taste **Fossa cheese** (medieval tradition of Mondaino, Sogliano, Talamello)

To buy **Sangiovese Superior DOP wine, rust printed tablecloths**

On the border with Romagna, in the north of Marche, there is a strip of land whose gentle hills trace a landscapes between the horizon of the sea and the distant Apennines profile.

On one of these hills, the imposing **Gradara Castle**: it dominates the intact village, surrounded by walls. Inside the rooms of this ancient castle was consummated the tragic love story between **Paolo and Francesca** narrated by Dante in Hell's fifth canto: the most known and translated of the Divine Comedy.

A few kilometers away, on the high cliff between **Gabicce** and **Pesaro**, in the **San Bartolo Natural Park**, we meet another location remembered by the poet:

**Fiorenzuola di Focara**, a small medieval village overlooking the Adriatic sea with a great scenic effect. The legend says that Dante was a guest of the baker of the village.



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# Bring your passion in the Terre di Dante



«O Bertinoro, ché non fuggi via...»



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## Romagna and the Delta Po

Not to be missed **Bertinoro and the Artusi Accademy at Forlimpopoli**

To taste **Passatelli** (thin soup made with a batter of parmesan cheese, egg and nutmeg)

To buy **Brisighello DOP olive oil**

From **Ravenna**, where Dante lived the last years of life and where is buried, there is a vast territory limited by the Delta Po in the north, Rimini and its province to the south, the **Casentino Forests and Campigna National Park** to the west: all places where the Poet went through and remembered in the Comedy. All itineraries that Terre di Dante retraces step by step.

Ravenna, with **Teodorico and Galla Placidia** glories, **basilicas and mosaics** today UNESCO World Heritage site, worthy of a city that was the capital of the Western Roman Empire; with the **tomb of the poet** kept in the Silence Zone, pine forests on the Adriatic coast, corners of peace and spiritual refreshment. Cannot miss a trip on **Dante train**

from **Faenza**, pottery town, to **Florence** touching **Marradi** and the extraordinary landscapes of **Mugello**.

**On the Delta Po**, the lagoon city of **Comacchio** and the ancient **Abbey of Pomposa**. Every plain, hill and mountain of Romagna reveals a past that today is mixed with balance to make the travels comfortable.



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### Theme ideas for 'tailored' staying

#### Trekking & Bike

The Terre di Dante geography is ideal for hiking and biking trails in the beautiful places visited by the poet. We can organize **trails on foot or by bike** with different difficulty and duration, in places of rare beauty from Mugello to Tuscany from Romagna to Marche hills, to landscapes lagoon of the Po Delta.

#### LAB 700 – ahead of the seven hundredth of the poet's death, in 2021, we encounter art and Italian literature in the Terre di Dante

**Mosaic, pottery, cooking classes** organized by us on request, with a minimum number of participants. A way to meet and learn some of the main art techniques of Italian tradition. Places to be defined according to selected periods.

Let us know your interests, we will do everything to satisfy them.

#### Spirit's paths in the Apennines places of worship

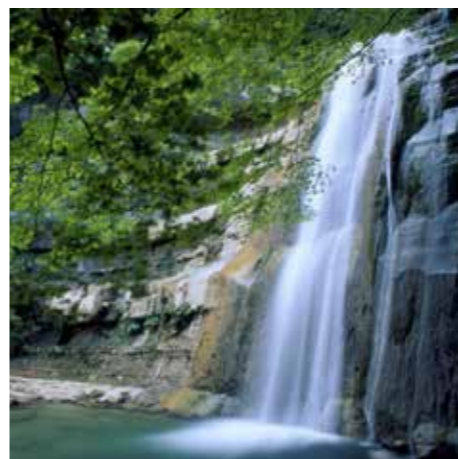
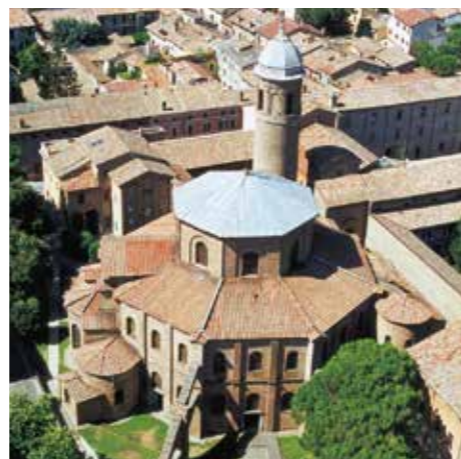
The Apennine ridge between Tuscany and Romagna is rich in places where you can devote to meditation. **Hermitages, Abbeys, Monasteries** visited and narrated by Dante as **Camaldoli** and **La Verna**, which preserve intact a profound, long history of vocation and spirituality.

#### Wellness

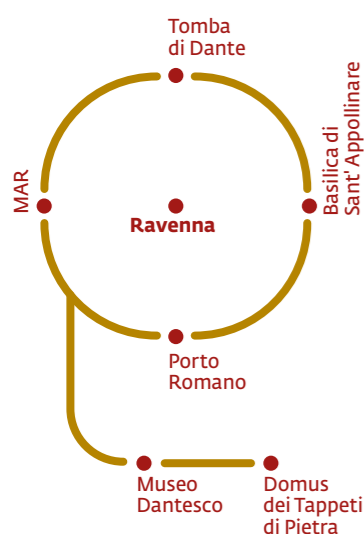
**Spas, wellness centers, sports facilities.** From Tuscany to Romagna, every corner of Terre di Dante offers the opportunity to take care of themselves. We can orient your itinerary on the Dante steps, to regenerate, in a single route, spirit and body by the sea or the hills.

# Our itineraries

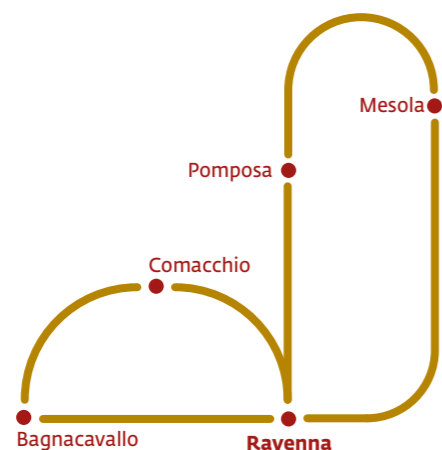
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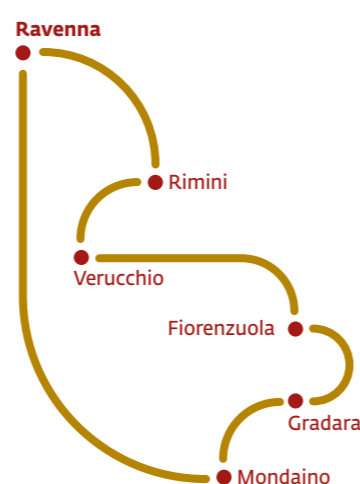
**① From Bisanzio to Dante**  
Ravenna, the city where Dante rests.  
**4 days, 3 nights**



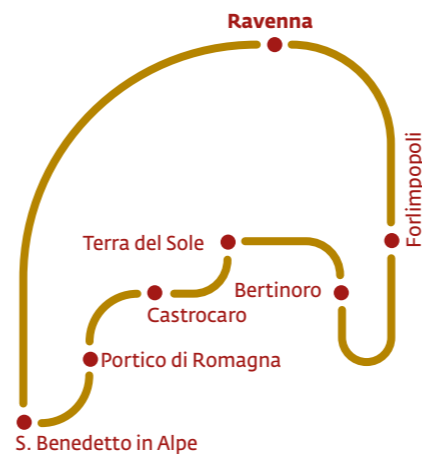
**② Poet's last trip**  
Between art and nature, discovering the sites visited by Dante in his later years life that inspired the third Canto.  
**4 days, 3 nights**



**③ From Ravenna to Gradara**  
Ravenna: Aryan and Byzantine and Rimini of the Malatesta Family.  
**5 days, 4 nights**



**④ Dante in Romagna Tuscany**  
To discover the luxuriant nature of the Casentino National Forest Park and the lands around Forlì.  
**4 days, 3 nights**



**⑤ Mugello, land of the Medici**  
A special train from Florence through the beautiful landscapes between Tuscany and Romagna.  
**4 days, 3 nights**



**⑥ Dante and Tuscany**  
Between art, nature and spirituality corners, an immersion in the beauty of Tuscany.  
**6 days, 5 nights**



**⑦ Dante Tour**  
On the steps of the poet, to know the main places of his Divine Italy.  
**8 days, 7 nights**



**⑧ The cities of Dante**  
To know more about the cities where the Poet found hospitality during his exile.  
**6 days, 5 nights**



**⑨ From Pisa to Liguria**  
Pisa, the city of Count Ugolino and the Lunigiana land, between the Luni mountains and the Carrara white marbles, where Dante was a guest of the Marquis Malaspina.  
**6 days, 5 nights**



**⑩ Grand Tour of the Centenary**  
A complete itinerary, between life and Comedy, which follows the most striking stages of the exile of Dante.  
**15 days, 14 nights / 8 days, 7 nights**



# Hospitality

## Charme and Country

### Hotels

Club Hotel Dante, Cervia  
www.clubhoteldante.it

Hotel Mosaico, Ravenna  
www.hotelmosaico.it

Grand Hotel Mattei, Ravenna  
www.grandhotelmattei.com

Hotel Oceanomare, Punta Marina Terme  
www.hoteloceanomare.com

Palazzo Galletti Abbiosi, Ravenna  
www.palazzogallettiabbiosi.it

Hotel Bisanzio, Ravenna  
www.bisanziohotel.com

Hotel Byron, Ravenna  
www.hotelsravenna.it

Albergo Pini, Corniolo di Santa Sofia (FC)  
www.hotelpini.com

Hotel Rosa del Deserto, Castrocaro Terme (FC)  
www.hotelrosadeldeserto.it

### Touristic villages

Parco Vacanze Rivaverde, Marina di Ravenna  
www.gestionecampeggi.it/parco-vacanze-rivaverde

Il Villaggio del Sole, Marina Romea  
www.campingvillaggiodelsole.it

Villaggio dei Pini, Punta Marina  
www.gestionecampeggi.it/villaggio-dei-pini

Villaggio Pineta, Milano Marittima  
www.gestionecampeggi.it/villaggio-pineta

### Restaurants

Cà de ven, Ravenna  
www.cadeven.it

Mariani Lifestyle, Ravenna  
www.mariani-ravenna.it

La rucola, Ravenna  
www.larucolatrattoria.it

Il casolare, Marradi (Fi)  
www.ristoranteilcasolaremarradi.it

### Transportations

Liverani... Go Happy  
Trasporto passeggeri e noleggio auto  
Brisighella (Ra)  
www.liveranigo.it

### Hostals

Il Sentiero, albergo della gioventù  
Santa Sofia (FC)  
www.ostellosantasofia.it

### Country Resort

Corte san Ruffillo, Dovadola (FC)  
www.cortesandruffillo.it

### Farmhouses

Gli Ulivi, Predappio (FC)  
www.agriturismogliulivi.it

Il Poderone, Campigna  
www.poderone.it

### Cellars

Azienda agricola  
di Longanesi Daniele (Burson)  
Bagnacavallo (Ra)  
www.longanesiburson.com

Fattoria Cà Rossa  
di Massimo Masotti  
Bertinoro (FC)  
www.fattoriacarossa.it



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