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Telephone country code: +39

Time zone: Central European

Time (CET) – UTC+1 (the same as most of Western Europe)

Emergency numbers:

Sanitary emergency: 118

Fire emergency: 115

Police: 112

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

Money

Italy is part of the European Union, and the current currency is the Euro.

Language

Generally the level of english speaking in Italy is low, but you shouldn't have any problem in hotel, train station, airport and wherever you ask for information to young

people.

Here are some basic phrases you can use:
English/Italian

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

How much does that cost?/(sg./pl.). Quanto costa/costano?

I'm sorry/Mi dispiace

Can I get on the Internet?/Posso collegarmi con 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 la toilette?

"Located in the center/north of Italy, Bologna is the capital of the Emilia-Romagna region, but it is best known as the food capital in Italy."

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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

Weather

At the beginning of May weather in Bologna usually good and temperature may vary between 15° and 25°. It might be a bit rainy, but the city is famous for having more than 50 km of covered sidewalks, so walking around without a raincoat is usual for local citizens.

Electricity

In Italy all plugs provide 220V 50Hz AC power, which should be good for most

European equipment, but probably also for other countries, as most devices today have power adaptors that can be used with a wide range of voltage power.

In most places you'll find two different type of sockets:

Type F: standard euro socket, also known as Schuko, will fit also type C (phone chargers) and type E (French) plugs. Even if in use, it is not very common and it is not guaranteed that you'll have one of this in the room.

Type L: also called Italian socket, it is the most common you'll find in hotels room. It will also fit Type C plugs (most common for phone chargers), but if you have a Type F plug (most common in laptops), you will need an adaptor.

There is also a 16A version of this, that have the prongs thicker and more spaced and is practically useless as there are currently no devices that use that plug. It is not very common any more, but don't be surprised if you find one and your phone charger doesn't fit.

Arriving in Bologna



Arriving in Bologna- by plane, by car, by train



Bologna is a central city in Italian transportation system. Most highways and railways that connects north with south Italy cross here. The airport is very well connected by a lot of airlines with most big airport in Europe and it has also a lot of cheap flights run by low cost companies.

By Plane

Bologna Guglielmo Marconi Airport (BLQ) is located 6km north-west from the city center. All flights operates from the same terminal.

You can get from the airport to the city center using the shuttle bus service Aerobus (<http://aerobus.bo.it/en>). It runs from 5:30am to 12:15am and it will take approximately 15 minutes to get to the city center, depending on the time of day and on traffic conditions. A one way ticket costs 6€ and can be bought online or directly on the bus. There are two different stops you can get of on route to the city center (Pontelungo and Ospedale Maggiore, but you probably won't

need those), and two stops in the city center: Mille, near to the actual city center, and Stazione Centrale, at the central train station.

If you are not comfortable with the bus, it is possible to take a taxi to your final destination. A one way trip to the city center will be around 18-20€, depending on traffic condition. You can find both taxis and aerobus outside the terminal on the ground floor.

By Car

Bologna is very well connected with Italian highway system. There are four highways crossing in Bologna:

A1 from Milan. You'll arrive from this direction also coming from Austria through A22

A13 from Padova

A1 from Naples/Rome/Florence

A14 from Bari/Ancona/Rimini

There are also various exits in Bologna, depending on where you go. All of the exits will take you to a freeway that cross the city from east to west

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("Tangenziale"), except for one that goes directly to the venue (Bologna Fiera). See "Getting there" in the "Venue and Accommodation" section for directions to the venue.

By Train

Bologna railway station is one of the most important in Italy. From here you can get a direct train to most cities in Italy. There are high speed connections to Milan (50 minutes), Florence (30 minutes), Rome (2 hours), Naples (3 hours and 30 minutes) and Venice (1 hour and 25 minutes). If you are flying to another city airport you can easily get to Bologna by train. Tickets can be bought directly at all train stations and online on the Italian railways web site

<http://www.trenitalia.com/tcom-en>

where you can also check all train schedules. All high speed train have to be booked, but this can be done even a few minutes before train departure. Local trains usually do not allow seat reservation, but you need to find an

empty seat when you get on the train, or stand in the aisle if the train is full. All tickets for a specific train (with or without a reserved seat, but with a train number, date and hour) are usually valid for that train only. Generic ticket (issued at the train stations for a specific route, but without a set date and hour), need to be validated on before getting on the train, using machines available on the platforms. If you are travelling to/from Turin, Milan, Florence, Venice, Rome or Naples there is also an alternative company running high speed trains: Italo (http://www.italotreno.it/?sc_lang=en).

It is always best to check also their website for schedule and prices, as sometimes the might be cheaper than the previous ones.

Be aware that for high speed trains buying the ticket in advance will get you better fares than buying it last minute.

Getting around the city



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Public Transportation

To move around Bologna you can use the public Bus system, that covers most part of the city and it is usually efficient, even if in peak traffic hours the trip might be delayed.

The bus company website has a Google Transit based service that can be used. It is only available in Italian, but shouldn't be difficult to understand: <http://www.tper.it/transit>

To use the bus there are mainly two options:

hourly ticket: this tickets can be used to travel on different buses for 75 minutes. They can be bought in all newsstand and tobacco shops and costs 1,30 € and must be validated after getting on the bus. They can also be bought directly on the bus, but it will cost 1,50 € and can be bought only with coins from a ticket machine that will not provide change. In shops you can also find a 10 tickets carnet for 12 €, that can be shared by different people, just ask for a "City pass"; it looks like a single ticket, but can be valida-

ted 10 times.

daily ticket: this is valid for 24 hours from the moment you stamp it on the first bus you get on and can be bought in the same shops for 5 €.

Taxi

Taxis are not frequently used by local resident and it is very difficult to find a taxi wandering around the city to be stopped. You'll need to go to a taxi stand located in specific places (airport, train station, city center, there is also one in front of the venue) or you can call one by phone. There are different companies running taxi service in Bologna, but all of them are white cars with a taxi sign on the roof.

To call a taxi use one of this numbers:

COTABO

(<http://www.cotabo.it/>)

: +39 051 372727

Radio Taxi Cat (<http://taxibologna.it/?lang=en>): +39 051 4590

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Uber

Unfortunately Uber is not operative in Bologna.

Car

If you plan to move around the city by car here are some useful information. Most of the city historical center is accessible only by residents. You'll find specific signs to tell you where you can't go, and there are cameras that will register cars entering limited traffic zones.

If you have an hotel in the limited traffic zone they might provide you with a temporary pass to enter the city center to reach the hotel.

There are also lanes and streets reserved for buses. All bus lanes are delimited by yellow lines on the street and are frequently controlled by cameras for infractions.

Parking is available all around the

city. In most streets near the city center there is metered parking. Whenever you see blue lines you'll need to find a parking meter to pay for the stay.

Fare is different depending on city areas. Parking is usually free on sundays and holydays and payment is due only in specific hours of the day (usually not during the night).

The meter will give you a receipt you have to put in the car visible from the front.

Yellow and white lines means that the parking area is reserved (white for residents and yellow for specific cars), so no parking if those places.

If there are no lines and no forbidden parking signs, parking is free.

Around the venue you can park on the streets on the blue parking lots, or in specific parkings shown on the venue map.

"Bologna's sages say not to tempt fate and eat more tortellini"

Venue & Accommodation



Venue & Accommodation - Location and surroundings



The GP is going to be run in the Bologna Fiera Exhibition Centre (<http://www.bolognafiere.it/en/home>). It is a big fair district in Bologna and there will be other shows running during the same days.

The GP is going to take place in pavilion 33 using the entrance "Sud Moro", marked in the map as number 2. It is usually not possible to enter from the other gates and move inside the exhibition centre.

Getting there

Some information can also be found here: <http://www.bolognafiere.it/en/pfiera/comearrivare>

By Bus

The bus stop that serves the GP will be "Fiera A. Moro" and it is served by bus 38/39 (same line going in opposite directions) and 28. There is also line 35 that stop there, but it is a school bus and doesn't run on Sunday and Saturday afternoon. From the train station use bus number 38 or 35.

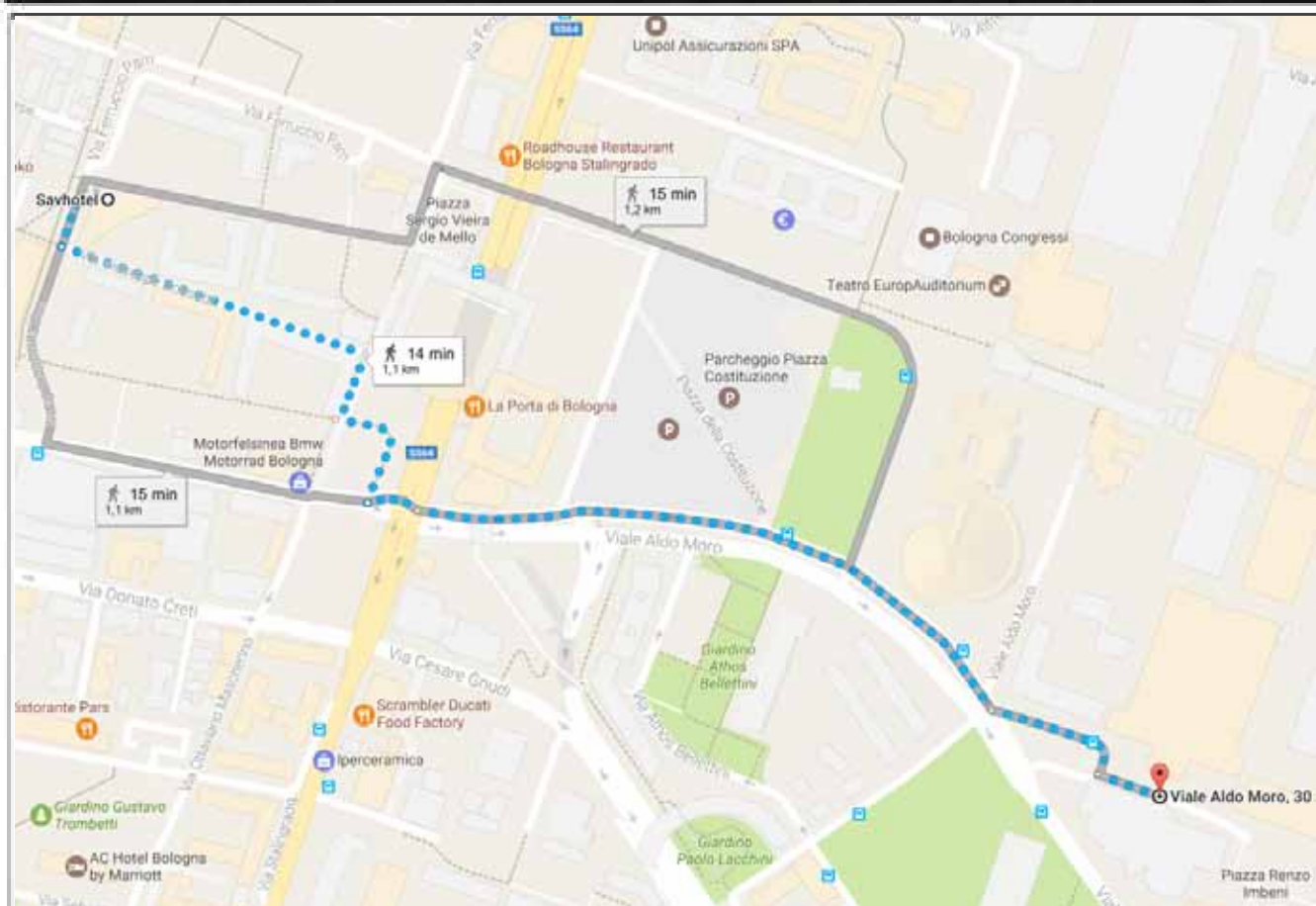
To go back to the train station use bus number 39 or 35

To and from the city center use bus number 28 (check with the driver the direction it is going!)

Schedule:

Both bus 38 and 39 runs every day from

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5:30 to 20:30, more or less every 20 minutes on monday-friday and 30 minutes on saturday and sunday.

Bus 35 runs from 6:30 to 20:00 from monday to friday and from 6:30 to 14:00 on saturday, no service on sunday

Bus 28 runs every day from 6:00 to 20:40, more or less every 10 minutes from monday to friday and every 15 minutes on saturday and sunday.

Hotels

The staff hotel is Savhotel, located near the venue

(<http://www.savhotel.com/en>).

The following map shows the location of

the hotel and the path to the venue:

Other hotels within walking distance of the venue:

Hotel Bologna Fiera -

http://www.unawayhotels.it/en/unaway_bologna_fiera/bologna_fair_hotel.htm

Novotel Bologna Fiera

<http://www.novotel.com/en/hotel-5172-novotel-bologna-fiera/index.shtml>

Hotel Michelino

<http://www.hotelmichelino.it/en/>

Tourist information



Tourist information- Places to visit



Due Torri

Bologna is the “city of the towers”, between the XII and the XIII century the number of the towers in the city was more than one hundred, today only 24. The two most famous are “Le Due Torri”, the symbol of the city.

You can go inside the tower and after a long climb you could have the opportunity to see a fantastic view of the entire city.

San Petronio e Piazza Maggiore

Piazza Maggiore is the central square of Bologna, a very cool place in particular if you visit it after the sunset. 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.

Quadrilatero e Santa Maria della Vita
The “quadrilatero” is considered the food quarter inside the city center. It is a small quarter between the Two Towers and Piazza Maggiore, made of small streets. Wandering around you’ll find old food shops, but also small restaurants where you can taste all kind 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, houses the terracotta sculptures *Compianto sul Cristo Morto* by Niccolò dell’Arca.

San Luca e il Portico

Above an hill near the city center there is The Sanctuary of the Madonna of San Luca. If you are brave and the strain doesn’t scare you try the walk along the Portico of San Luca, that is the longest arcades in the world. The arcade is 3.5 km long and has 666 arches. It connects the gate of Porta Saragozza with the

“ You can also visit the tourist information website for more information

<http://www.bolognawelcome.com> “

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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 if you reach the top of the hill.

Just in case you haven't lived on planet Earth these years, Italy is well known for being the country with the most ancient and delicious cooking tradition. Lucky you, Bologna is furthermore the "Italy's Greatest Gastronomic Treasure", so you don't really wanna miss any of the great dishes this city can offer you. We'll try to list the main local dishes you really don't want to miss, but there is a lot more to try. Have fun finding little treasures across the city. Unfortunately there are no good typical restaurants near the venue, but you just have to reach the city center to find a lot of good places.

Tagliatelle al ragù

If hearing of Spaghetti Bolognese rings a bell for you, I'm sorry to tell you that this recipe does not exist, at least in Italy! That dish is based on the original

recipe of Tagliatelle al ragù Bolognese. It is made of flat egg noodles, usually handmade by the cooker, or originally by the 'sdaura', the old cooking lady of the family, dressed with a meat tomato sauce. The sauce is cooked very slowly and enriched with spices. Don't miss the original plate!

Tortellini

Tortellini are one of the dishes Bologna is most famous in the world, but if you haven't eaten them in Bologna, you'll never know how good they can be. Tortellini are handmade flat egg confetti with meat within (yeah, we like handmade pasta!). You can taste them in two different flavours: the more traditional in broth, or with cream.

Pizza

Well, that's easy. Pizza is famous worldwide, probably the most famous dish Italy has to offer. So, while you are here, you really want to try the original Italian pizza. Beware, we do not prepare Hawaiian pizza, probably the waiter will

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laugh at you if you ask for some pineapple on your irresistible, crispy, round dough. Do you wanna get the best of the experience? Ask for a Margherita: tomato, mozzarella di bufala and some basil: wonderful!

Cotoletta alla bolognese

What is better than a good veal steak? A breaded and deep-fried veal steak. Want some more? Then pan fry it. Still not enough? Cover it with melting cheese and ham. For the brave ones, someone also adds mushrooms. Difficult to imagine? Also to finish it!

Tigelle and Crescentine with mortadella, salami and vegetables

When you order a full plate of tigelle and crescentine, maybe you won't be overwhelmed with enthusiasm: it's just bread and salami you say. It is far the opposite. This plate encloses all the tradition and excellence of Emilia Romagna region.

Emilia Romagna produces a lot different cured pork meat, the most famous is probably mortadella and bread stuffed by it is one of the best street food you can find here. Along with different kind of cured pork meats are also served pickles, different type of cheese, like squacquerone and pesto modenese, made with lard and spices. All these treasures are served with "crescentine" (fried bread) and "tigelle" (round flat bread).

Lasagne

Last but not least the king of first courses typical from Bologna: Lasagne. Made with green pasta layers (remember we like handmade pasta?) alternated with long cooked meat tomato sauce, parmesan cheese and besciamella, this is the original recipe you'll find only here in Bologna. It would be a shame to miss it!

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Suggested restaurants

Lambrusco

www.lambruscobologna.it

is probably the best traditional restaurant within walking distance from the venue. Here you can find good pasta and crescentine e tigelle with mixed cured meat and cheese. Also, you'll find very good wine.

Scrambler Ducati

www.scramblerducatifoodfactory.it

The worldwide famous motor brand opens in Bologna a restaurant that melts the motor tradition and the cooking tradition of Emilia Romagna. In this creative, wild ambient, you can eat all the dishes of the Emilian tradition (including piadine) or choose a pizza.

Pizzeria Tenerife

www.ristorantetenerife.it

If you are up for a pizza, this is probably the best and nearly close to the venue pizzeria you can find. Good in-

gredients and nice staff. If the weather is good you can also eat in the outside gazebo.

Pane, vino e San Daniele

www.panevinoesandaniele.com

Placed in the city centre, this cozy places offers the best of the traditional salami of Emilia Romagna and Friuli, together with the best wine the territory has to offer. It also has a small veranda for the summer.

Antica Trattoria della Gigina

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 tagliatella in the whole city.

Osteria Satyricon

www.osteriasatyricon.com

if you are searching for something particular Osteria Satyricon is the right place.

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Tourist information- Escape room



Time Alive

Theillusionist



million dollars



<http://www.time-alive.it/home-bologna/en>

Fuga impossibile

“ENIGMA FOLLIA”

<http://www.fugaimpossibile.it/>

Secret Zone

grandpa's last will



Museum wrehouse (! IN LONDON
THER'S THE SAME ROOM WITH THE
NAME “GRANPA”!)



<http://www.secretzone.it/en>



Adventure rooms

FUGA DAL MANICOMIO



ODISSEA NELLO SPAZIO



BLOOD DIAMOND



<http://adventurerooms.it/bologna/en>

Escape saga

The intrigue of Silk



Escape from the Allied Command



<http://www.escapesaga.com/en>

INTRAPPOLA.TO



<http://intrappola.to/it/en>

BRAIN-ESCAPE

ASSEGNO IN BIANCO (E NERO)



IL SEGRETO DEL TURTLEN



<http://www.brain-escape.com/it>

“ I gave a vote for each room that I did hoping to help you ”

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Tourist information- Nightlife in Bologna



The vibrant student community of Bologna fuels a lively nightlife scene that can be every bit as radical as the city's politics. There are plenty of nightclubs, discos and live music venues, with a smattering that remain open until 04:00. Good areas for nightlife are the student quarter (via Zamboni hosts various low budget restaurants and pubs), the streets around the main square and Via del Pratello, which has long been a meeting place for night owls.

Bologna Web Night

(www.bolognawebnights.it) offer English listings of nightlife, restaurants, sports and other events, as do listings magazine 2night (www.2night.it) and Bologna Spettacolo, available from newsstands. The periodical A Guest of Bologna is free in most hotels and tourist offices and shares the city's highlights.

Suggested Pub, Wine Bar & Disco

BrewDog Bar

(<https://www.brewdog.com/bars/worldwide/bologna>)

Come here if you love beer and a young setting. This location is the official reseller

of a UK Beer Company, and you can expect high quality and a lot of different kind of tap and bottled beers.

Food here is easy like hamburger or dishes of Mortadella, Salami and local kind of cheese.

Need to reserve during the weekend for group greater than 5.

Vineria Accà

(<http://www.accavineria.com/about/>)

A lot of good wine, a lot of Salami and cheese from every region, a veteran and professional staff.

What can you want more than this for a single place?

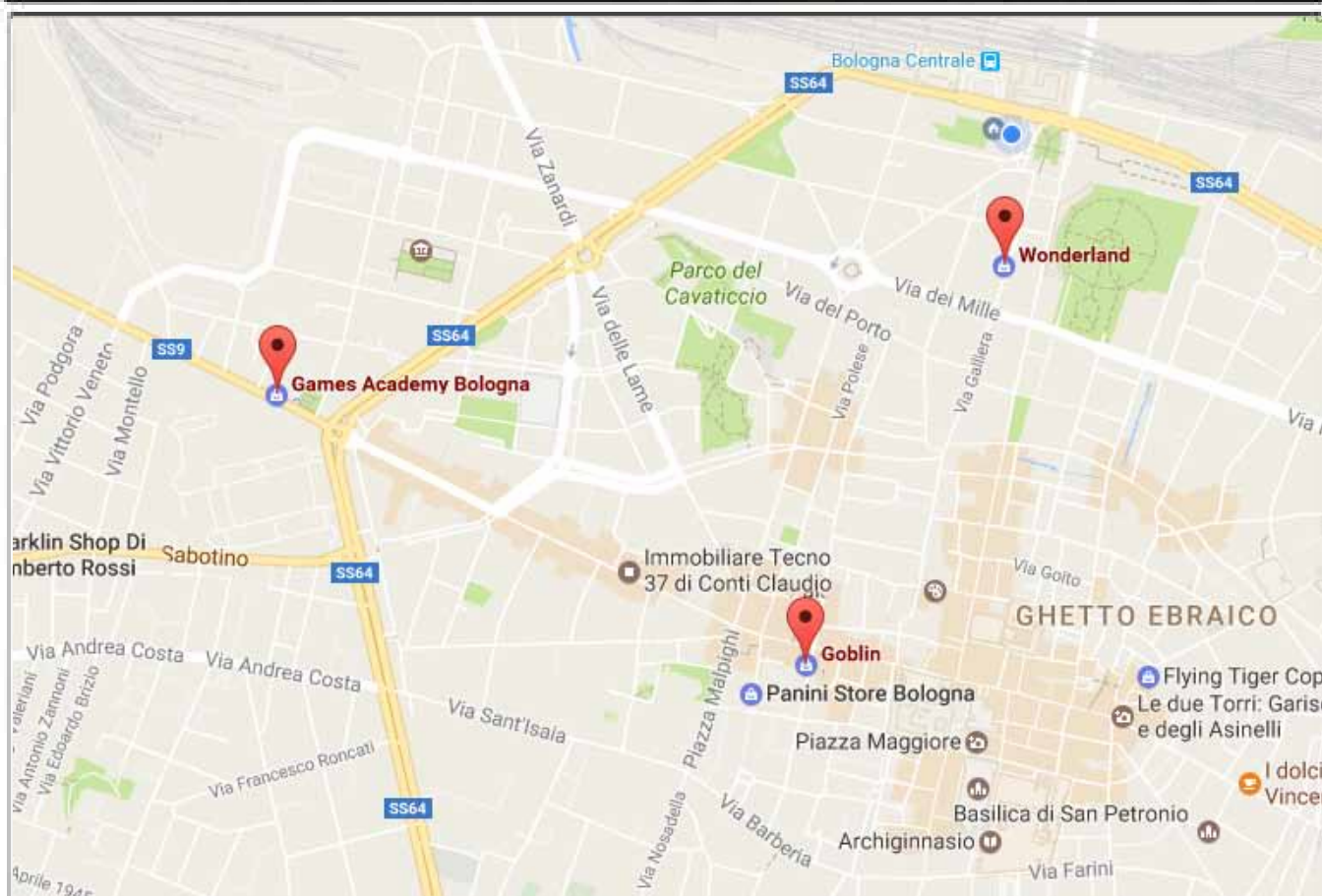
Vegan option.

Birreria Baladin

(<http://www.baladin.it/it/i-locali/baladin-bologna>)

In the true center of the town in the modern location of the "mercato di mezzo" an excellent alehouse of a local brewery. The location also offers a lot more restaurants and food shops that shares tables, where people in the same group can get different kind of food and eat together.

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Tourist information- Local game stores



Wonderland

- Via Galliera, 64C - <http://www.wonderlandgames.it/>

Goblin

- Via Cesare Battisti, 3A - <http://www.goblinclub.it/>

Games Academy

- Via Aurelio Saffi, 15A - <http://www.gamesacademy.it/bologna-2/>

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

SANITARY EMERGENCY	118
FIRE EMERGENCY	115
POLICE	112



Local Judges



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