

# cycle paths

Metropolitan City of Bologna

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## Tourist information points Bologna Welcome

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### G. Marconi Airport Arrivals

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### eXtraBO Outdoor Infopoint

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extrabo.com

## Transportation

### Taxi

C.A.T.: +39 051 4590 | taxibologna.it  
C.O.T.A.BO: +39 051 372727 | cotabo.it

### Buses and trains

TPER: tper.it  
Trenitalia: trenitalia.it  
Italo: italoireno.it

### Marconi Express (Airport – Station)

marconiexpress.it

## Useful numbers and websites

**Police Dept.** 112 **Emergency Dept.** 118

**Fire Dept.** 115

**State Forestry Corps** 1515

**GEV – Guardie Ecologiche  
Volontarie in Bologna**  
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cicloviadelsole.it

## Discover Bologna's countryside



extrabo.com

## Sun Route (Ciclovia del Sole)

📍 124 km



Rocca Estense Castle, Quadricromie, Tanks of the former sugar factory, Museo Automobili Lamborghini (Lamborghini Car Museum), La Bora, Piazzetta Betlemme, Museo Giocars (Giocars Museum), Gelato Museum Carpigiani, Bologna, Contrafforte Pliocenico (Pliocenico Spur), Montesole Historical Park, Rocchetta Mattei fortress, Ontani's works, Palazzo Comelli, Museo della Demm (DEMM Museum), Lakes Suviaiana and Brasimone Park.



Mirandola-Osteria Nuova Stretch running on right of way; Osteria Nuova-Bologna: cycle path ready now; Bologna-Tuscan-Emilian Apennines: under construction.

A varied and fun cycle path with changing scenery and landscapes to capture the entire soul of Bologna. Arriving from two great cities of art, Verona and Mantua, you will find yourself immersed in the Bologna plain with an easy, undemanding path spanning 50 km.



You will cycle amidst endless fields dotted with small railway stations, before reaching the heart of the city: Bologna. From here, after a stop to absorb the culture, enjoy good food and music, you will continue through the gentle hills towards Florence, working up a slight sweat as you cycle in the heart of the Tuscan-Emilian Apennines.

## Santerno Cycle Path

📍 43.6 km



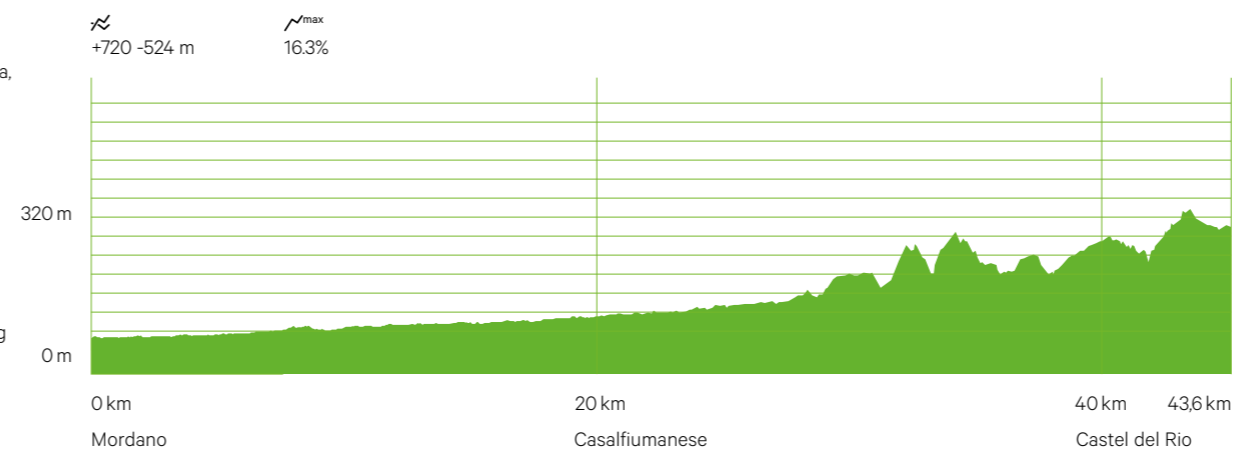
Torri gemelle (Twin towers), San Prospero Vescovo Church, Imola, Manusardi Park, Palazzo Baronale, Park of Vena del Gesso Romagnola (Chalk Vein of Romagna), Museo Giuseppe Mengoni (Giuseppe Mengoni Museum), Alidosi Bridge and Palazzo.



Cycle path running on right of way, with short sections on road. Take great care on the section along the road and at river crossings.

Forty-four kilometres of pure scenic splendour to discover the lush valleys of the River Santerno. You will set off among the rows of vines and peach trees of Mordano, reaching the woods and centuries-old chestnut groves of Castel del Rio.

A varied route through the hills of the Park of Vena del Gesso Romagnola, cut through by a silver ridge that boldly and abruptly interrupts the gentle rolling hills, offering unique landscapes.



## Navile Cycle Path

📍 35.7 km



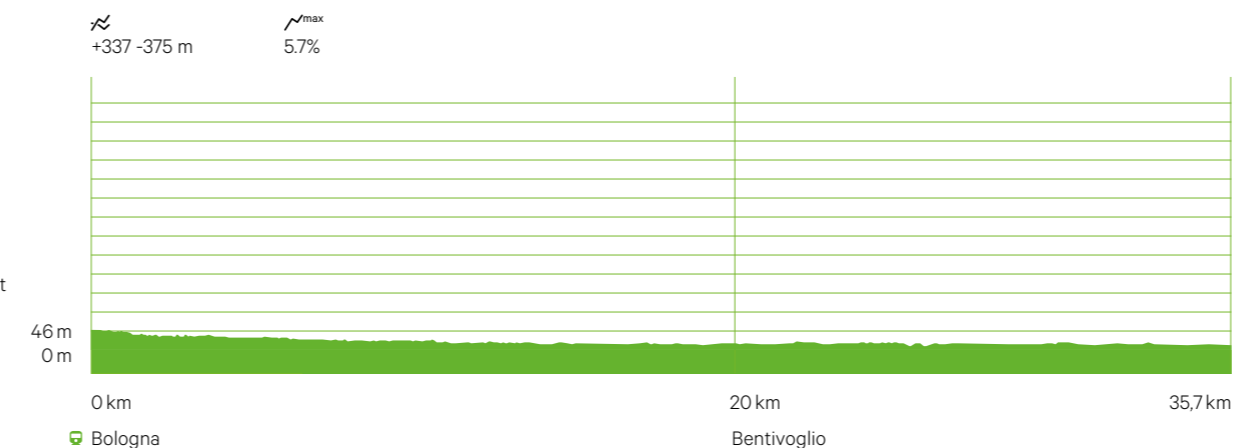
Museo del Patrimonio Industriale (Industrial Heritage Museum), locks, Museo della Civiltà Contadina (Peasant and Farming Culture Museum), Bentivoglio, La Rizza nature reserve, Casone del Partigiano.



Cycle path. Short stretches on road, where great care should be taken; in particular, dangerous crossing on the SP20. Some sections on dirt roads.

You will cycle along the ancient waterway that connected the city, Bologna, to its countryside. This simple route through the heart of Bologna's industrious lands alternates between pleasant dirt tracks along the banks and short

connections on secondary roads. You will pass majestic hydraulic structures (locks), before losing yourself in the typical nature of the Bologna plain: endless fields studded with little churches, age-old villas and nature reserves.



Surrounded by gentle unspoiled hills, countryside crossed by waterways and culture, Bologna is a hidden gem in the heart of Italy.

From the plain and the hills to its Apennines, Bologna is a unique place that is well worth a visit, enjoying the experience from your very own bike. Stop and observe the nature all around you. Then off you go again, continuing on your way to new colours, flavours and horizons.

Climb into the saddle. It's time to go!



## How to find us

- ✚ Bologna G. Marconi Airport
- 🚉 Bologna Central Station
- 🚌 Bologna bus station
- 🛣️ Motorways (A1–A13–A14)

## Are the cycle paths suitable for everyone?

The cycle paths shown on this map are suitable for all types of cyclists, for groups and families. Each leg has a different difficulty level with a cycling time ranging from one day to half a day that of course varies depending on your level of training and/or whether or not you're cycling with your family. If you decide to take the Apennine section of the Sun Route (Ciclovia del Sole), please remember to pay attention both to the difficulties due to changes in gradient and to the cars with which you will be sharing the carriageway. For further information, please contact eXtraBO, Bologna's outdoor infopoint.

## What is the best time of year for bike rides?

The cycle paths can be used all year round, in their entirety or in part. The best period in the northern area, that is where the Plain is, is from April to October. The chance of fog and rain may increase from November to March, and the likelihood of snow may increase in the winter. In the southern area, where the Apennines are, we recommend the period from May to September/early October. Any time after this, you could encounter the typical variable weather conditions of the Apennine zones.

## Can I rent a bike?

Yes. For standard bike, mountain bike and e-bike rental, please contact eXtraBO, who will help you find the service that best meets your needs.

## Can I take my bike with me on the train?

Yes. There are railway stations, with regional trains, along the various routes. Bikes may be transported on these trains. Bikes can be transported on regional trains – including those not marked with the specific symbol – free of charge, provided that their dimensions do not exceed 120x80x45 cm, and that they do not put other passengers in danger or inconvenience them. You can take a fully assembled bike, on the other hand, on trains marked with the specific symbol, as long as there are places free, by purchasing the bicycle surcharge, valid until 11.59 pm on the date shown on the ticket, or, alternatively, another one-way second class ticket. For more information, go to trenitalia.com or please contact eXtraBO if you need any assistance.

## Is there any specialised accommodation?

The local area is getting itself ready to offer dedicated facilities to cycle tourists wanting to travel on their own bikes. For information and reservations, please contact eXtraBO.

## Are there any dedicated services, such as guided tours and luggage transfer?

Yes, tours/rides accompanied by certified cycling tourism guides can be created and other services, such as luggage transfer, may be added. Please contact eXtraBO for assistance.

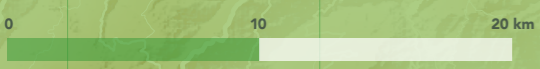




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← Piacenza  
Milan

**Cycle paths**

- Sun Route (Ciclovía del Sole)
- Navile Cycle Path
- Santerno Cycle Path
- Cycle path running on right of way
- On mixed, low-traffic roads /carriageways
- On right of way, with short sections on road
- Under construction, route on ordinary roads
- 20 km leg
- Points of interest
- Drinking fountains within 500 m from the route (openstreetmap.org)
- Railway station (bikes in carriage)
- Parks and nature reserves
- Altitude (m)
- Dangerous junction



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