



TEATRO COMUNALE
DI MODENA
fondazione

Italy *on the wings* of Bel Canto

A journey through
the world of opera,
exploring song and history



Modena and opera, a centuries-old tradition.



Modena's timeless bond with the magical world of opera offers visitors to the city a wonderful way to enrich their experience. After taking in the city's *main square* (whose *Romanesque cathedral* and *Ghirlandina tower* have earned it inclusion in UNESCO's list of World Heritage sites), travellers should move on to the *Palazzo Ducale*, which now houses the Military Academy, pausing in a trattoria or restaurant to savour Modena's famous specialities. Their next stop has to be the *Municipal Theatre*, a jewel of a building dating back to the eighteenth century which represents the realm of Bel Canto. Resounding with the arias performed by some of Modena's greatest – whether by birth or by adoption – the Municipal Theatre has seen the likes of **Luciano Pavarotti** (after whom the theatre has been named), **Mirella Freni**, **Nicolaj Ghiurov**, and **Raina Kabiavanska**.



Guided listening in a theatre steeped in history



The ambience of **Giacomo Puccini**'s works conjures up the colours and smells of Torre del Lago, where the composer created the majority of his most famous operas. Similarly, the ardour of **Giuseppe Verdi**'s operas conveys all the sentiment and passion of the Padania region in the period when the maestro was composing. And still today, the works of **Mascagni**, **Donizetti**, **Bellini**, and a host of others live on as ambassadors of Italy's heritage all over the globe, not to mention the countless remarkable singers from Italy who brought melodrama to the rest of the world.

This event, organised by the Modena Municipal Theatre Foundation, will enable participants to spend a day at the Teatro Pavarotti, discovering its historical interior and enjoying a fascinating guided tour through various famous romanzas. A pianist/composer and a promising young soprano will accompany participants through a guided listening session on the melody and lyrics of a series of popular arias, which they will then be able to execute themselves, engaging in the vocal gymnastics a singer practices daily.

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