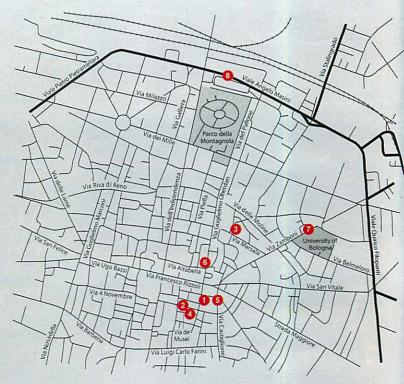


1. A. F. Tamburini

For decades this classic deli and wine bar has been packed with a well-heeled lunch crowd grazing on Bolognese specialties. The menu's stars are the salumi and formaggio platters piled with mortadella, speck and Parmesan. Via Caprarie 1; 011-39-051-234-726; tamburini.com; platters about \$13 to \$19.

2. Nu Lounge

There's always a crowd waiting at this aperitivo bar and trattoria. Candles and vintage lamps light the indoor-outdoor space, where you'll find excellent cocktails and Caprese salads. Via de' Musei 6; 011-39-051-222-532; nu-lounge .com; entrees \$18 to \$25.



3. Osteria dell'Orsa -

Scenesters and college
kids file into this
casual but lively spot
for fresh pasta, thick
cuts of beef and cheap
but tasty table wine
from Emilia-Romagna.
Make sure to arrive
early for dinner — at
night it's packed to
capacity. Via Mentana
1/F; 011-39-051-231-576;
osteriadellorsa.com;
entrees \$8 to \$19.

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medieval city may be better known for stodgy academics and snoozy trattorias, but recently it's gotten a jolt of energy. Stylish boutiques and sceney boîtes hav begun moving into the grand palaces and colonnaded arcades (some 50 miles of them). And thanks to the hip students hanging out all over town, even the century-old delis and pasticcerie feel young again. ROCKY CASALE



4. L'Inde Le Palais

A few blocks from the Via Farini strip, with its Louis Vuitton and Gucci stores, this boutique is where Bolognese ladies go for Givenchy, Halston and Lanvin. Handbags and shoes displayed on columns under pin lights make the place feel like an art gallery. Via de' Musei 6; 011-39-051-648-6587; lindestore.com.

5. Paolo Atti & Figli

This 130-year-old bakery is still the center of Bolognese baking and pasta making for locals and visitors alike. The delicacies includes puffy panettone, handmade tagliatelle and piles of beautifully packaged treats (which travel nicely). Via Caprarie 7; 011-39-051-220-425; paoloatti.com.



Part toy store, part design shop, Hoffmann stocks exquisite playthings, many of them hardto-find creations by the likes of Georg Kellner and Schöllner. Look for skillfully made wooden toys, heirloom-worthy puzzles and hand-sewn rag dolls. Via Altabella 23; 011-39-051-223-066; hoffmann.it.

7. Museo di Palazzo Poggi

There's no better crash course on the city's scholarly heritage than this fascinating collection, which includes Victorian anatomical waxworks, military architecture, old maps and an amazing assortment of skeletons. Via Zamboni 33; 011-39-051-209-9610; www.museopalazzopoggi.unibo.it.



↑ 8. 4 Viale Masini Hotel

When it opened two years ago, this sleek albergo in the historic center was a welcome addition to the city's aging fleet of hotels. The property is done in a smart, minimalist style that includes dark wood white marble and etched mirrors. Viale Angelo Masini 4/3; 011-39-051-255-035; 4vialemasini.it; doubles from \$415.