



Authentic Dining

Uncovering local eateries in Rome, Milan and Venice

Finding an authentic meal in bustling, tourist-heavy cities like Rome, Milan and Venice can be challenging. With so many options, it's easy to end up in restaurants catering more to passing crowds than culinary traditions, leaving visitors with a less-than-genuine taste of what these cities truly offer. Unfortunately, this has given some of these iconic destinations a less-than-stellar reputation when it comes to dining.

But don't be discouraged—there are still plenty of gems to discover, where locals gather to enjoy high-quality, traditional food in welcoming settings. These are the places where the essence of Italian cuisine thrives, focusing on local flavours, fresh ingredients, and respect for time-honoured recipes.

In this guide, we've curated a selection of our favourite local, down-to-earth restaurants. Here, you won't find fancy, pretentious dining experiences. Instead, you'll discover eateries that are deeply rooted in their communities, serving dishes that celebrate the rich culinary heritage of these cities.



ROME

Hosteria Grappolo d'Oro

Hosteria Grappolo d'Oro is a welcoming Roman trattoria located near Campo de' Fiori. It's known for its focus on traditional Roman dishes, such as carbonara, amatriciana, and cacio e pepe. The casual atmosphere is inviting, making it an ideal spot to enjoy authentic Roman cuisine in a relaxed setting. Using fresh, local ingredients adds to the



P.za della Cancelleria, 80,
Roma
06 689 7080

Da Gino al Parlamento

Da Gino al Parlamento is a classic Roman osteria that has been a local favourite for years. It is tucked away near the Italian Parliament and offers a cozy, unpretentious environment where you can enjoy hearty Roman dishes like saltimbocca alla romana and abbacchio (lamb). The rustic interior and friendly service make it a great place to experience the authentic flavours of Rome in a traditional setting.

Vicolo Rosini, 4,
Roma
06 687 3434

Matricianella

Matricianella is a historic osteria that embodies the essence of Roman dining. It is located near Piazza San Lorenzo in Lucina and is famous for its traditional Roman pastas, including amatriciana and gricia. The restaurant's warm, old-world charm and commitment to authentic recipes make it a must-visit for anyone looking to savour the true taste of Roman cuisine.

Via del Leone, 4,
Roma
06 683 2100



MILAN

Osteria del Treno

Osteria del Treno is a classic Milanese establishment that blends tradition with a touch of elegance. Known for its historical setting and warm ambience, it offers a menu highlighting the best of Lombard cuisine, including dishes like risotto alla milanese and ossobuco. The restaurant also features a unique dining experience with live music on certain evenings, making it a memorable spot to enjoy authentic local flavours.



Via San Gregorio, 46
Milano
Tel: 02.6700479

Osteria del Binari

Osteria del Binari is a charming eatery located near the old railway tracks of Porta Genova. It's celebrated for its rustic, homely atmosphere and traditional Milanese dishes, such as cotoletta alla milanese and cassoeula. The garden area adds to the relaxed vibe, making it a favourite among locals who appreciate well-prepared, straightforward cuisine in a cozy setting.

Via Tortona, 1/3
Milano
02 89409428

Trattoria Milanese

Trattoria Milanese is a beloved institution in Milan, offering a true taste of the city's culinary heritage. Situated in the heart of the city, this trattoria has been serving up classic Milanese dishes like risotto giallo and mondegghili for decades. The décor is simple and timeless, reflecting the restaurant's dedication to preserving Milan's culinary traditions.

Via Santa Marta, 11,
Milano
02 8645 1991



VENICE

Osteria de Codroma

Codroma is a traditional Venetian osteria known for its authentic atmosphere and classic local dishes. Tucked away from the main tourist routes, it offers a cosy setting where you can enjoy risottos, fresh seafood, and a variety of cicchetti. These small, flavourful bites have been a staple of Venetian cuisine for centuries. Often enjoyed with a glass of wine in hand, cicchetti are a version of antipasto, typically served at bars and osterie, where locals gather for a casual bite to eat.



Fondamenta Briati, 2540,
Venezia
041 524 6789

Ai 4 Feri Storti

Ai Quattro Ferri Storti is a welcoming spot in Venice that captures the essence of the city's dining culture. Known for its no-frills approach, this osteria offers hearty portions of traditional Venetian dishes like bigoli in salsa and fegato alla veneziana. The rustic charm and friendly service make it a great place to experience authentic local flavours.

Calle Bianca Cappello, 1278,
Venezia
041 528 2144

Cà D'oro alla Vedova

Cadoro alla Vedova is a historic osteria with a reputation for its classic Venetian fare. Located in the Cannaregio district, it's famous for its polpette (meatballs), which are a must-try. The interior is charmingly old-fashioned, providing a glimpse into Venice's culinary traditions. The menu is straightforward, focusing on well-executed, traditional dishes.

Ramo Ca' d'Oro, 3912,
Venezia
041 528 5324

