

Emilia Romagna - Fortified Cities and Castles between the Adriatic Sea and the Apennine Mountains

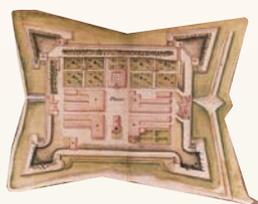
The Heritage of the Malatesta Dynasty - exciting views from the Mountains and Hills



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Fortified Monuments

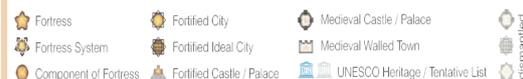


Rocca Sforzesca,
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Historical map of Fortified
Ideal City Terra del Sole

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Fortified Monuments with Malatestian charm and atmosphere

The history of the southeastern Emilia Romagna reaches far back into the past. During the centuries of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, the whole area took its characteristic shape and many irresolvable traces in cityscapes, architectures and monuments can be discovered throughout this beautiful region.

The history, the land- and cityscape had been mainly coined by the Riminese ruling family during the 14th and 15th century, the Malatesta family. The fortifications in southeastern Emilia Romagna form a welcome contrast to the city tourism between Parma, Bologna und Ferrara. These fortified monuments represent different types of fortification and witness rich history.

Starting from the citadel in Castelfranco, you can discover the fortified castle in Imola, built in the 15th century under Gian Galeazzo Sforza, now housing several collections of weapons. Close to Imola lies the Fortified Ideal City Terra del Sole, fortified upon the request of the Grand Duke of Tuscany, Cosimo de' Medici.

In Forlì, you will find the Ravaldino Fortress, fortified by Pino Ordelaffi III and now used as exhibition center, concert hall and as the town's prison. Equally impressive is the beautiful Malatestian town, Cesena, with the charming fortress of Cesena, built during 1466 and 1476.

In the Torriana commune, you can find two fortresses throning on separate hills. The "Scoricata" with remains of a Malatesta Fortress and the castle of Guidi di Bagno in Montebello. The lovely village Montefiore Conca has an imposing and literally breathtaking Malatesta fortress building which is currently used for exhibitions and art events.

Arriving at the Adriatic coast, the ancient town Gradara will welcome you with a massive fortified castle dating back to 11th and 15th centuries. The fortress is now a place for culture and entertainment in a fortified scenery.



Fortified Castle in Gradara



Fortified Ideal City Terra del Sole today

Monuments of Power - full of Life

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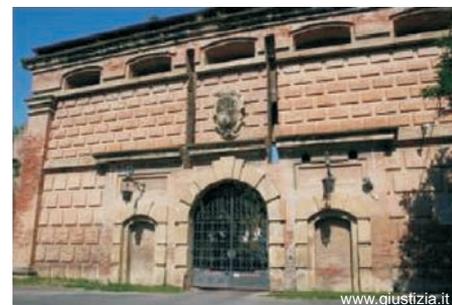
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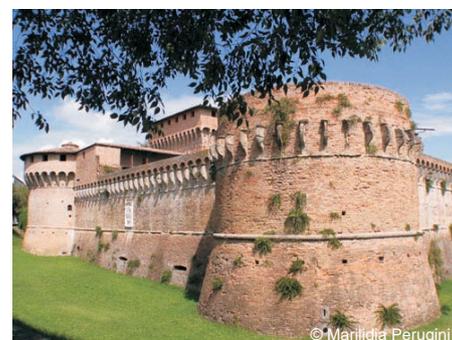
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 Castelfranco Emilia Single fortress	The small lovely town Castelfranco Emilia, famous for inventing the typical Italian food Tortellini, has a large and well-armed fort, named in honor of Pope Urban Forte and was constructed during 1626 and 1634. It was equipped with four bastions and had 130 stable guns. Today, the fortress is being used as a prison. www.comune.castelfranco-emilia.mo.gov.it
 Imola Fortified castle	Famous for its racetrack, Imola is an ideal place to enjoy culture, sports and delightful food and wine tours. A historic city center with elegant mansions, the surrounding Apennines and a mighty fortified castle built in the 15th century under Gian Galeazzo , make Imola the right place for culture, nature and sports lovers. www.comune.imola.bo.it
 Terra del Sole Fortified Ideal City	Conceived as " town-fortress ", this beautiful Renaissance citadel amazes visitors at any time of the year. Taking its name from the sun, the Fortified Ideal City , is a wonderful example of the new military urban planning. Terra del Sole was fortified upon request of Cosimo de' Medici and was officially founded on the December 8, 1564. www.terradelsole.org
 Forli Fortress	Forli is a city of art with traces of the Romanesque and Renaissance times in its historic centre. On a city stroll you can find noble palaces and the Ravaldino Fortress , fortified by Pino Ordelaffi III and completed by Caterina Sforza in 1480. The fort is now used as exhibition center, concert hall and as the city's prison. www.turismoforlivese.it
 Cesena Fortress	Cesena, a beautiful Malatestian town , famous for good food, wine and various culinary events. The Malatesta family brought Cesena to the apex of culture and history with some architectural and artistic treasures. The fortress of Cesena was built during 1466 and 1476. Visitors can enjoy a walk on the ramparts or visit the museum of agricultural history. www.visitcesena.com
 Torriana Fortress	Torriana has an unspoiled countryside and old charming fortified heritage. On a rocky spur lies the " Scoricata " with remains of a Malatesta Fortress . In Montebello, the castle of Guidi di Bagno , dating back to the year 1000, attracts many visitors with mysterious tunnels, dark passages and the unresolved secrets of Azzurina's ghost . www.comune.torriana.rn.it www.castellodimontebello.com
 Montefiore Conca Fortress	Montefiore Conca, awarded as one of the most beautiful Italian villages, has a breathtaking Malatesta building , overlooking the village with its medieval layout. The fortress became a defensive bastion in 1337 and was a summer residence. Today, exhibitions and art events are held in the fortress. www.comune.montefiore-conce.rn.it
 Gradara Fortified Castle	The ancient town Gradara is characterized through a double line of medieval walls and a massive fortified castle dating back to 11 th and 15 th centuries when the Malatesta and Montefeltro families reigned. The fortress is now a place for culture and many events. www.gradara.org



Forte Urbano in Castelfranco Emilia



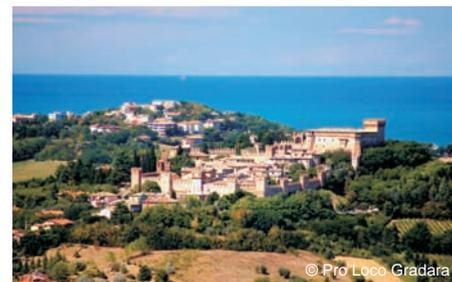
Fortified castle in Montefiore Conca



Medieval Fortress of Cesena



Fortress Ravaldino in Forli



Mighty fortified castle in Gradara

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