History

The Castle of Tabiano is one of the most important monuments for defence from the feudal period in Upper Emilia. Built at the beginning of the eleventh century on an ancient Roman settlement, it was one of the fundamental strongholds of the Marquis Pallavicino to control the Via Francigena and salt wells of the area. Situated in a dominant position on the Po Valley, it boasts a unique panorama that sweeps as far as the Alps. It is a short distance from the famous thermal baths of Salsomaggiore and Tabiano. After centuries of strife between the great noble families to gain possession, in 19th c. the castle was transformed into a private home and the center of parmesan producing farm.

The Legends

In its long history spanning over a millennium the castle was at the center of wars, sieges, destruction, conspiracies, betrayals, but also of love, poetry and legends. Within these walls they have lived characters as Roland the Magnificent, Solestella daughter of the Count of Bardi and mother of Isabella, the ‘Angel of Tabiano’, famous for her kindness, her beauty and unhappy love for the French Knight Richard d’Orange. The chronicles preserve the memory of Pelavicino Pallavicino, the fist trovatore (troubadour) of that time in Northern Italy, Oberto the Great, a main ally to the Emperor Federico II but also Tancredi Pallavicino, killed by his brother Delfino in a place that is still called ‘Red Door’ to symbolise the blood shed.

Visit

The journey (c. 40 minutes) through the most interesting places of the Castle, the ancient vaulted cellars, living rooms decorated with mirrors and stucco, painted ceilings, a library, a private chapel, the monumental staircase, terraces, gardens, the ‘red door’, the ball room.

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The Castle of Tabiano

Thousand years of history and legends

How to reach the Castle

The Tabiano Castle is located 100 km from Milan, 130 km from Bologna and 30 km from Parma. It is easy to reach from the A1, exit at Fidenza - Salsomaggiore Terme, follow the signs to Tabiano Terme and then on Tabiano Castle (3 km approx).

Timetable

May 7 to 31
Saturdays, Sundays and holidays
11.00 - 12.00 - 13.00 — 15.00 - 16.00 - 17.00.

June 1 to October 14
Thursdays, Fridays
16.00 - 17.00
Saturdays, Sundays and holidays
11.00 - 12.00 - 13.00 — 15.00 - 16.00 - 17.00.

The ticket costs 8 euros - concessions are offered for schools and groups of over 15 people; admission is free for children under 8 years.

On request, visits at other times and local food tasting can also be organized so as ceremonies and events.

It is suggested to refer to the site www.castelloditabiano.com before the visit in case of any closures or special openings.