

A LITTLE GUIDE TO SOME CASTLES IN LOMBARDY



IC “DON MILANI” Rovato

Classe 1 D

a.s. 2016-2017

Lonato Castle

Lonato castle is in Italy, it is a medieval stone castle. It dates back to the X century.

Ugo da Como developed it from an original built, in the entrance of castle there is the famous palace of Podesta, famous for its paintings, old objects and old books; today it is a National Monument. The castle is open every day: on Saturdays and on Sundays from ten a.m. to midday and from half past two p.m., to half past six p.m..

The facade is over looking the Garda lake. The castle is long 180 metres and is large 45 metres, there is one entrance in the south walls. There is a prison near the entrance. Behind the castle, there are some tanks for water and there is a well.

The attraction is “Flower in Rocca Lonato”: is a market of rare plants and flowers. This event is in the garden in structure. This castle is very beautiful.



Brescia Castle

Brescia castle dates back to the Bronze Age. Brescia castle is in the town of Brescia, Italy, situated on the Cidneo hill, one of the best green area of the town. It is one of the most fascinating fortified building of Italy. There are 200.000 visitors a year. It is open every day of the year from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The castle is surrounded by the walls and the moat. The perimeter of the walls is 300 metres long by 250 metres wide. You go into the castle passing through a big gate with the Lion of San Marco on it.



In the center of the castle there is the Keep Lord's house built in 1300. Today in the Keep there is the Museum of Armoury "Luigi Marzoli" here you can admire a very big collection of armoury. There are 580 armoury and 300 armoury of fire. To reach the Keep you pass a drawbridge next to the Tower of Prisoners.

Inside the castle you can see some storages where today there is a museum: The Risorgimento Museum. In this museum you can admire lot of pictures, sculptures and different items to remember that period. In particular there is an area dedicated to X

Giornate of Brescia in March 1849. Another important thing you can find here is an observatory.

There are other towers: Tower of French, it's got four floors, Mirabella Tower, dates back to city-state age, Tower of Mezzo and Coltrina Tower in northern of castle. There are Bastions of San Marco, San Faustino, San Pietro and Pusterla. In the castle there is a monument to the first Locomotive of Brescia-Edolo railway , in summer there are cultural movie events. There is the International Festival of the Lights during which you can visit the castle and learn the history of the castle.



Padenghe Castle

Padenghe castle is near the lake of Garda ,in Lombardy. It is a mediaval castle build from the X century to XIV century on the ruins of a previous building. The castle is of cobblestone and mortar . Its towers are 22 metres tall.

The first owner of the castle was the bishop of Verona Teobaldo . Today the castle is run by the public body that restored it.

The castle is on a hill, from where you can see beautiful landscapes.

The castle from 1520 to 1796 was possessions of Venetians.

Around the castle there is a moat that now is dry.

All around there is a park crossed by a bike lane.

The spring is the best moment to see the underforest.

The castle is small and has got a drawbridge to stop the people.

The castle is alive because there are some houses inside it and the people live there.



Vezio Castle

Vezio castle is in Italy at the center of lake Como in Lombardy. It stands in Varenna and for a little part in Perledo.

The castle is a fortified building of defence. It dates back to XII century and by popular tradition was one of the place where the beloved longobard queen Teodolina lived.

The main of tower has got merlons similar to castle of Cly in Aosta valley.

Inside the castle there are various events such as the bird of prey exhibition. The falconer is Nicola Castellano and the exhibition takes place in the garden of castle; during it people can learn the history of falconry. Another event is an archery exhibition where adults and children can learn to use a bow.



San Vigilio Castle

San Vigilio castle is in the town of Bergamo ,Italy, situated on a hill with the some name. Placed at 500m of height it shows view of Val Brembana, and of Orobic Alps chain.

There are half a million visitors a year. It is open from April to September from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and from March to October from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

At San Vigilio castle there are excellent examples of defensive walls. The castle was terminated in the VI century. The underground is very articulated : there is a narrow passage that links the castle to Forte S.Marco, now you can visit it. The castle has some wells. In a tower there is a secret passage. The tourist attraction are some undergrounds. There are four fortified towers . In the towers soldiery and the castellano live. Today it is possible to visit the restaurant in the castle because it is great attraction of tourist.

