

Faenza

The town where we live is FAENZA. It is in the region EMILIA ROMAGNA. Our province town is RAENNA.



Emilia-Romagna is a region in the central-northern area of Italy, it is quite large and it reaches the Adriatic sea in the east, while in the west the Apennines divide it from the region Tuscany. The Apennines are a mountain chain stretching from north to south and dividing Italy into western and eastern regions.

In our province there are several towns, among them FAENZA:



This is the coat-of-arms of FAENZA: in the middle, a standing lion, with golden sward and tongue.

In the upper part, there are five lilies on a blue background, representing kindness. The crown represents nobility. You can find it in many places in town, but in particular in the town hall.

FAENZA has Roman origins, but it flourished during the Renaissance, mainly thanks to the production of ceramics.



The name of our town has become synonymous of ceramics (Faience) in many languages, for ex. In French and English.



During the XV century, Faenza was ruled by the MANFREDI family. During this period many buildings and monuments were erected. You can still see them in the town centre.



Piazza del Popolo with its bell tower, the Cathedral and the monumental fountain

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But let's go back to ceramics. Faenza has one of the richest collections of ceramics in the world. All these pieces are in the MIC (International Museum of Ceramics). Here you can find ceramics from all over the world.



The history of our town is also represented every year through the PALIO del NIBALLO, a medieval tournament taking place in June. The 5 districts challenge in a horse race, with knights trying to centre a ring held by a mechanic character: il Moro.



Before the challenge, a long and rich parade goes across the streets in town.



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