

# SASSUOLO : MY TOWN

## MONUMENTS AND FAMOUS CHARACTERS



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Hello boys and girls  
I am Marco Pio,  
Lord of Sassuolo  
From 1571 to 1599.  
I will be your guide  
and I will tell you about  
Famous historical  
People of our town.  
I will connect them to a  
Specific place to help  
You remember them.  
Are you ready?

# This obelisk was one of my creation

In 1591 I ordered this obelisk to be erected in front of Saint George Church, our major church.

The round tub that you see underneath was placed afterwards, so that the animals that were brought to the fairs which were held in this square, could drink



# Number 1: DUKE FRANCESCO 1ST D'ESTE



Francesco was duke of  
Modena and Sassuolo  
from 1629 to 1658.

It is thanks to him that the  
old castle was transformed  
in the palace that you can  
admire today.

Francesco was a man of  
arms, but he was also very  
learned. Here you can see  
him together with his  
family

This painting is in the  
Medallion Room of the  
Ducal Palace in  
Sassuolo.



# Number 2 : MY WIFE, CLELIA FARNESE

VIA CLELIA



Via Clelia in our town center is dedicated to her.

While I spent lot of my time fighting in battles, my wife was governing the town.

Clelia was a very assertive ruler, she decided that whovere would swear should be punished with a fine of ten golden scudi, he was also supposed to be tied up for an hour to the column of the Palace of Reason in Sassuolo with his tongue tight in a vise, a real torture!

She banned several games, including the *ruzzola* whether the wheel was made of wood or of parmisan cheese. This game was banned when the stakes overcame 48 bolognini in valuequando il valore della posta in gioco. Clelia was a very beautiful woman, she was born in Rome where she was considered the most beautiful woman of that period.



# NUMBER 3 : ELEONORA BENTIVOGLIO



She was my incesto. In 1486 she married Giberto Pio, Lord of Carpi. Two years before the wedding he was nominated Captain of Bologna by his father Giovanni II Bentivoglio.

Later Gilberto became the Lord of Sassuolo, but he died before reaching town. Eleonora ruled in his place from 1501 al 1505. Her son Alessandro was infact too young to govern Sassuolo



Her nickname is " The Fairs lady " because in May 24°, 1503 she was granted permission by Alfonso I d'Este to organize a commercial fair free of any custom duties. Custom duties back them were real obstacles to the exchange of goods.

**DURING THE FOUR/FIVE WEEK-ENDS OF OCTOBER THESE HISTORIC TRADE FAIRS ARE STILL ORGANIZED IN OUR TOWN NOWADAY.**



# NUMBER 4: COUNTESS LEONTINE



Our youngster library is located in this villa surrounded by a beautiful park. This villa belonged to countess Leontine, and belonged to her family for several generations. The library is dedicated to the countess.



# NUMBER 4 : SCULPTOR GRAZIOSI



Sculptor Graziosi realized the memorial monument dedicated to the war fallen soldiers. Today you can still admire this memorial in Garibaldi square underneath the arch of the Clock tower.





# NUMBER 5: DUKE FRANCESCO II D'ESTE

The civic tower of Piazza Piccola (small square) was built thanks to the Duke Francesco II .  
Tutti a Sassuolo la chiamano Campanone!



# NUMBER 6: DUCHESS CARLOTTA



Carlotta d'Orleans duchess of Modena and Sassuolo. Married Francesco III d'Este. She loved painting and playing the Biribissi game. She came from France and never really got used to the bigotry and closed mindness of the Estense court. When she came to Sassuolo she preferred to lodge at the house complex of Casiglia, which is close to our Bellini school.