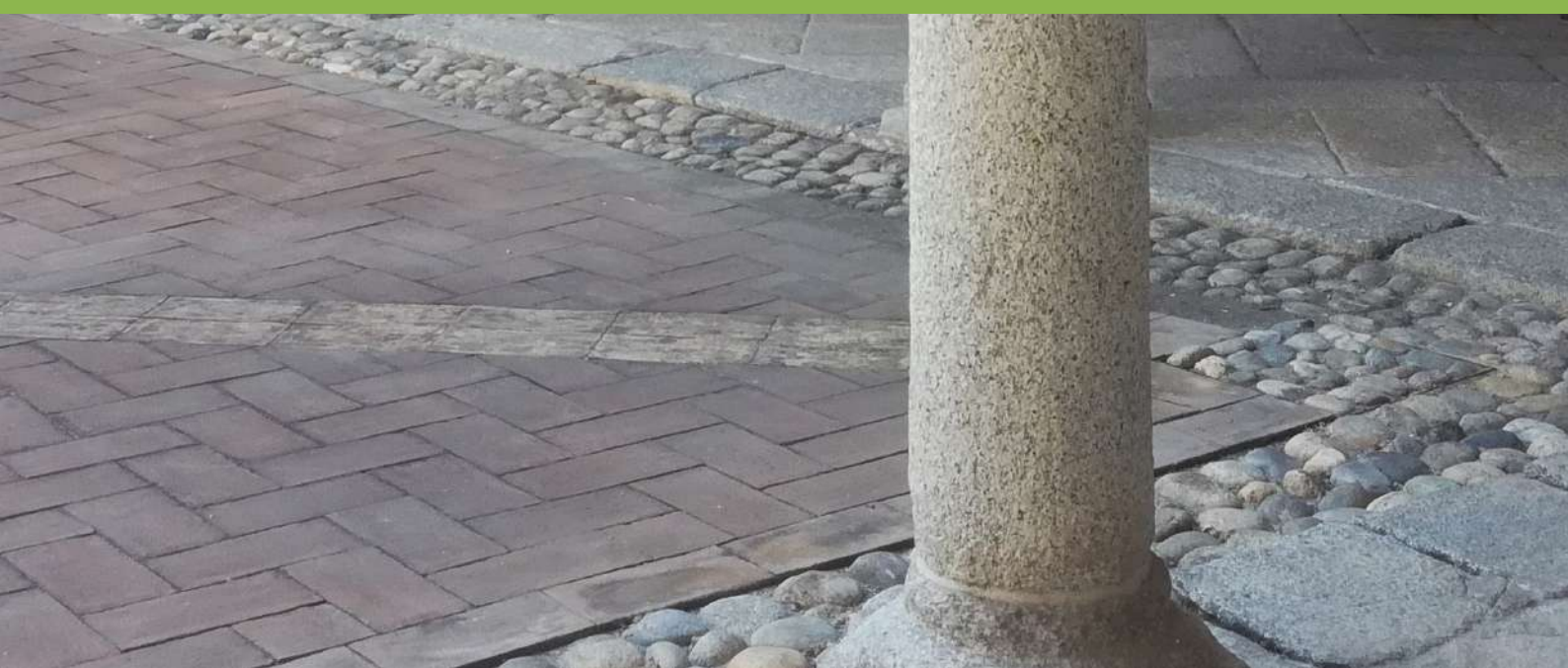




The Musei Civici of Monza



The history of the Musei Civici of Monza



These are the **Musei Civici of Monza**.

These museums are called Civici because they keep objects and artworks that tell you about the **history** of Monza.

History is the tale of the things done by the people who lived before we did.

A long time ago the Musei Civici of Monza were divided into many palaces.

After a long time the city of Monza decided to bring all the objects and the artworks into one museum.

Today the **Musei Civici of Monza** are housed in a palace of a long time ago. This palace is called **Casa degli Umiliati**.

The Umiliati were a group of priests and nuns who used to pray a lot and help the poor and the sick.

People used to go to Casa degli Umiliati to pray.



When the Umiliati went away, the palace remained empty for a long time.

Many years later, the people living in Monza decided to **restore** the palace to make it more and more beautiful. To restore means to clean and fix damaged objects, rooms or palaces of a long time ago.

The people who do this job are called **restorers**.

When the restorers finished working on the palace, the Musei Civici of Monza moved to this palace.



In the Musei Civici of Monza you can see many artworks, like paintings and sculptures.

The Musei Civici of Monza is a 2-floor museum:

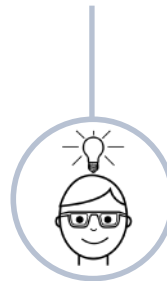
- On ground floor you can see objects of a very long time ago
- On floor 1 you can see paintings and statues of a long time ago.



The people who work at the Musei Civici of Monza bought some of the artworks you see inside the halls. Other artworks were presents made by people from Monza or by **collectors** from the city.

A collector is a person who buys objects and artworks to keep them at home to watch or study them.

Almost all the museum artworks come from the city of Monza and were made by artists from Monza, like **Mosé Bianchi**.



Find out who is
Mosé Bianchi
on page 58



The city of Monza



Monza is a very **ancient** city, located in Lombardy,
near Lambro river.

Ancient means of a very long time ago.

Where the city of Monza is now, there was a little **village of Celts**
a very long time ago.

A village is a very small city where few persons live.



The Celts were a **population** coming from far away.

A population is a group of people who live together in a country.

Every population has their own way of celebrating, speaking, staying together, cooking.

The Celts decided to build their village near Lambro river so that they could use the river water to:

- drink
- take care of their animals and the plants they planted.

After a long time, the **Romans** arrived.

The Romans were the strongest **people** living in Italy at that time.

The Romans fought against the Celts and won.

The Romans became heads of the village built by the Celts near Lambro river.



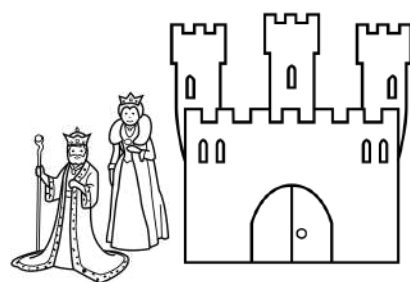
The Romans started calling the village **Modicia**.

Under the Romans the village became a big and beautiful city with many houses and palaces.

After a long time the city name changed again and everybody started calling it Monza.

Meanwhile, Monza had become bigger and more important.

Many kings and queens decided to have their castles built there.



The last king who lived in Monza was **King Umberto**.

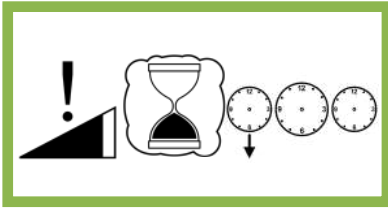
King Umberto lived inside the **Villa Reale** you can visit today.

After visiting the Musei Civici of Monza you can walk around the city centre.

Here you can see many palaces and churches of a long time ago.



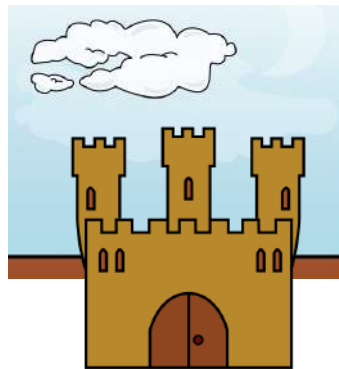
A very long time ago



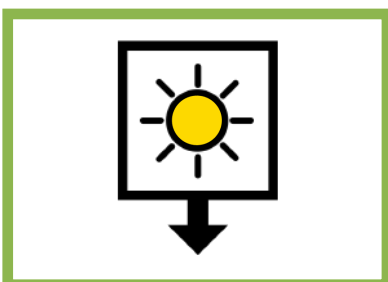
The Celts built a village near Lambro river.



The Romans became heads of the village and started calling the village Modicia. The Romans built many houses and palaces.



Monza becomes an important city where many kings and queens build their castles and palaces.



Today



Today Monza is an important city. You can still see the palaces built a very long time ago.



Visiting the city of Monza



Inside the Musei Civici of Monza
you can see some artworks that show you:

- some parts of the city of Monza
- some important people from Monza.

When you've finished your visit of the Museum,
we suggest you take a walk around Monza centre
so that you can see the city squares and streets you've seen
in some of the paintings inside the Museum.



On your walk around Monza centre you can see:

- **Piazza Trento e Trieste.**

In this square there was an important market a long time ago. 3 paintings of the Museum show you what this market was like.



You can read the explanations of those paintings on page 69

- **The Arengario,**

that was the most important palace in the city. 2 paintings of the Museum show you what this palace was a long time ago.



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- **Via Vittorio Emanuele**

A painting of the Museum shows you what it was like a long time ago.



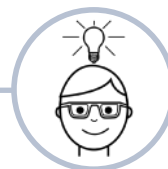
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- **The statue of Mosé Bianchi**

Mosé Bianchi was an important painter from Monza of a long time ago.

You can see his statue in Piazza San Pietro Martire.

This statue is the same as the one inside the Museum



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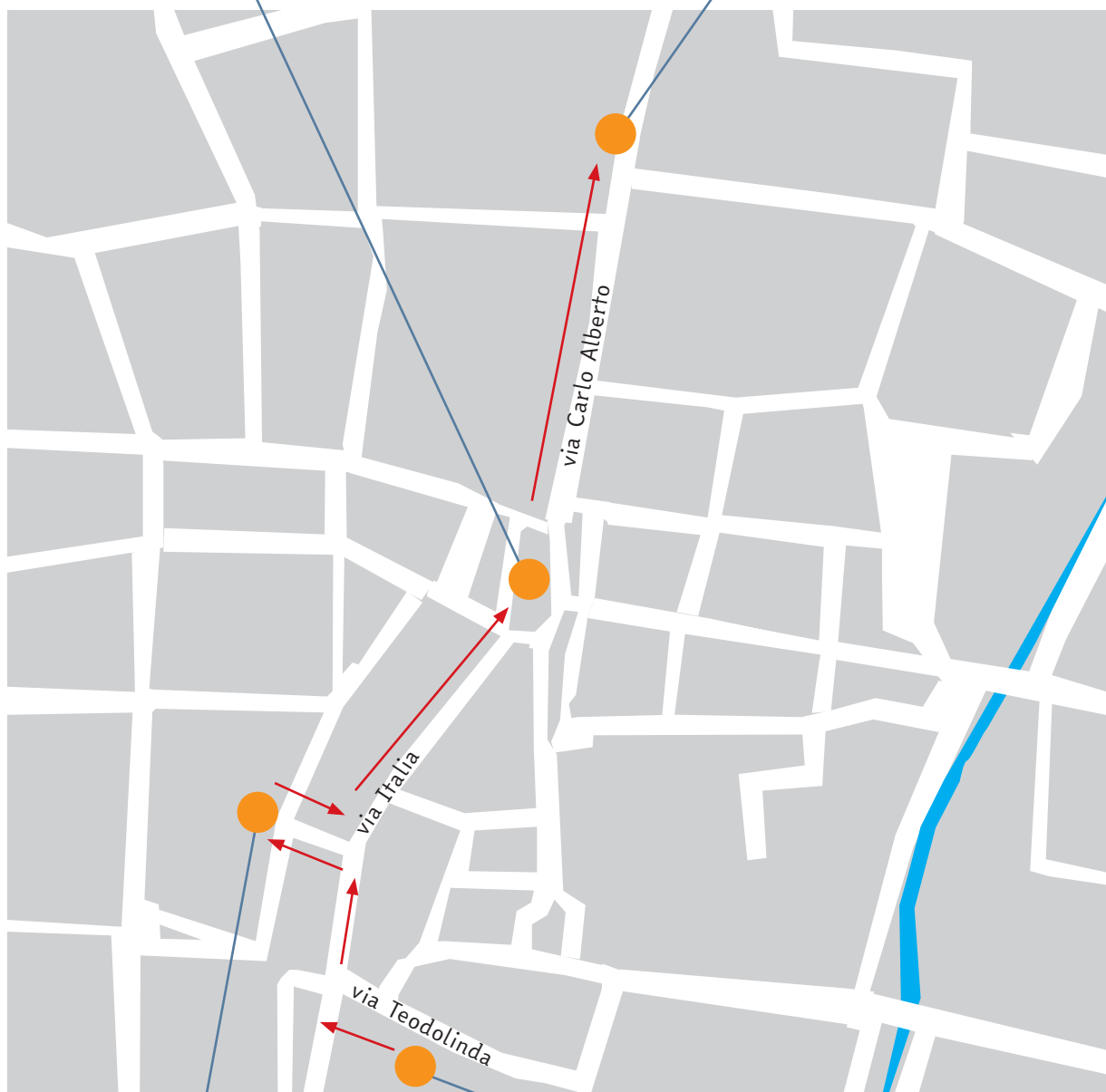
Look at the map to see where these things are.



Arengario



The statue of Mosè Bianchi
Piazza San Pietro Martire



Piazza Trento e Trieste



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