

## Il Torrazzo



Our bell tower, commonly called "Torrazzo", stands next to the cathedral. It is 112 meters high and it is made up of two different structures, one of which lies above the other. The first one was probably built in 1267. It is a Romanesque tower with Guelph battlements. The second one is made up of two octagonal tambours placed on the top of the tower. The building could have been completed in 1305. The sphere and the cross on the top of the dome date back to the XVII century. Climbing up the tower is really

breathhtaking. On its top you can enjoy a wonderful view of our town and of the river Po. The belfry contains seven bells, which were built in 1744. Each of them is devoted to a saint, also to St. Omobono, our town's good mom. Their sounds create a concerto in A flat. The astronomic clock was added in 1583 by Francesco Divizioli in order to substitute an older clock and after the Gregorian calendar reform. The mechanism of the clock, which is the original one, still works perfectly, while the clock-face was repainted several times, the last time in 1970. The clock indicates the movement of the celestial bodies, of the Sun and the lunar phases.