



## CONTRADA DELLE TORRI (TOWERS' STREET)

You find this place of interest in Cantù 2 - Stage 2

This point of interest is also in Cantù 1 Stage 2

### INFORMATION

**Location:** the Contrada delle Torri corresponds to the current via Corbetta, starting from Piazza Fontana, where the gate of the same name stood (in the current Piazza Sirtori), and to the surrounding streets.

**Paving:** via Corbetta is asphalted. The sidewalk on the left side coming from below is discontinuous: it is asphalted in the stretch aside the churchyard of S. Teodoro, then it stops and starts again in front of the palace where once Eugenio Corbetta lived (at street number 4), with porphyry cubes. On the right side the asphalted sidewalk is available coming from Piazza Fontana up to street number 11, as well as from the beginning of via Chiavelli up to Piazza Garibaldi.

**Services:** urban and extra-urban bus stops in via Volta and piazza Parini; ATM teller in Piazza Garibaldi and via Corbetta

**Leisure and Food:** bars and restaurants; shops; Municipal Theatre of Saint Teodoro in via Corbetta 7; public gardens in via Dante (Parco Argenti).

### DESCRIPTION

Climbing on via Corbetta from Piazza Sirtori, some traces of a tower can be found on the side of the current bookbinding shop *Legolibri*: its angular squared stones can still be recognised.

The parish house of San Teodoro (first residence of the Pietrasanta family in Cantù, then home of the family Argenti), aside the church, also shows traces of a tower; its most significant remain is the lower part, but its windowless elevation demonstrates its origin as a defense tower.

Other remains of a tower can be seen after street number 4, enclosed in the house once owned by Eugenio Corbetta, a politician from Cantù.

A few meters on, on the back of the palace of the Permanent Exhibition, whose front opens in piazza Garibaldi, you can see a restored tower, endowed with a small, elegant, lodge; a stone slab from Roman times is walled up in the lodge, dedicated to two women, «*Albutia ac Vettilia*».

Some of the towers of via Corbetta were declared "National monument" at the beginning of the XX century, thanks to the intervention of the archeologist Alfonso Garovaglio.

The remains of another tower, enclosed in a private home, can be found close by in via Chiavelli, a small street that climbs up from via Corbetta.