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Dozza, the painted village.

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Nestled in the rolling hills of Emilia-Romagna, Dozza is a picturesque village that seems to have sprung from an artist's palette. Known as "the painted village," its streets are a living canvas, adorned with vibrant murals by artists from around the world.

Nestled in the heart of the Imola hills, in Emilia-Romagna, Dozza is a medieval village that captivates with its unique blend of history, art, and tradition. Just 30 km from Bologna and easily accessible by car or public transport, this small town is renowned worldwide as "the painted village," thanks to its murals that transform its streets into an open-air art gallery.

Founded in the medieval era, Dozza has ancient roots dating back to the 12th century. Its symbol is the Rocca Sforzesca, an imposing castle that overlooks the village.

The Rocca Sforzesca of Dozza is one of the most iconic symbols of the village, an imposing medieval castle that dominates the landscape with its majestic presence. Built in the 13th century as a defensive fortress, the Rocca has undergone numerous transformations over the centuries, taking on the appearance of a noble residence during the rule of the Sforza family in the 15th century. Its architecture combines military and Renaissance elements, featuring crenellated towers, an internal courtyard, and spacious decorated halls.

Today, the Rocca houses the Rocca Museum, which preserves period furnishings, frescoes, and works of art, offering a glimpse into the noble life of the past. Inside, you'll also find the Regional Wine Cellar of Emilia-Romagna, a must-visit for wine enthusiasts, where you can taste and purchase some of the finest wines of the region.

Dozza's uniqueness lies in its artistic transformation. Since 1960, the "Biennale del Muro Dipinto" (Biennial of the Painted Wall) has been held every two years, attracting artists from around the world to create works on the facades of the houses. Today, over 100 murals adorn the village, turning it into an open-air museum.

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