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### THE PRINCE'S ROUTE

The itinerary unwinds along a straight line that crosses the city from North to South, linking the two extremes: the Ducal Palace and Palazzo Te. Piazza Sordello, the oldest part of the city, underwent constant modification until the Gonzagas, who began their rule in 1328, began to extend and shape the piazza to create a setting that would ideally represent the power of their government.

In addition to the vast Ducal Palace is the Gothic cathedral, later rebuilt by Giulio Romano in 1545, there the Bishop's Palace, built by the marchesi Bianchi between 1776 and 1876, Palazzo Bonacolsi, dating back to 1281, palazzo Castiglioni and the early 14th century Torre della Gabbia (tower of the cage), which is 55 metres high.

Passing under the arch of San Pietro, built in the 16th century by Giovan Battista Bertani in the medieval style, we come to piazza Broletto, surrounded by the most important buildings of the period of the communes: the Arengario, the Palazzo del Massaro and Palazzo del Podestà of 1227. On the side of the building is a 13th century statue of Virgil enthroned.