DEFINITION AND MUNICIPAL REGISTER

What are the Historic Shops?

Historic Shops (Botteghe Storiche) are craft and retail businesses of historic and/or artistic value that bear witness to the history, art, culture and manufacturing, entrepreneurial and market traditions of the area.

Under Emilia-Romagna Regional Law no. 5 of 10 March 2008, the Municipality of Ferrara has established the Register of Historic Shops and Historic Markets. Retail and craft businesses that meet the requirements set by regional rules may apply to join it.

The city's Historic Shops listed in the Register are retail and craft businesses that have operated in the same premises for more than 50 years and have kept their original signs and furnishings, or that are otherwise significant for Ferrara's traditions and culture.

Traditional taverns (osterie) that have run the same business in the same premises for more than 25 years are also included.

The aim is to promote and safeguard the history of our city: the Historic Shops are a precious testimony of culture, of roots in the urban fabric and of the daily life of its people, as well as a visitor attraction.

The Bottega Storica (Historic Shop) mark is the distinctive sign of membership of the Register.