Reopening Bologna's Torre degli Asinelli

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The tallest leaning medieval tower in the world welcomes visitors to the city of Bologna. Torre degli Asinelli was built in the 12th century and is part of Bologna's iconic cityscape. After a 3-month renovation project, the tower recently reopened to the public.

Bologna’s Torre degli Asinelli is the tallest leaning medieval tower in the world and the symbol of the city. The tower was constructed between 1109 and 1110; however, the reason for its construction remains unclear. A popular tourist attraction, the tower recently reopened following some upgrades to improve safety for its visitors.

Torre degli Asinelli is 97.20 meters high (318.9 feet), and it takes 498 steps to climb to the top. No, there’s no elevator! Today, the tower leans 1.3 degrees off center. At the top, visitors are treated to

spectacular views of the city of Bologna, which is one of the reasons it has gained popularity among visitors to the city.

Restoration work included strengthening the staircase and railing as well as making the terrace more accessible to visitors and tourists. Work began on April 18th and concluded before the tower's opening on July 14th. Visitors are able to visit the tower in 45 minute time slots, and a new online reservation system is now in place. If you would like to visit the tower, you must purchase your ticket through the website, as tickets are no longer being sold on site. Click here for the official website. >>> [2]

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