



## Barbischio

### More than an ancient Florentine defense

The **Castle of Barbischio** dominates the village of Gaiole In Chianti.

In 1200, together with the nearby Montegrossi, Vertine and Meleto, Barbischio was part of the **Florentine defences** of this area of Chianti, bordering the Sienese domains, with the main function of lookout thanks to its high tower.

Later, like many castles in the area, Barbischio also became a possession of the powerful **Ricasoli** family.

At the foot of the castle is the **Molino di Barbischio**, a complex with medieval features from which a tower emerges and other notable architectural elements can also be seen, such as an arched portal and corbels of protruding apparatus.

In the village there is also the **parish church** dedicated to San Jacopo.

Around Barbischio, the **ancient roads** that lead from one part of the municipality to the other wind their way: paths immersed in the woods, kingdom of fallow deer, wild boar and Cinta Senese pig farms. A road leads to Montegrossi, a small village surmounted by the ruined tower of the year one thousand, while from the opposite side, you can reach both Valdarno and Monte Luco.