

The Palazzo della Ragione

The Palazzo della Ragione is currently used as ticket office and conference hall. The building was constructed during the 11th century and was the venue where abbots would administer justice on the territories they governed. It used to be connected to the Abbey by a portico that now no longer exists.

The structure is rectangular and it features two arcades with several reused small columns, most likely from the Ravenna area. The main façade was altered through the centuries by several restorations. Currently the *Museo Pomposiano* holds the preparatory drawing of a fresco by 12th century Veneto painter Altichiero that used to adorn the walls of the *Palazzo della Ragione*.

