

## **Benvenuto Cellini's house**

The intense life of the famed goldsmith is marked by a period of time, from 1559 to 1571 (date of his death), during which he would occasionally stay in its house in the center of Vicchio. Those were the years when Cellini gained great artistic reputation since when he got back in Florence from France and produced the work considered his masterpiece: the Perseus (made in 1545 and located in Piazza della Signoria). His famous autobiography "Vita" reports with unmistakable style also the time spent in Vicchio, once bought the house in the center near the west gate, the contact with the people and the land. Recently renovated, Cellini's house has been included in the "Houses of Memory Association" and provided with modern equipment for gold manufacture. It is now also a prestigious place available for meetings, courses and expositions.