**The legend of Azzurrina**

Azzurrina castle is situated on top of a hill, Montebello hill. The castle is very popular because one of the people who lived there was very strange: Azzurrina. The people who live near the castle dislike her.

The castle has got 6 towers and it is made of stone. Azzurrina Castle is like a big, old, mysterious house with walls made of decorated stones. There are dark, narrow hallways, and the building looks very ancient, with lots of complicated decorations. There are also tall towers that seem to touch the sky, and the walls covered in ivy give an even more mysterious atmosphere. Inside, the rooms are dimly lit, and it feels like being in a ghost story, with scary stories heard around. The castle is in a faraway place, surrounded by dense forests and hills, which make it even more fascinating and spooky.

The real name of Azzurrina was Guendalina. She was Ugolinuccio Malatesta's daughter. She had a particular disease: Albinism. For this she had white hair, very pale skin and eyes as blue as the sea. Albino people and people who looked different were considered cursed. To protect her, Guendalina's mom decided to dye her hair brown, but the low quality made Guendalina's hair light blue and from this moment she was called "Azzurrina".

It was a cold night, it was the first day of summer, the 21st June 1375, but it was raining a lot. The storm was scary, there were very big thunders and a lot of lightning, the wind moved the trees a lot, the clouds were pitch black and angry.

That night Azzurrina was playing alone with a ball. Two guards were looking after her because her parents feared that someone would come from outside and hurt Azzurrina. While playing with the ball Azzurrina kicked it too hard and it fell in the basement. The guards didn't follow her because they knew that she couldn't escape the castle from the basement.

Suddenly they heard a devastating and scary scream and noticed that the little girl was missing. Then, they started searching for her in the whole castle and then in the dark and deep basement. The guards kept searching for several days, but there was no sign of Azzurrina.

What happened to Azzurrina that stormy night? No one knows what happened to her, and nobody will ever know.

Even today her ghost haunts the castle's basement and during the nights of the summer solstice every five years, her cries and moans can be heard.

Some people said they saw her and even painted her image.

Is it really the ghost of Azzurrina?

How did Azzurrina die?

Are the voices you hear the wind, or is it really Azzurrina?

If she died, where was the body?

If she escaped, where did she escape from and how?

Is this legend true or is it just to attract tourists?