

Guide complete

*“Le 16 querce” Holiday Villa and Apartment set in Rocca Grimalda
Alto Monferrato fabulous countryside*

ADDRESS TO “LE 16 QUERCE”

Stradaprovinciale 199 N.100 (the house is in front of the number 103 – visible on the road) 15078 Rocca Grimalda (AL)

GOOGLE WAY POINT: <https://maps.google.com/?q=44.671257,8.637465>

HOW TO GET TO

Motorway exit: Ovada

Get to Ovada and then to Rocca Grimalda, do not enter the village of Rocca Grimalda, but continue uphill, at the roundabout take the 1 exit (towards Carpeneto), immediately afterwards you will find a football field, after the football field you find a dirty road with on the left side a yellow small construction like a chapel (with a sign “Cascina Silvia and the sign “Le 16 Querce – Geromina – N. 100”). Turn right and take the dirt road. Le 16 Querce is the yellow house that you find immediately on your right. There is an iron gate (the second one) with a bell to ring. Or you can call the number +39.339.2859221 (better with Whatsup). Or the house number (+39.0143.1979770). We'll open the gate for the cars which is 20 meters ahead.

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WIFI Eolo -psw: 35844274608760113896

SITO WEB www.le16querce.com

CONTACTS BIANCA.BETTA@GMAIL.COM +39.339.2859221

Food & Wine

Rocca Grimalda (10 min walking, 1km):

- Bakery (opening times: 7.30 - 12.30): fresh bread, brioches, focaccia, cakes, typical biscuits: “brutti e buoni” made with hazelnuts – cakes;
- Grocery (opening times: 7.30-12.30 all days – 5-7.30pm except Monday, Wednesday, Sunday)
- Restaurant: Trattoria alla Rocca, Piazza SenatoreBorgatta, 12, tel: +39.0143 873333 (closed on Tuesday and Wednesday)
- Bar Genova, Piazza Vittorio Veneto 11 (07:00-11:00pm)
- La Piria, wine sales cellars, Via Piria 108, tel. +39.3403540.226
- Pharmacy, Piazza Vittorio Veneto, 4 tel. +39.0143 873641 (08:30-12:30 & 3-7:30pm, Saturday 08:30-12, Sunday closed).

Supermarket

- Bennet – Via Molino, 1, Belforte Monferrato (near Ovada) (opening times: 08:30am-08:30pm Mon-Sat; Sunday 09:00am-8:30pm)
- Bennet – Via Duchessa di Galliera, Ovada (8:30am-8pm Mon-Sat; 8:30am-1pm Sunday)
- Lidl – Via Novi 21, Ovada (8:30am-9pm Mon-Sat; Sunday 9:00am-8:00pm)
- Basko – Silvanod’Orba – (8:30am-8pm all days)
- Coop – Via Antonio Gramsci, 28, 15076 Ovada AL (8am-8pm all days ; 8am-1pm Sunday)

Specialities:

- Butcher’s shop (“fasona” meat, a special meat from Piedmont, with truffle too, ...): MacelleriaBonanno – Piazza XX Settembre 8, Ovada, +39.0143 80302 (Mon. Sun. Closed; Wednesday 7.30-1.30; other days 7.30-01.30 & 4-7.30)
- Pasta handmade (agnolotti, ravioli, Walnutsauce, Mushroomsauce, Meetsauce): Pasta fresca Bruno – Via San Paolo 17, Ovada +39.0143.80038
- Open Market Ovada – Saturday, Wednesday morning (fruit, vegetables, nice bags, dress)
- Pasticceria Caffè Bottaro& Campora Snc- Via Cairolì, 155, 15076 Ovada AL - Telefono: +39.0143 81216 (Mon closed; Tue-Sunday 7-1pm & 3-9pm)
- Butcher’s shop and handmade pasta: Macelleria Agricola La Valenta – Via Camillo Cavour 13, Carpeneto – 0143.85233 (fasona meat, ravioli, agnolotti, mushroom sauce, ragout) - Monday closed, Tuesday-Friday 7am-1pm, Saturday 7am-1pm 4pm-7.30pm, Sunday 7am-1pm - (near Rocca Grimalda)

Good Restaurants nearby

- Ristorante Vetta, P. Ferrando 2, CremolinoTel. 0143.879035, (lunch every day, dinner on Friday and Saturdays)
- Antica farinata di Ovada - https://www.tripadvisor.it/Restaurant_Review-g1186583-d11624324-Reviews-L_Antica_Farinata-Ovada_Province_of_Alessandria_Piedmont.html - Via Francesco Gilardini 72, 15076 Ovada, Italia - +39 346 220 4111
- La Trapesa - https://www.tripadvisor.it/Restaurant_Review-g1186583-d3958206-Reviews-La_Trapesa-Ovada_Province_of_Alessandria_Piedmont.html -
- Trattoria La Pignatta- https://www.tripadvisor.it/Restaurant_Review-g1186583-d2172415-Reviews-Trattoria_La_Pignatta-Ovada_Province_of_Alessandria_Piedmont.html(dinner on friday and saturday)
- EnotecaRegionale di Ovada- <https://enotecaregionaleovada.com/contatti/> -dinner on Thursday, Friday, Saturday - Via Torino, 69 (Cantine del Palazzo Comunale) - Tel 0143 1921243 *Opening Hours WK Wine & Kitchen*: Tuesday-Wednesday 10:00am - 18:00pm ; Thursday- Friday – Saturday 10:00am - 23:45pm ; Sunday, Monday closed
- A modo mio–Agriturismo - Mornese

- Cà Mimia – Agriturismo
- Archinvolto– Ovada
- Restaurant: Trattoria alla Rocca, Piazza SenatoreBorgatta, 12, tel: ROCCA GRIMALDA - +39.0143 873333 (closed on Tuesday and Wednesday)

Everyday a Trip

- Tour through vineyards & castels (*very nice by bike too*)- See details at pag.8
- Walking between castels and forts- See details at pag.8
- The park and its heroes - See details at pag.8
- AquiTarme (weekly open market: Tuesday and Friday morning – C.so Italia, P.zzaS.Francesco)
- Sassello - <http://www.amarettivirginia.com/> (factory outlet; mon-fri 9-12am e 2-6pm sat-sun 10-12am e 3-6pm)
- Wine tour: <https://enotecaregionaleovada.com/soci/>- see also wineries at pag.9
- SerravalleScivia: Outlet Designer: 180 prestigious fashion boutiques www.outletserravallescrivias.com
- Valenza: Gold, jewellery-artisan production
- Campoligure (Ge): Gold and silver filigree
- A Main City tour: Alessandria / Genova / Torino / Milano
- Tiglieto –Abbazia cistercense di Santa Maria alla Croce (XII secolo)

How far from Le 16 Querce:

- Ovada can be reached by car in 10 minutes (5km),
- 110 km from Milan (1,20 hours – Famagosta Metro Line)
- 130 km from Torino (1,30 hours)
- 34 km from Alessandria (0,30 hour)
- 57 km from Genoa (0,52 hour)
- 29 km from the SerravalleDesign Outlet (shops of Saint Laurent, Prada, Gucci, Versace, Armani, ...),
- 21 km from AquiTarme (0,34 hour)
- 40 km from the Ligurian Sea

Everyday a walk

- 1° day: 1km hike and run in the park inside the property Le 16 Querce
- 2° day: 5/6 km – Green trek from Le 16 Querce up and down the hills through vineyards – *see the map*
- 3° - 5° and day: Parco Naturale delle Capanne di Marcarolo: <http://www.parks.it/parco.capanne.marcarolo/Eiti.php>
 - 1.50'' walking time from Lago di Lavagnina to ValicodegliEremiti
 - 1.40'' walking time – 600 mt uphill – from ValicodegliEremiti to Monte Tobbio(1092mt)
 - 2.00'' from Valico degli Eremiti to Monte Figne(1.171 mt)
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- 6° Passo del Faiallo – RifugioNuvolasul Mare – you will see a fabulous view from the Ligurian Alps (with a walking time of about 20')- <https://lanuvolasulmare.com/>
- 7° Parco Beigua - <http://www.parcobeigua.it/map.php>

Trekking and biking on the hills and among the vineyards:

- <http://www.piemontebike.eu/en/>
- <http://www.gaia.piemonte.it>
- www.caiovada.it (only Italian version)
- <http://www.provincia.alessandria.gov.it/sentieri/index.php?whattodo=sentieri&file=detail&idzona=4>
- Trekking – Alto
- Ovadese <http://www.provincia.alessandria.gov.it/sentieri/index.php?whattodo=sentieri&file=detail&idzona=4>

Events, Fairs and Markets

Weekly events in Ovadese: <http://www.prolocoovada.it/eventi.html>

Fairs in Ovada: <https://www.visitovada.com/fiere-e-mercadini/>

Weekly open markets: <https://www.visitovada.com/fiere-e-mercadini/>

OVADA

Wednesday and Saturday morning- Comune di Ovada 0143 8361

ACQUI TERME

Tuesday and Friday mornings - Comune di AcquiTerme 0144 7701

ALESSANDRIA

Monday, Thursday and Saturday all day - Comune di Alessandria 0131 515111

NOVI LIGURE

Thursday morning - Comune di Novi Ligure 0143 7721

Antique Markets- check for the date

OVADA -Antiques and second-hand market

EASTER MONDAY - 1 MAY - 2 JUNE - 15th AUGUST - FIRST SUNDAY OF OCTOBER - 1 NOVEMBER - 8 DECEMBER
Streets and Squares of the Historic Center - Exhibitors: around 250 - latOvada Office: + 39 0143 821043 -
www.prolocoovada.it

LIDO DI PREDOSA - Flea market

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - Info: +39 0131 719914 - + 39 327 0264051

BASALUZZO - Antiques Fair

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - Piazza XXV Aprile - Exhibitors: around 20 - Info: +39 0143 489107

ACQUI TERME -Market of the Sgaientò

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - Streets of the Center - Info: + 39 0144 770254

TORTONA - Cantarà and cantaraj

LAST SUNDAY IN APRIL, SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER - Along the Via Emila - Espostori: around 90 - Info: + 39 0131 864264

NIZZA MONFERRATO - Antiques Fair

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - Piazza Garibaldi - Exhibitors: around 200 - Info: +39 339 4724547 - + 39 338 7611560

CASALE - Antiques Fair

2nd WEEK END OF EVERY MONTH - (excluding August) - Covered Market Pavia entrance Via XX Settembre -
Exhibitors: around 230 - Info: +39 333 8942078

NOVI LIGURE - Novantico

FOURTH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH - Old Town - Exhibitors: about 100 - Info: +39 331 7379582 - +39 335 297842

ALESSANDRIA - Workshop of Memories

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - Info: +39 348 2557264

Truffle Fairs in Ovada and Ovadese - check for the date

NOVEMBER – OVADA - "OVADA VINO & TARTUFI"

Info: +39 0143 821043 – www.prolocoovada.it

OCTOBER, - TRISOBBIO

National Exhibition of White Truffle and Dolcetto di Ovada - Info: +39 0143 871104

NOVEMBER, - ACQUI TERME

16th Regional Exhibition of Truffles - Info: +39 0144 770298

NOVEMBER, - ALEXANDRIA

35th Fair of San Baudolino - Exhibition of the Truffle - Info: +39 0131 313265

NOVEMBER, - CELLA MONTE

Festival of the White Truffle of Valle Ghenza - Info: +39 0142 488161
NOVEMBER, - ASTI
Truffle Fair - Info: +39 0141 399526
OCTOBER, - BERGAMASCO
21st Exhibition of the Truffle Market - Info: +39 0131 777101
NOVEMBER, SAN SEBASTIANO CURONE
National White and Black Truffle Fair - Info: +39 0131 786205

Tourism in Monferrato

Tourist Offices

- Rocca Grimalda: Via Parasio, 25 (Concerts, conventions, exhibitions, museum, festivals, theatre). Tel. +39(0)143873121 www.comuneroccagrimalda.it
- Alessandria: <https://www.paesionline.it/italia/guida-alessandria>
- Acqui Terme: Palazzo Robellini, Piazza Levi, Tel. +39(0)144 322142 <https://turismo.comuneacqui.it/tour-esperienze/>
- Casale Monferrato: lat – Piazza Castello, Tel. +39(0)142-444330 www.comune.casale-monferrato.al.it
- Novi Ligure: Viale dei Campionissimi, 2, Tel. +39(0)143 72585, www.comune.noviligure.al.it
- Ovada: www.visitovada.com
- Genova – 57 km – An interesting city with a glorious past: museums, palaces, Old Town, Old Port <http://www.visitgenoa.it/centro-storico> and Aquarium <https://www.acquariodigenova.it/> And also, to the west and east, equipped beaches and cosy countries, sun, sea, very nice cuisine and music.
- Torino – 130 km - : <https://www.turismotorino.org/en/territory/one-territory-infinite-emotions/10-good-reasons-visit-torino>
- Milano – 110 km - : <https://www.milanoguida.com/>

Some other informations

- Bosco Marengo: Complex of Santa Croce (end 1500) frescoes painted by Vasari <http://www.museosantacroce.it/web/>
- Open Castels in Piemonte - http://www.castellipiemontesi.it/welcome_eng.lasso – Close to Le 16 Querce: Castello di Rocca Grimalda, Castello di Cremolino, Castello di Trisobbio, Castello di Tagliolo, Castello di Prasco, Palazzo Tirielli a Molare, Villa Ottolenghi ad Acqui Terme
- Marengo: Museo Napoleoni
- Sassello – macarons and nice old town
- Gavi: Great military fort of the Republic of Genoa (XVII century) [www.fortedigavi.it](http://www.fortedigavi.it;);
- Tiglieto – old church - Santa Maria alla Croce Abbey (AD 1120)
- Wine tour: <https://enotecaregionaleovada.com/soci/>

Sports & Spa

Golf

- Orba Capriata: (15 min. from Rocca Grimalda) "Villa Carolina": Tel. +39(0)143 467355 www.golfclubvillacarolina.cominfo@golfclubvillacarolina.com
- Tassarolo: (30 min from Rocca Grimalda) "Colline del Gavi": Tel. +39 (0)143342264, www.collinedelgavi.cominfo@collinedelgavi.com

Tennis:

- Ovada: Tennis Park Ovada A.S.D., Via Grillano Località Geirino – tel. +39 (0)143835654;
- Trisobbio: A.STE.MA. S.A.S., Località Conca Verde – Tel. +39 (0)143871373;
- Carpeneto: Hotel Villa Carmelita, Via Torino 58 – tel. +39 (0)696727300.

To rent a bike

Ovada – Cicli Guizzardi, Via A. Gramsci 28, tel. +39(0)143 86021 - Mbt or city-bike (15€ ½ day – 25€ 1 day – 80€ a week) - E-bike (30€, 50€, 220€)

Spas and Wellness:

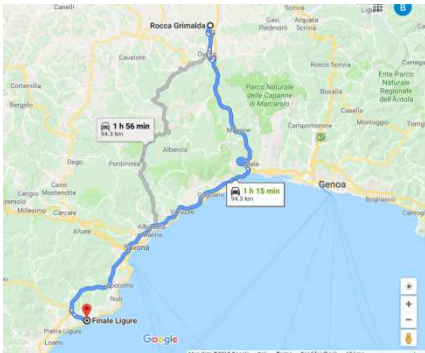
- Acqui Terme: Lake of the Springs – Viale Donati, 25 – Bagni area – Acqui Terme: Tel. +39 (0)144321860, www.lagodellesorgenti.it
- Acqui Terme: Grand'hotel nuove terme, Piazza Terme, or Acqui terme <https://www.grandhotelnuoveterme.com/terme-di-acqui/>
- Spinetta Marengo: Bellavita Wellness Village – Viale della Valletta 170 – Spinetta Marengo (Alessandria): Tel. +39 (0)131611011, www.bellavitaalessandria.it

Beaches in Liguria

Besides small suggestive bathing areas along the rivers nearby (Molare, Olbicella, Lavagnina Lake), the beaches of Liguria can be reached in 40 km.

WEST COSTS -- Liguria-Riviera di Ponente (West coast): Genoa > Ventimiglia (A10 motorway)

Villages where to find nice beaches: Arenzano, Varazze, Spotorno, Varigotti, Finale Ligure, Noli



Beaches near Finale Ligure - Varigotti(the motorway exit is Spotorno - by car: 86km, 1.04”) : **SPIAGGIA DEL MALPASSO** - with bar, umbrellas, deck chairs, 5€ the entry– it’s *not necessary to book, it’s better to arrive early in the morning*

Private Beaches in Varazze

Cala Loca - <https://www.calaloca.it/en/home.htm>(the sun goes away soon ... at about 4pm)

Località Puntabella – Via Genova, 52, Varazze (SV) - Tel: +39 (0)19 90507

E-mail: info@calaloca.it

Cala Torcida - <https://www.calatorcida.it/>

Via Genova 50, Varazze - Tel. +39 (0)1990546, +393405016978

Bike along the coast (11,6 km)

Finalborgonear Finale Ligure is a nice villages with many interesting shops.

ARENZANO (by car: 48km, 49”)

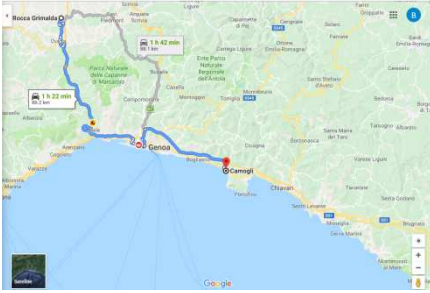
From VARAZZE to ARENZANO (11,6 km along the old railtrak over the sea with many little beaches and rocks along the seaside -by bike to rent there or by foot)

Varazze : bike or rickshaw renting - <http://www.noleggiobicilamola.it/percorso/>

Arenzano: bike renting - <http://www.rentabikerivieraligure.it/>

Parking places in Varazze - <http://www.lombardo-geosystems.it/mappa/parcheggi/Varazze/>

EST COSTS -- Liguria-Levante Riviera (Est Coast): Genoa > Livorno (motorway A12) to Camogli, Santa Margherita, Portofino, Le 5 Terre.



You can get the boat from Camogli to Portofino (with a nice stop in San Fruttuoso – see “Golfo Paradiso Navy “).

CAMOGLI - SAN FRUTTUOSO – PORTOFINO (by boat-)

SANTA MARGHERITA – PORTOFINO (by bus or boat)

CAMOGLI - PORTOFINO - 5 TERRE (by boat)

RAPALLO – PORTOFINO (to hire private boat)

5 TERRE: MONTEROSSO-VERNAZZA-MANAROLA-CORNIGLIA-RIOMAGGIORE

BY TRAIN:

OVADA – CAMOGLI – 2h.

OVADA – MONTEROSSO – 2h.30’ then 5 TERRE EXPRESS - every 20’

Everyday a trip - details

<https://www.visitovada.com/ovadese/>

1) Tour through vineyards & castles: <https://www.visitovada.com/ovadese/>

ROCCA GRIMALDA

Castello Malaspina Grimaldi

Museo della Maschera

Chiesa di Santa Limbania

CARPENETO – *Castello*

TRISOBBIO – *Castello*

MORSASCO - *Castello di Morsasco*

PRASCO - *Il castello Galesio-Piuma*

CREMOLINO - *Santuario N.S. della Bruceta- Castello Malaspina*

MOLARE

- *Castello Chiabrera Gaioli Boidi*

- *Pieve di Campale*

DEVIATION: to visit Madonna delle Rocche

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2) Walking between castles and forts

SILVANO D'ORBA- *Castello Adorno- Chiesa di San Pietro- Il Santuario di San Pancrazio* a Silvano d’Orba è posto su una collina immersa nel verde nei pressi del castello

CASTELLETTO D'ORBA- *Castello- Pieve di Sant’ Innocenzo*

SAN CRISTOFORO - *Castello Spinola*

GAVI- *Il Forte- Parrocchiale di San Giacomo Maggiore- Palazzi e ville*

VOLTAGGIO- *Convento di San Michele Arcangelo e Pinacoteca dei Padri Cappuccini* (A sinistra possibile deviazione *Parco Capanne di Marcarolo*)

PARODI LIGURE - *La Chiesa Parrocchiale di Parodi - Abbazia di San Remigio:*

MONTALDEO - *Castello Trotti*

3) The park and its heroes

Path to the discovery of one of the most beautiful Natural Parks in Italy, between nature, history and art.

CAMPO LIGURE- *Chiesa Parrocchiale della Natività di Maria Vergine- Oratorio dei Santi Sebastiano e Rocco- Oratorio di Nostra Signora Assunta- Il Museo della Filigrana*

Parco Capanne di Marcarolo (SP 165)

The highest peak is *Monte Figne* (m. 1172) but the mountain symbol of the Park, surrounded by the rounded profiles of the mountains *Colma, Pracaban e Poggio*, is il *Monte Tobbio* (m. 1092) from the top, on clear and clear days, it is possible to admire the spectacle of the Alps and even see the profile of Corsica

The *Lavagnina lakes* are located in the northernmost part of the Park. In the southern part of the Park there are the three *Laghi del Gorzente (Lago Bruno, Lago Lungo e lago Badana)*.

SACRARIO DELLA BENEDICTA - *Ecomuseo di Cascina Moglioni*

MORNESE- *Santuario di Santa Maria Mazzarello- Castello D'Oria- Parrocchiale di San Silvestro*

CASALEGGIO BOIRO- *Castello*

LERMA- *Castello Spinola- Parrocchia di San Giovanni- Pieve di San Giovanni Battista*

TAGLIOLO MONFERRATO- *Castello Pinelli Gentile- Borgo Medioevale*

Wineries with wine or Grappa Sales

1. Wine tour: <https://enotecaregionaleovada.com/soci/>

- **Tenuta Alemanni**
Cascina Cherli Inferiore – Tagliolo Monferrato
tenutaalemanni@gmail.com
- **Tenuta La Maremma di Anfossi**
Frazione Albareto, 9 – Molare
tenutalamaremma@anfossimoda.it
www.anfossimoda.net/tenuta-la-maremma
- **Casa Nuova di Badino Paola**
Casa Nuova, 82 – Rocca Grimalda
paolabadino@alice.it
- **Banfi Piemonte**
Via Vittorio Veneto, 76 – Strevi
banfi@banfi.it
www.castellobanfi.com
- **Benzo Oscar**
Via Pragliè, 61 – Cassinelle
az-agricola.benzo@libero.it
- **Bersano Vini**
Piazza Dante, 21 – Nizza Monferrato
wine@bersano.it
www.bersano.it
- **Binè**
Via Gavi, 101 – Novi Ligure
info@bine.wine
www.bine.wine
- **Cà Bensi**
Cascina Bensi, 32 – Tagliolo Monferrato
federico@ca-bensi.it
www.ca-bensi.it
- **Cà del Bric**
Via Guglielmo Marconi, 28 – Montaldo Bormida
info@cadelbric.it
www.cadelbric.it
- **Cascina Mimia**
Cascina Mimia inferiore, 46 – Tagliolo Monferrato
isabella.silva@yahoo.it
www.cascinamimia.it
- **La vigna dei Caccia**
Frazione San Lorenzo – Ovada

pietro@lavignadeicaccia.com

www.lavignadeicaccia.com

- **Canato Vini**
Cascina Baldea, 19/3 – Vignale Monferrato
info@canatovini.it
www.canatovini.it
- **Cantina di Mantovana**
Via Martiri della Resistenza, 48 – Predosa
info@mantovana.com
www.mantovana.com
- **Cascina Boccaccio**
Località Piano Moglia, 21 – Tagliolo Monferrato
viniboccaccio@gmail.com
www.cascinaboccaccio.com
- **Cascina Gentile**
Strada per San Cristoforo 11 – Capriata d’Orba
daniele.oddone@gmail.com
www.cascinagentile.tumblr.com
- **Cascina San Martino**
Strada Rocca Grimalda, 51 – Ovada
mario@cascinasanmartino.com
www.cascinasanmartino.com
- **Castello di Grillano**
Frazione Grillano, 4 – Ovada
info@castellodigrillano.it
www.castellodigrillano.it
- **Castello di Neive**
Via Castelborgo, 1 – Neive
info@castellodineive.it
www.castellodineive.it
- **Castello di Orsara**
Via Castello, 1 – Orsara
info@orsara.com
www.castellodorsara.com
- **Castello di Tagliolo**
Via Castello, 1 – Tagliolo Monferrato
castelloditagliolo@libero.it
www.castelloditagliolo.it
- **Azienda vinicola Cavanna**
Via Crosio, 27 – Cremolino
info@cavannavini.com
www.cavannavini.com
- **Cavelli Vini**
Via Provinciale, 77 – Prasco
cavellivini@libero.it
www.cavellivini.com
- **Distilleria Gualco**
Via XX Settembre, 5 – Silvano d’Orba
info@distilleriagualco.it
www.distilleriagualco.it
- **Azienda Vitivinicola Fratelli Facchino**
Località Val del Prato, 210 – Rocca Grimalda
facchino.vini@alice.it
www.vinifacchino.it
- **Forti del Vento**
Via San Rocco, 3 – Castelletto d’Orba
info@fortidelvento.com
www.fortidelvento.com
- **Fratelli Abrigo**
Via Moglia Gerlotto, 2 – Diano d’Alba
info@abrigofratelli.it
www.abrigofratelli.it

- **Ghio Vini**
Via Circonvallazione, 3 – Bosio
info@ghiovini.it
www.ghiovini.it
- **La Bollina**
Via Monterotondo, 60 – Serravalle Scrivia
info@labollina.it
www.labollina.it
- **La Cedraia**
Strada del Castellone, 3 – Novi Ligure
info@lacedraia.it
www.lacedraia.it
- **La Colombera**
Strada Comunale per Vho, 7 – Tortona
info@lacolomberavini.it
www.lacolomberavini.it
- **La Ghera**
Piazza Tornielli, 5 – Molare
info@gheravini.it
www.gheravini.it
- **La Guardia**
Podere La Guardia – Morsasco
guardia@libero.it
www.laguardiavilladelfini.com
- **La Mondianese**
Via Cascina Mondianese, 12 – Montemagno
marketing.lamondianese@gmail.com
www.lamondianese.com
- **Tenuta La Piria**
Via Piria, 108 – Rocca Grimalda
info@tenutalapia.com
www.tenutalapia.com
- **Cascina La Signorina**
Località Mardelloro – Carpeneto
albe.monta@hotmail.it
www.lasignorina.it
- **La Valletta**
Via Pobiano, 3 – Cremolino
az.ag.lavalletta@gmail.com
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What to see in Alessandria

Attractions, travel ideas and tours: all the things to see and do in Alessandria and user tips, to visit Alessandria at its best

Alessandria is a crucial city in the north-west economy. It is at the center of commercial exchanges between Genoa, Milan and Turin, which is why it has always enjoyed the prosperity of the economy thanks to the confluence of the transport of these three financial centers. The city of Alessandria has always developed its own identity and autonomy, although many elements of its culture refer to Ligurian customs. Alessandria is a Piedmontese city of great importance, with a great culinary and confectionery tradition in particular. The city can only attract lovers and pastry professionals.

The city of Alessandria is rich in monuments and historic buildings, like its fortress on the banks of the river. The city can be visited all year round, but the best time to walk around it is definitely spring, the period from April to early June.

Among the monumental symbols of the city of Alessandria we find its Cathedral, the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Mark, located in the beautiful main square of the city. When one thinks of Alessandria, the details of the columned façade and the bell tower can only come to mind. The visit of the historical monuments of the city can start right from its Cathedral, the main place of worship of Alessandria, which was built in the 12th century. Today, however, it appears as a neoclassical construction, due to the changes that were made in the eighteenth century. The collection of internal and external statues is very rich, as well as that of the valuable paintings placed inside it. An attraction not to be missed in Alessandria is certainly the Citadel, located beyond the Tanaro river: it was built on its left bank in the 18th century at the behest of the Savoy. It is a military star-shaped fortress, and is among the best preserved fortresses in the nation. On it the tricolor was raised for the first time during the Unification of Italy. The oldest place of worship in the city of Alessandria is the church of Santa Maria di Castello, a beautiful example of Germanic Gothic architecture dating back to the 15th century. Inside there are religious objects of artistic value, dating back to different historical periods, such as the seventeenth century choir and the tombstone dating back to the fourteenth century.

There are also many administrative buildings of considerable historical and artistic value, such as the neoclassical Ghillini palace. It is interesting to be the medieval palace built around 1100, and still today called PalatiumVetus. It is a very important building because it was the first administrative center of the city and was probably built together with it. PalatiumVetus is located in the central square of the city of Alessandria, Piazza della Libertà. Among the non-Catholic religious buildings that can be found in Alessandria is the Synagogue, which indicates the presence of a Jewish community of ancient origins. This place of worship in romantic style was built at the end of the nineteenth century at the behest of the Savoy. The synagogue is located in the area of the old ghetto of Alessandria, in Via Milano. Another point of interest that deserves to be visited is the baroque church of San Rocco, located in the square of the same name in Alessandria.

Shopping in Alessandria is certainly linked to Piedmontese pastry specialties. In the historic center of the city there are historic patisseries where you can stop to buy one of the many typical delicacies of Alessandria. There are many other boutiques and shops in the accessories and clothing sector, which are always concentrated in the streets of the ancient village. In Alessandria there are also several shopping centers, but they are located in the peripheral areas of the city. In these places of shopping there are numerous international fashion races.

Voltaggio

Voltaggio (in Piedmontese, Otaggio in Ligurian) is an Italian town of 710 inhabitants in the province of Alessandria, in Piedmont.

The municipality is located on the Ligurian Apennines, crossed by the Lemme torrent and three other rivers that flow into it, such as the Rio Morzone, the Rio della Barca (which originates in the province of Genoa) and the Rio Carbonasca that delimit other subaltern valleys of the country.

Together with Fraconalto it is one of the most "Ligurian" municipalities in the province of Alessandria and maintains strong ties with Genoa and is also an honorary municipality of the metropolitan city of Genoa. [3]

History

Village included in the Marca Obertenga, it passed to the heirs of Oberto, the Malaspina. In the wars between the Malaspina and Genoa at the end of the 12th century the first had to renounce this feud, which passed to the property divided between the temporal power of the bishops of Tortona, the marquises of Gavi and the Republic of Genoa. Subject of contention between the Duchy of Milan, Marquisate of Monferrato and the Republic of Genoa, it changed ownership several times, until it finally passed to the Republic, which had begun to govern the territories starting from the end of the 12th century. Voltaggio was in fact indispensable to the Republic of Genoa as a point of passage of the stretch of the ancient Via Postumia that exceeded the Apennine Giochi avoiding the imperial fiefs. This road route owned by Genoa therefore crossed Fiaccone (today Fraconalto), Voltaggio, Gavi, finally arriving in Novi

Voltaggio since then followed the fate of the Republic until it was annexed to the Kingdom of Sardinia (1815). It was sacked and partially destroyed in 1625 by Carlo Emanuele III of Savoy. In Napoleonic times, under the Ligurian Republic, it became part of the province of Novi that was part of Liguria, in 1859 with the Rattazzi law it passed to the province of Alessandria and then to Piedmont.

During the 1990 World Cup, the country hosted the Costa Rican national football team that played some games at the Luigi Ferraris stadium in Genoa.

Monuments and places of interest

Religious architecture

The parish church of the Assunta and of the Saints Nazario and Celso has paintings by Sinibaldo Scorza, a local painter, and a wooden statue by Maragliano.

The convent of the Capuchin Fathers built in 1595 and completed in 1604, houses an interesting art gallery with religious works between the 16th and 18th centuries by Genoese and Lombard school artists, such as Luca Cambiaso, Bernardo Strozzi, Lazzaro Tavarone, Domenico Fiasella, Gioacchino Assereto, Sinibaldo Scorza and De Ferrari; it preserves the 1694 painting with Sant'Onofrio anacoreta, by Paolo Pagani. In addition, the Convent houses a collection of Maragliano crib statues.

In the Oratory of Nostra Signora del Gonfalone are the remains of San Clemente and most of the works of the native painter Bernardo Carrosio, who lived in the seventeenth century.

Genova

The symbol of **Genova**, once defined Dominant of the Seas, is certainly the famous Lanterna or the lighthouse of the Port which, with its seventy-six meters, is awarded the title of highest lighthouse in the Mediterranean. The Lanterna is indispensable for night navigation; its origins date back to 1128, although its current appearance is due to the restoration in 1543.

Genoa is characterized by beautiful civil buildings with particular architectures, as shown by the Royal Palace (Palazzo Reale), also known as Palazzo Stefano Balbi. The building was built in the seventeenth century but was subjected to various restorations and all its original pieces of furniture dating from the mid-seventeenth to the beginning of the twentieth century are preserved, and it is also possible to admire the various rooms, including the famous Sala degli Mirrors; since 2006 it has become a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Ducal Palace (Palazzo Ducale), built starting from 1238, is one of the main buildings of the city and from the top of its Tower, you can enjoy a suggestive view of Genoa; important art exhibitions are often held in the splendid halls. The Palazzo is located in Piazza De Ferrari, the true heart of the city, halfway between the historic center and the most modern Liberty-style area. Also worth seeing is Palazzo Rosso, built between 1671 and 1677, which is part of the Strada Nuova Museum Complex along with Palazzo Bianco and Palazzo Tursi, mainly dedicated to the Brignole-Sale art collections. All these civil buildings are part of the Palazzi dei Rolli complex, located in the center of the city near the suggestive Via Garibaldi, also called Strada Nuova.

The city offers wonderful neighborhoods; the most loved is certainly the Bocca Dese district: a real ancient village, immersed in the modernity of the city, characteristic for its pastel-colored houses leaning against each other around a small bay; walking through the neighborhood it seems that time has stopped. Also worth seeing is the Castelletto district, which is one of the oldest in Genoa, located on the hills above the historic center. Its name derives from the ancient presence of Castelletto on the spot: a fortress that is part of an elaborate system of fortifications and walls to defend the city.

Another point of interest is the Cathedral of San Lorenzo, Genoa's main church built between the 12th and 14th centuries, which presents itself with a classic Gothic style. The Cathedral houses several works of considerable artistic importance such as frescoes and paintings by Byzantine painters of the 1300s and valuable sculptures, while in the underground levels the Museum of the Treasure of San Lorenzo is housed, with a rich collection of objects dating back to the period of Crusades. Genoa is often remembered for the Aquarium: the largest in Europe. The Aquarium was founded in 1992 and every year attracts thousands of tourists who want to see dolphins, seals, penguins, sea turtles, sharks and many other fish up close. The four-storey building rises in the area of the Porto Antico: an area rich in services for tourists but also in museums. Among these, the Galata-Museo del Mare stands out as the largest maritime museum in the Mediterranean that aims to tell the story of the Genoa Shipyards and of the great explorers of the sea. In the Museum there is also a multimedia and interactive section, which allows you to live the virtual experience of being on board a real ship.

The city of Genoa offers many shopping opportunities, in fact there are many streets where you can go shopping; the nerve center is represented by three points that branch off from Piazza De Ferrari or via XX Settembre, via Roma and the elegant Galleria Mazzini, also known as "the living room of Genoa". This area is very chic as it offers several shops, boutiques and luxury jewelers. In via XXV Aprile you can find the main brands of the big international chains, especially clothing, while between via San Luca, via Orefici and via Luccoli you can find many artisan workshops, shops and antique shops.