

Gran Traversata della Collina
A-7 day walking tour

Code tour: ITAPIE04W



This walking tour starts in Turin, a town with majestic squares, palaces like the 17th century palazzo Reale and the S.Giovanni Battista church housing the holy shroud. Also the Egyptian museum is worth a visit. For the lovers of food there is the market 'mercato di Porta Palazzo, where a lot of local delicacies can be found. 'La Collina' of Turin is a very important green recreational area close to the town. The 'Great Crossing of Turin Hill' - Gran Traversata della Collina (GTC) in Italian - begins from Chivasso and is a walking and cycling route which, following the ridges of the hills, offers some unique and evocative views of the surrounding area. This nature path is partially indicated by red-white-red markings, in many cases also showing the GTC logo. It is a hilly route crossing woods and fields. Along the way there are many things to see, such as the Castle of Moncalieri, the chapel of Our Lady of the Snow in Rocciamelone, the Memorial Park, the Hermitage, the Basilica of Superga, the Regional Nature Parks of the hill of Superga and Bosco del Vaj and Bardassano castle in Gassino. A highlight is certainly the Basilica of Superga designed by the architect Juvarra and built in the 18th century. From here you have a amazing view of the surrounding mountain and the Valley with the town of Turin. Inside the church is the burial crypt of the Savoy family.



Programme in short:

Day 1: Individual arrival at Turin

Day 2: Transfer to Castagnete Po – walking to Sciolze (14 km / 8,7 mi)

Day 3: Sciolze – Superga (15 km / 9,3 mi)

Day 4: Superga – Pino T.se (11 km / 6,8 mi)

Day 5: Pino T.se – Moncalieri (16 km / 10 mi)

Day 6: Moncalieri-Turin (10 km / 6,2 mi)

Day 7: Departure after breakfast

Period

Every Saturday from 12/03 to 24/09. With minimum four people also other starting days possible

Participants: Minimum 2 persons

Level: 2

This is an easy route without particular difficulties. The roads are quiet and surrounded by nature, to the point that in some sections you feel as if you are walking in a mountainous environment. You walk along trails, unsurfaced roads and short sections of asphalted road. It is partially signed with red-white-red 'flag' markings and in many places these are accompanied by the G.T.C. logo. Although the route includes a total of 1500m of uphill walking, it does not present any technical difficulties, is a easy walking route and can also be enjoyed by children, who are used to walk.

total 66 km / 41 mi



Daily Programme:

Day 1: Individual arrival at Turin

Today you will have time to discover Turin, the capital of Piedmont. There is so much to see and visit; starting from the Mole Antonelliana, which has become the symbol par excellence of the Savoy city; the Egyptian museum, second in the world of importance with its rich collection of statues, sarcophagi and mummies ; the Parco del Valentino, the green lung of the city; its numerous squares, museums, palaces and covered galleries. In short, you will be spoiled for the choice this town offers, satisfying every ones pleasure.

Overnight stay with breakfast in Turin

Day 2: Turin transfer to Castagnete Po - walking to Sciolze

After breakfast, you meet the local agent for the briefing and he will also take care of your transfer to Castagnete Po with its Romanesque church founded in the 11th century and the castle. The route continues almost flat along walking paths crossing the ridge from northeast to south-west. You walk along fields and through green and lush woods. You cross the Riserva Naturale Bosco del Vaj with rare flowers like the Turk's CAP Lily, mezereon and some rare orchids.

Overnight with breakfast in Sciolze

Distance: 14 km / 8,7 mi

Time: 4 hours

Ascent & Descent: + 341m - 412m



Day 3 Sciolze - Superga

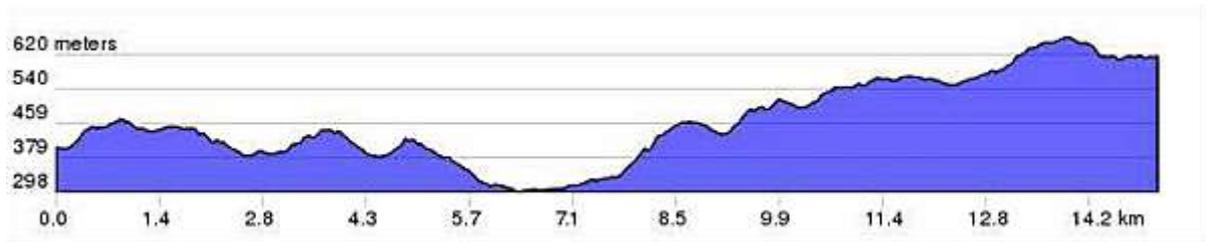
From Sciolze you can enjoy a beautiful view of the surrounding hills. The village was guarded by an imposing castle, of which only the walls of the base now remain. Other places of interest are the 18th century parish church and, lower down, Villa Bria, a beautiful building dating from the middle of the 18th century. Continuing along the walking path you come to Bardassano, on which stands the magnificent castle built in the 12th century and still perfectly preserved. Today's goal is the Basilica of Superga, built on a hill overlooking the city of Turin. The basilica was built for King Victor Amadeus II to thank the Virgin Mary for his victory over the French in 1706.

Overnight with breakfast in Superga.

Distance: 15 km / 9,3 mi

Time: 6 hours

Ascent & Descent: + 573m - 359m



Day 4 Superga - Pino Torinese

Today's section is short, so you can spend the morning visiting the Basilica of Superga, a masterpiece by the architect Filippo Juvarra. The basilica was built in the 1700s for the Duke of Savoy, and inside is the crypt containing the tombs of the House of Savoy. You'll be impressed by the size of the building and the beautiful view over the city of Turin and the surrounding mountains; one of the best views of the entire route. Continue through the Natural Park of Superga Hill to Pino Torinese, built 550m up on a hilltop. In the evening, you can enjoy exploring the pleasant historical centre of the town.

Overnight with breakfast in Pino Torinese

Distance: 11 km / 6,8 mi

Time: 3 hours

Ascent & Descent: + 322m - 421m





Day 5 Pino T.se - Moncalieri

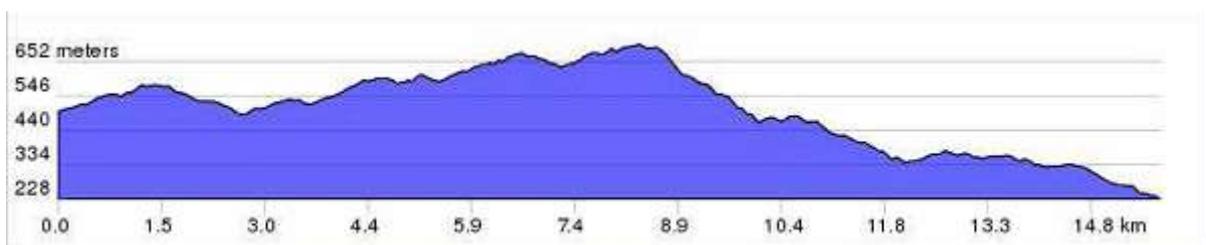
In the morning, you head to the hermitage (eremo), which lies on the south - east side of the hill, overlooking Chieri and Pecetto which is famous for its cherries. From the hermitage, you come downhill to reach the World War I Remembrance Park, with the Victory Lighthouse set on the hill of La Maddalena which, at 715 m a.s.l., is the highest point of the city of Turin. Back on the south - east side you continue walking, almost always downhill, until you reach the castle of Moncalieri, now a headquarters of the Carabinieri military police, and the beautiful old town.

Overnight with breakfast in Moncalieri

Distance: 16 km / 10 mi

Time: 5,5 hours

Ascent & Descent: + 379m - 650m



Day 6 Moncalieri - Turin

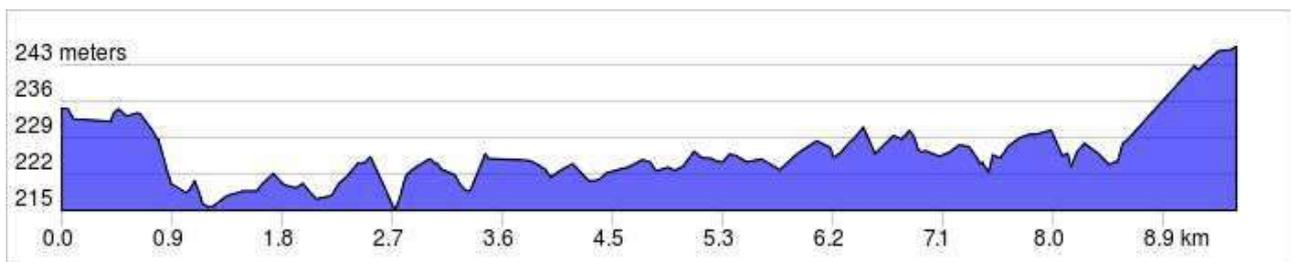
A short walk will bring you back to Turin. You pass the Museo dell'Automobile (car museum), Valentino park and a medieval castle. It is a short walk so time will remain to dedicate to Turin

Overnight with breakfast in Turin

Distance: 10 km / 6,2 mi

Time: 2,5 hrs

Ascent & Descent: + 57m - 44m



Day 7 End of tour after breakfast

Hotels:

*** stars, B&B and Agriturismo

Prices p.p.

In double room € 425

Single room € 535

Without luggage transportation € 40

Included in the tour:

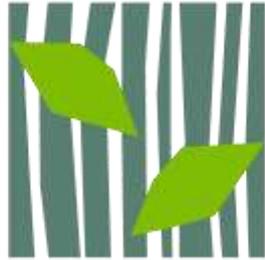
- Overnight stays Bed & Breakfast, farmhouse B&B and *** star hotels
- Breakfast
- Luggage transportation
- Briefing & Transfer Torino-Castagnete Po
- Road book, maps and tourist information in English
- Tour information

Not Included in the tour:

- Lunches and dinners
- Tourist taxes which have to be paid locally
- all what is not mentioned under 'included in the tour'

On request

- Extra night in Turin, Chivasso and Moncalieri
- Car Park at the Hotel in Turin



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