

Two astonishing capitals of Northern Italy by Bike

An 8-day cycling holiday from Turin to Milan

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A cycling tour through a staggering nature that allows you to experience two of the most important regions of Italy: Piedmont and Lombardy.

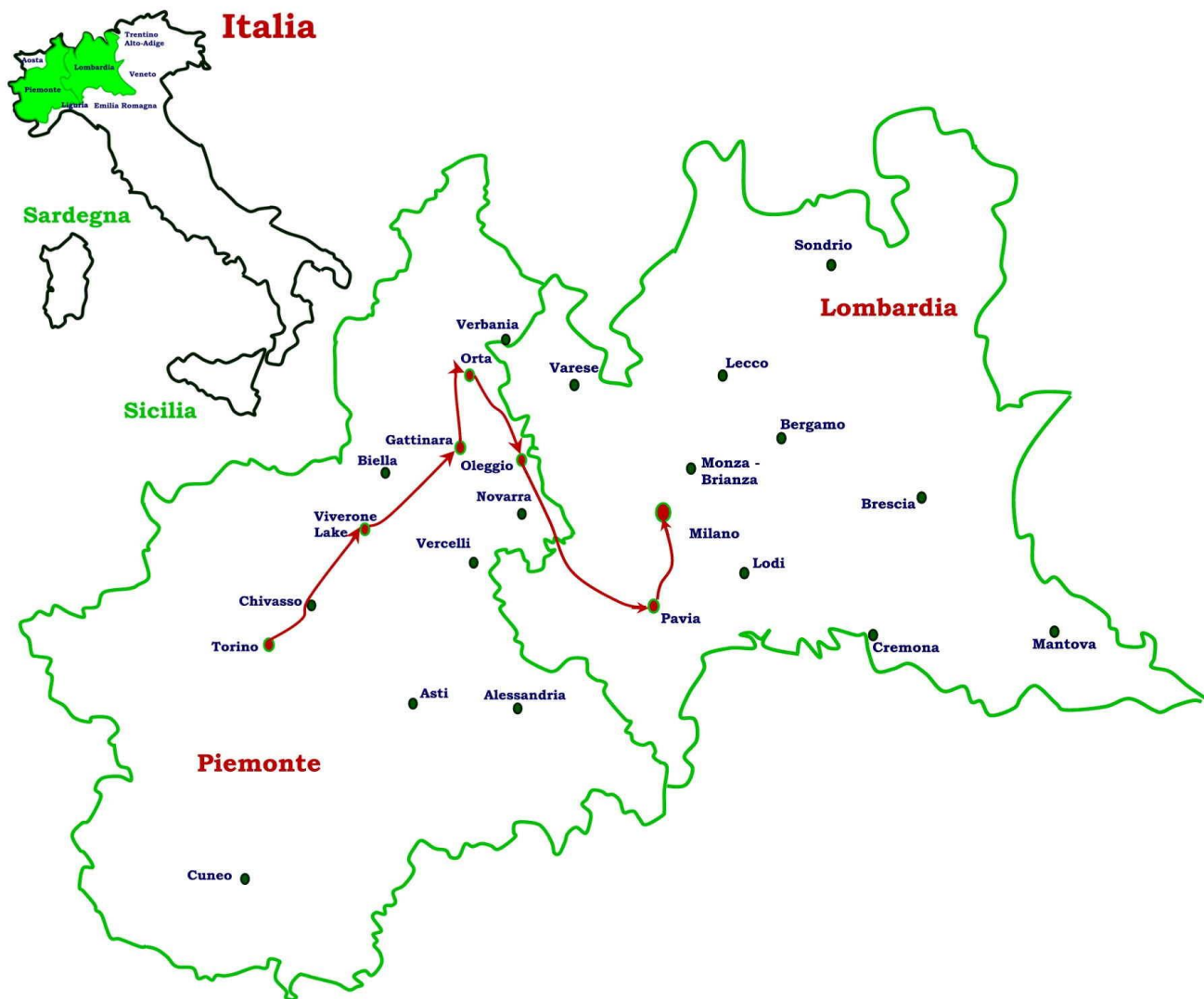
You will depart from Turin, elegant and regal main city of Piedmont and first capital of Italy, very green thanks to the hills and the four rivers, and reach Milan, the glamorous capital of business and fashion in Lombardy, with its appeal of a great European city and known for its quality food and great events.

An exciting journey into the green heart of Piedmont and then, past the river Ticino, into Lombardy, the richest region in Italy. You will be immersed in the nature of both regions, while admiring for example the deep blue of the Viverone, Orta and Maggiore lakes and the many lovely rivers and canals along the way. Then you will enjoy a nice stop in Gattinara, a village famous for its wine bars, and you will have a chance to taste excellent wines.

You will stay in Pavia, in Lombardy, ancient medieval capital and refined university city and you will discover the Certosa, a splendid monumental complex of the fourteenth century.

A legend tells that, in August 1946 the illegally exhumed body of Benito Mussolini was discovered in the Certosa and two Franciscan friars were charged with assisting in the concealment of the body. Your entrance into Milan will be along the historic canal of the Naviglio Pavese, where goods were once transported on barges. Finally, you will reach the Darsena, where inhabitants from Milan love to hang out and spend time. They gather here especially in the evening, when you can enjoy the aperitif, a lovely ritual, which comes right before delicious dinner in one of the

many excellent restaurants you can choose from. Five subway lines allow you to reach any area of the city in a few minutes. This is the ideal journey for nature lovers but also for those who like lively cities, fun and entertainment: you will experience some of the best Northern Italy has to offer.



Departures: Every Saturday from March 23 to September 21/2024. Daily departures with a minimum of 4 people or with a supplement of 50 € per person (if less than 4 people).

Participants: minimum two persons

Difficulty: 2,5

Difficulty is medium overall, although the route in Piedmont up to Gattinara is not easy and involves training on the climbs. The last part from Oleggio to Milan is easy and includes cycle paths. Low traffic roads; some dirt roads are in good condition.

In spite of the cycling, you will have enough time to visit cities and places and enjoy experiences like wine tasting. Experience of cycling and a good physical condition are required.

Average daily distances: between 34 km / 21 mi and 68 km / 42 miles

Total km/miles: 330 km / 205 mi

Programme in short:

Day 1 Individual arrival in Turin

Day 2 Turin – Chivasso – Mazzè – Maglione – Viverone Lake (67 km / 42 miles)

Day 3 Viverone – Candelo – Gattinara (65 km / 40 miles)

Day 4 Gattinara – Pella – by ferry to Orta (38 km / 24 miles)

Day 5 Orta – Arona – Oleggio (58 km / 36 miles)

Day 6 Oleggio – Ticino Park – Pavia (km 68 / 42 miles)

Day 7 Pavia – Milan (34 Km / 21 miles)

Day 8 Departure

Daily programme 8-day / 7-night tour

Day 1 Arrival at your hotel in Turin

Turin, the first capital of Italy, is a really beautiful city that will surprise you. In the past it was well known to host the industrial city seat of Fiat while today it is an important tourist city, full of noble residences, parks, interesting museums etc. It is a modern, refined and well-kept city, with large spaces and lots of green, perfect for a bicycle tour. Turin also boasts lots of nice restaurants and places where to taste excellent cuisine and wines.

Overnight with breakfast in Turin.

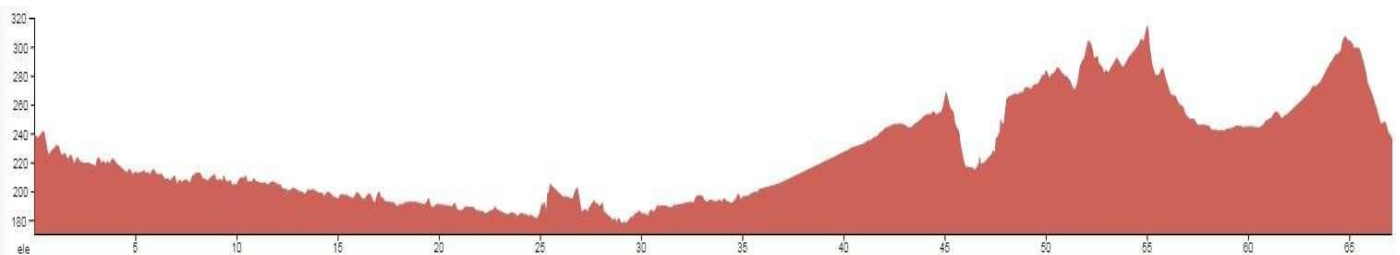
Day 2 Turin – Viverone Lake

Your exciting cycling tour begins today: you cycle along the largest river in Italy, the Po, up to Chivasso, a small town with many churches and in the Park of the Po. Then you continue among green hills passing Mazzè, with its castle from which you can enjoy a beautiful view and Maglione, the town of murals. Today's destination is the quiet Viverone Lake, the third lake of Piemonte. In the south and western parts, the lake has a rich vegetation and the lake is an important archaeological site with finds of bronze age stilt houses.

Overnight with breakfast in the Viverone Lake area.

Distance: 67 km / 42 miles

Altimetry Turin-Viverone Lake



Day 3 Viverone – Candelo – Gattinara

Today is maybe your most demanding day: you will cross the “Serra” of Ivrea, an extensive morainic hill, and then a deserved descent towards Candelo awaits you, with its extraordinary “Ricetto”. The Ricetto di Candelo is a medieval architecture, a fortified and protected structure where goods (fodder, wines, etc.) of the local lord or the population were accumulated and where, occasionally, the population itself withdrew in case of attacks. The one in Candelo is one of the

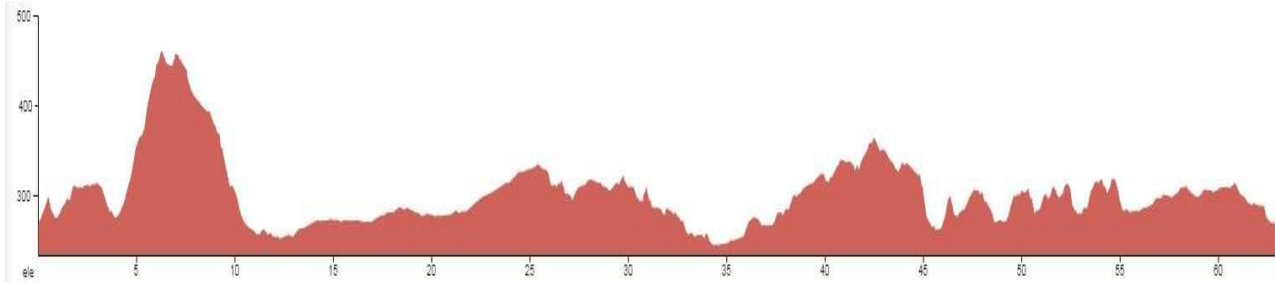
best preserved examples of this type of medieval structure.

Cycling continues with ups and downs between vineyards and green hills until you reach Gattinara, famous for its excellent wines.

Overnight with breakfast in Gattinara.

Distance: 65 km / 40 miles

Altimetry: Viverone Lake – Gattinara



Day 4 Gattinara – Pella – by ferry to Orta

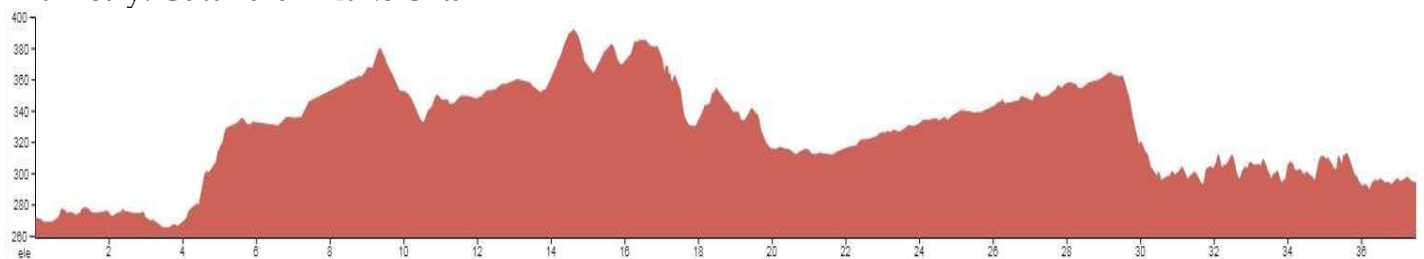
Today you will cross the Sesia river, then you have some ups and downs until you reach a small jewel of Piedmont: Lake Orta. The lake has been so named since the 16th century, but was previously called the Lago di San Giulio, after Saint Julius (4th century), the patron saint of the area.

After a very pleasant ride along the western shore, you reach Pella, where you can take the ferry; passing near the island of San Giulio with its monastery, you arrive in Orta.

Overnight with breakfast in Orta.

Distance: 38 km / 24 miles

Altimetry: Gattinara – Lake Orta



Day 5 Orta – Arona – Oleggio

After leaving the delightful village of Orta, you follow a beautiful path through the hills that leads you to Arona, a beautiful village that is worth a visit, with its cycle path along Lake Maggiore.

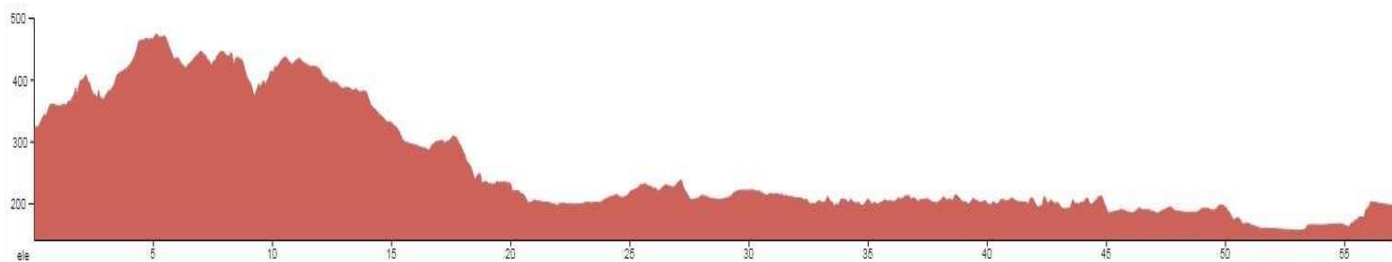
Worldwide known for having been the birthplace of St. Charles Borromeo, Arona boasts Renaissance masterpieces inside its churches and an ancient fortress, the Rocca, whose ruins remind of past battles and sieges.

In Sesto Calende you cross the iron bridge over the Ticino river and continue along the splendid embankment.

Overnight with breakfast in Oleggio.

Distance: 58 km / 36 miles

Altimetry Lake Orta – Oleggio



Day 6 Oleggio – Ticino Park- Pavia

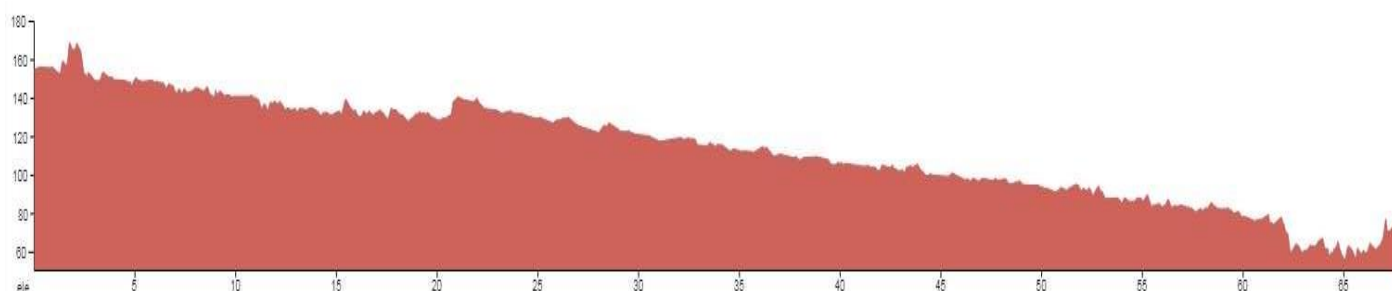
Today you cycle through the amazing Ticino Park on dirt roads in good condition. The natural environment is beautiful; the green of the trees is reflected in the river from which numerous canals branch off. Along with one of these you reach Pavia, the former capital of the Lombard Kingdom, an elegant university city famous for its Certosa, a monastery designed by Gian Galeazzo Visconti.

The historic centre is perfectly preserved and full of lovely shops.

Overnight with breakfast in Pavia.

Distance: 68 km / 42 miles

Altimetry Oleggio -Pavia



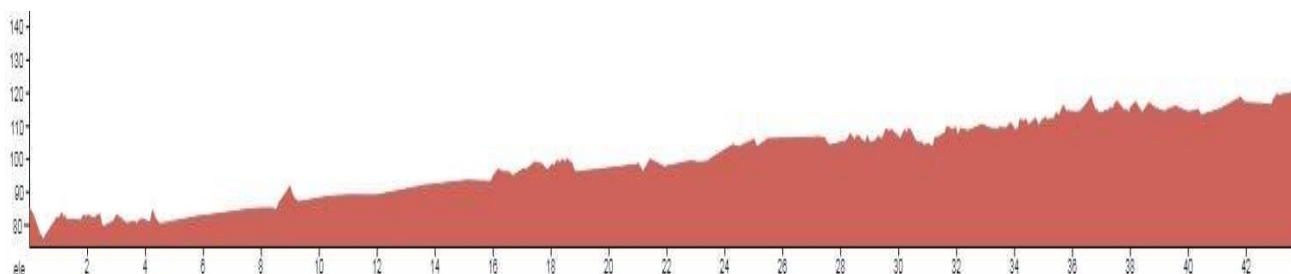
Day 7 Pavia - Milan

You leave Pavia along the Naviglio Grande and you will soon reach the Certosa, a medieval jewel, which we recommend to visit. It really is a really unique complex with a magnificent church, originally built as family chapel, dating back to the 14th -15th century. A few kilometres by bike and you reach Milan, a vibrant city in constant evolution. Milan is the real economic heart of Italy but also a very interesting city from a tourist point of view, rich in museums, churches, theatres and lively streets with shops and excellent places where to eat and drink. It is possible to book an extra night to explore this fascinating town.

Overnight with breakfast in Milan.

Distance: 34 km / 21 miles

Altimetry Pavia – Milan



Day 8 Departure after breakfast.

After breakfast ends this tour through two important Italian regions

Rates per person 2024*

Hotels Category A	Price in Euro
In double room	1.190
In single room	1.515
Supplement Salone del Mobile in Milan (Departures from April 18 to April 23)	50
Rental bikes (24-speed bike with free-wheel + 1 pannier bag & 1 tool kit)	130
Rental E-bikes (+ 1 pannier bag)	280
Hotels Category B	
In double room	995
In single room	1.300
Supplement Salone del Mobile in Milan (Departures from April 18 to April 23)	50
Rental bikes (24-speed bike with free-wheel + 1 pannier bag & 1 tool kit)	130
Rental E-bikes (+ 1 pannier bag)	280

* Reduction of price when booking at least 3 persons on the same date 10%

Additional nights

City	City category and price, b&b, per person in a double room	Supplement single room
Turin	Cat. A: € 95/Cat. B: € 60	Cat. A: € 75/Cat. B: € 40
Milan	Cat. A/Cat. B: On request	Cat. A/Cat. B: On Request

Included in the price:

- 7 overnight stays with breakfast in Cat. A (4* hotels) or Cat B (4* o 3* hotels)
- Breakfast buffet
- route description, maps, tips for sightseeing
- Luggage transportation
- Service-hotline
- Personal tour information upon arrival in Turin

Not included in the price

- Arrival and departure transfers

- Ferry from Pella to Orta (7,50 Euro per person, bike included – 2020 price)
- Local tax (to be paid directly in hotels)
- Meals and beverages
- Entrance fees to churches, museums and other places
- Tips and personal expenses
- Everything not specified under “Included in the price”



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