



Avigliana



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THE MEDIEVAL CITY
WITH THE GREEN HEART





With this small guidebook we invite you for a walk through the old town, imagining its Middle Age, bursting with life and wealth: Avigliana was an urban center of such a great importance that its inhabitants outnumbered even those of Turin.

Next we would like to guide you to the Natural Park of Avigliana Lakes, to get to know the beauties and peculiarities of this unique eco-system.

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*Welcome to Avigliana,
the medieval city
with the green heart!*

We wish to introduce you Avigliana's cultural highlights: from the Ecomuseum of the Dynamite Company to the small art galleries in the old town and the open-air artwork installations.

And the hamlets: small rural communities that seem to exist on their own, so far from the city center.

Once you got to know Avigliana, we encourage you to return: experience this small city throughout the change of seasons, the events that bring it to life, the performances and concerts that make Avigliana a city of culture, never snooty.





the Old Town

Do you know that just steps from Piazza Conte Rosso, a cannonball from XVII century got stuck into a wall of one of the old buildings?

That above a stone column of one of the most precious houses, a cheeky child is pulling faces to the passers-by?

That in the prisons of its castle the rebel prince Amedeo d'Acaja of the house of Savoy was confined, and that his spirit is said to still wander in the mists of the lake where he drowned?



Park your car in the areas indicated on the map, and set out to find those peculiarities: you will be surprised by the beauty of the old town, with his heart in Piazza Conte Rosso and in the ruins of the castle above.

The information boards along the way will familiarize you with Avigliana's history, its old palaces, beautiful churches, the Clock Tower, the ancient

town gates. Decide for yourself where you wish to start the tour indicated on the map: whether you are arriving by train or you are coming from the lakes.

After that, take your time to stroll the narrow alleys: walk slowly and discover its hidden beauty!



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The 400 hectares large Natural Park of Avigliana Lakes is characterized by a very peculiar ecosystem: the hills, the Mareschi swampland and two lakes; at the opposite side the Morenic Hill with its beautiful trails. This is the green heart of Avigliana. You may walk the panoramic footpath around the lakes or engage in an easy hike along the Mareschi swampland; climb the Strada dei Principi to the Sacra of St. Michael, follow the Via dei Pellegrini to Reano and Rivoli or walk up to Mount Cuneo, where a stunning view will compensate you for the effort made.





Green Heart

Walking or cycling, swimming or canoeing: look at our suggested tours and, map in hand, discover Avigliana. We remind you that here we are guests of nature: please show the host consideration and respect!



In 2014 Avigliana was awarded with the “5 Vele Legambiente” for lakeside towns, winning the first place in Piedmont and the forth in Italy for its excellence of environmental and touristic policies.





Cultural Avigliana

Did you know that soon after the Second World War the writer Primo Levi worked as a chemist at the Nobel's Dynamite Company in Avigliana, finding inspiration to write his first masterpiece in his spare time? The Ecomuseum of the Dynamite Company does not only tell this great story: it talks about the economy of a region, the daily life of men and women, their hardships, their achievements throughout the operational years of the dynamite factory. Avigliana loves art. Visit the open-air wooden sculptures, the school of ceramic art, the small but precious art galleries in the old town, the exhibitions at the church St. Croce and the sculptures at the church St. Maria Maggiore.





the Events in Avigliana

Avigliana offers a large variety of life performances and alluring events. Particularly worth mentioning are the traditional *Palio dei Borghi* that takes place every third weekend in June and the international *Due Laghi Jazz Festival* between August and September each year.

Experience Avigliana not only for its beauties, but also through its lively events: from the agricultural fairs to the theater season, Avigliana is a city for everyone!

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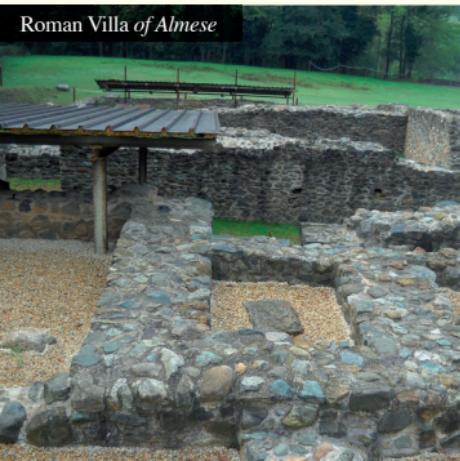
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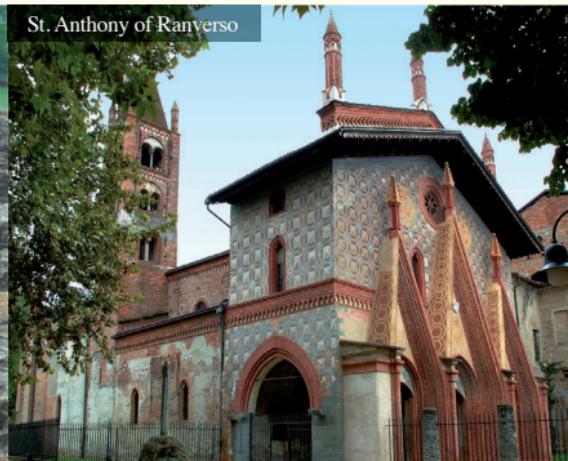
around Avigliana

Avigliana is situated in the center of a greater territory rich in extraordinary cultural and natural beauty. The Sacra of St. Michael, St. Anthony of Ranverso, Roman Villa of Almese are just some of the attractions that you can visit during your stay. Come and discover the Susa Valley and its treasures. For more information, visit the website:

www.vallesusa-tesori.it.



Roman Villa of Almese



St. Anthony of Ranverso



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