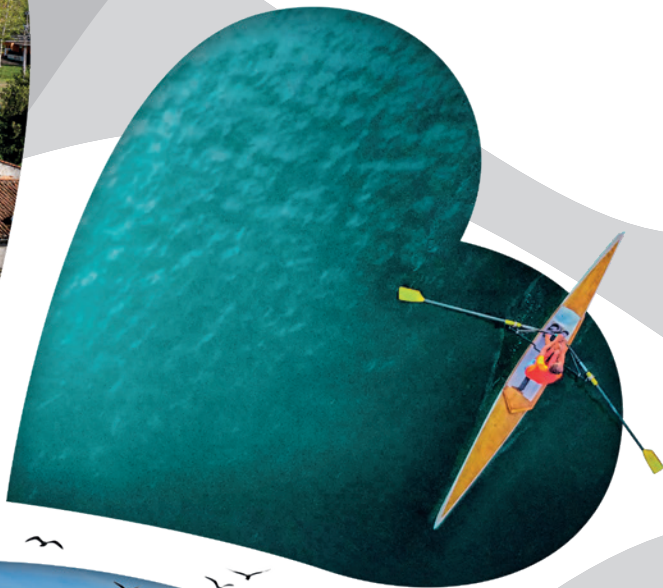




 **Avigliana**  
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**Avigliana** is a **magical town**, immersed in **nature** and **history**.

Located at the entrance to the Susa Valley, not far from Turin, this town has been awarded the **Orange Flag** of the **Touring Club Italiano** since 2007.

It is a quiet, eco-friendly holiday destination,  
and ideal for an outing or a relaxing weekend.

It boasts an exceptional **natural landscape**,  
an **ancient history** that has left many valuable traces,  
and cultural events of great importance.

You will find all of this and much more when you visit

**Avigliana: THE MEDIEVAL TOWN WITH A GREEN HEART.**



## HISTORICAL CENTRE



Photo: Isabella Atzori



# READY FOR A TRIP BACK IN TIME?

Whatever the season, visiting **Avigliana** is like taking a **trip back in time** to the **Middle Ages**, the period in which the **village** reached its **maximum splendour**.

Avigliana was an **urban centre** of **great importance**, and indeed surpassed Turin in number of inhabitants.



Photo: Claudio Alais

# A HISTORICAL TOWN CENTRE THAT NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE

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When you reach the **old town centre**, close your eyes and imagine it **brimming** with **life** and **wealth** at the **crossroads** between **Turin** and **France**.

Then open your eyes and look for the signs that history has left as a reminder of its greatness and importance.

For example, just near the beautiful **Piazza Conte Rosso**, you will find a cannonball from the 1600s lodged in one of its oldest buildings. Once there, as you admire the buildings, don't be surprised if a mischievous child on a stone column makes faces at the people passing by.



Along the sightseeing loop itinerary, **information panels** give you the **history** of Avigliana: its magnificent **palaces**, its beautiful **churches**, the famous **Clock Tower** and its gates. The old town is dominated by the **walls of the Castle** (tenth century). In the Middle Ages this was the seat of the travelling court of the **Savoy family**. The story of **Amedeo d'Acaja** is fascinating: he was the rebel prince of the family, confined to the castle prison. Legend has it that his spirit still wanders through the mists of the lake where he was drowned. The intricate maze of **squares** and arcaded **streets** contains important **works of art**, **crafts** and **excellent food** and **wine products**.



Photo: Simona Ercolini



Photo: Guido Suardi



# THE GREEN HEART OF AVIGLIANA

Like a priceless treasure, the **medieval town**  
is surrounded by **moraine hills**.

Along its attractive itineraries you can enjoy **rich**  
and **unspoilt nature**. Its close connection to the town,  
founded on respect for the **environment**, is attested  
today with the award of the **Five Sails**  
of **Legambiente** and **Touring Club**.





♥ NATURAL PARK

# A CORNER OF PARADISE IMMERSED IN NATURE

Photo: Elio Pallard



With its 400 acres, the **Avigliana Lakes Nature Park** is characterised by a **varied ecosystem**: the **hills**, the **marshy Mareschi area**, and the **two lakes**. Three diverse, yet intertwining **habitats** that give this environment a **unique** and beautiful **nature**. It is an essential **stop** for many species of **migrating birds**, as well as being home to resident species such as the great crested grebe, with its very special “mirror dance”.





Photo: Claudio Allais

The **Lago Grande**, suitable for swimming, with a sailing centre and water clubs, is the **cleanest** lake in **Piedmont** and one of the cleanest in Italy. It is the ideal setting for water **sports** such as water skiing, canoeing, kayaking and sailing. The lakefront is home to picturesque **floating walkways** for relaxing walks, while for the more daring there is an **underwater** rail to tackle diving exploration of its depths.



Photo: Simone Ercolini

## ♥ CULTURE AND EVENTS



Photo: Isabella Atzori



# CULTURE EVERYWHERE

**Avigliana loves art, theatre, music and entertainment**

and promotes culture as a tool that can  
positively influence the quality of both  
individual and collective life.

In our town, art is always welcomed  
and **celebrated** in **all** its **forms** to delight  
the people living there  
and those who come to visit.





## ♥ CULTURE AND EVENTS

East of the Mareschi swamp, the monumental remains of the world's most important explosives factory of the 1940s were converted into the **Museo Dinamitificio Nobel** in 2002.

Through the years of activity of the dynamite factory, the **Eco-museum** illustrates the **economy** of a whole **territory**, the everyday life of men and women, and their struggles and achievements.

After the Second World War, the writer **Primo Levi** worked here as a chemist, and in his spare time he found the inspiration to write his first great work: *If This is a Man*.



Photo: Claudio Allais

In Avigliana many **art exhibitions** take place in the small but beautiful galleries of the historical centre and in the church of Santa Croce. Noteworthy are the **outdoor sculptures** as well as those in the church of Santa Maria Maggiore.

But it is **ceramic art** that has always had a special bond with the town, which began with the foundation of the Filomena Picco Municipal School for Ceramic Art, and continued with the Parete dei Ceramisti (*Wall of Ceramics*) in the Giardino delle Donne (*Women's Garden*).



Photo: Isabella Atzori



# EVENTS

The cultural life of Avigliana offers a **full schedule** of attractive **events**, which includes **music festivals** and **historical re-enactments**. The **Palio Storico dei Borghi**, the **Corte del Conte Rosso**, the **Due Laghi Jazz festival**, and **festivals** and **sports competitions**: don't miss the opportunity to come back and live out one of the many different experiences that the town has to offer.

Go to the website **[www.turismoavigliana.it](http://www.turismoavigliana.it)** to find out what's on. You will not only experience the beauty of our town, but also all the excitement it has to offer.



**From agricultural fairs to the theatre season, Avigliana has something for everyone!**



## OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



Photo: Claudio Allais



# OUTDOOR **ACTIVITIES** FOR EVERYONE

Whether it's a **trekking** excursion  
or an adrenaline-filled **paragliding flight**,  
there are many **outdoor activities** that instructors and enthusiasts  
will introduce you to in Avigliana and in the Val di Susa.  
Discover our **outdoor activities** and **vacation options**  
for your **#valsusaexperience** on **[www.valdisusaturismo.it](http://www.valdisusaturismo.it)**





♥ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

# TREKKING AND BIKING ON ANCIENT ROUTES

Recently rediscovered among the  
**international Itineraries** of the Way,  
the Val di Susa stretch of the

**Via Francigena** allows you to go  
through the valley and its small  
villages on **foot** or by **bike** on the  
**bicycle tracks**, making it an ideal  
destination for family trips for one  
or more days. **Avigliana** is a  
**bicycle-friendly town**: its many  
cycle lanes are also open to e-bikes,  
which are available for hire at  
the Tourist Office.



Photo: Claudio Allais

# A VALLEY TO DISCOVER

In a **former quarry** near the lakes, there is also a **rock-climbing wall**, a popular destination for many enthusiasts of all ages.

With its nearly **forty climbing routes** of all levels of difficulty, it has become the ideal place to practice rock climbing in the valley, thanks to the **collaboration** of the **Val di Susa Alpine guides** and the **CAI** subsection **of Avigliana**.



Photo: Claudio Allais

# ATTRACTIONS AND **TREASURES** IN VAL<sup>DI</sup>SUSA

**Avigliana** is at the centre of a vast territory  
with a **wealth** of **cultural** and **natural** sights.

**Monuments** of **great value**  
in an exceptional historical landscape  
that will not fail to entice you.



Photo: Isabella Alzori



## ♥ SURROUNDINGS

# VAL DI SUSA BEYOND ALL EXPECTATIONS



### The Sacra di San Michele

Considered one of the **signature assets** of the **Val di Susa**, this abbey dates back to before the year 1000 and is now the **symbol** of the **Piedmont Region**.

Its impressive architecture and fascinating history inspired Umberto Eco to write *The Name of the Rose*. It preserves remarkable artistic treasures and the tombs of important members of the House of Savoy.

### Sant'Antonio di Ranverso

Located on the **Via Francigena**, it was an important **stop** for travellers coming from **Moncenisio** and **Monginevro** and converging on **Susa**. The complex of the preceptory of Sant'Antonio di Ranverso was founded at the end of the twelfth century and for a long time was a reference point for pilgrims travelling between Rome and Santiago de Compostela.





Photo: Claudio Allias

## The Roman Villa of Almesè

The remains of the **Roman villa** of **Almesè**, which was probably built in the first century AD, are located in **Grange di Rivera**. It is the **largest private building** of the **Roman** era in Northern Italy: a vast complex of about five thousand square metres on several levels.

With its castles, Romanesque churches and prehistoric sites, the **Val di Susa** will never cease **to amaze you**. Much of its rich **historical and artistic heritage** can now be enjoyed in complete freedom thanks to the innovative “Churches with Open Doors” app.

Discover all the itineraries on [www.vallesusa-tesori.it](http://www.vallesusa-tesori.it)





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