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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 Torino, 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 Torino in number of inhabitants.



♥ HISTORICAL CENTRE

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 **Torino** 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.



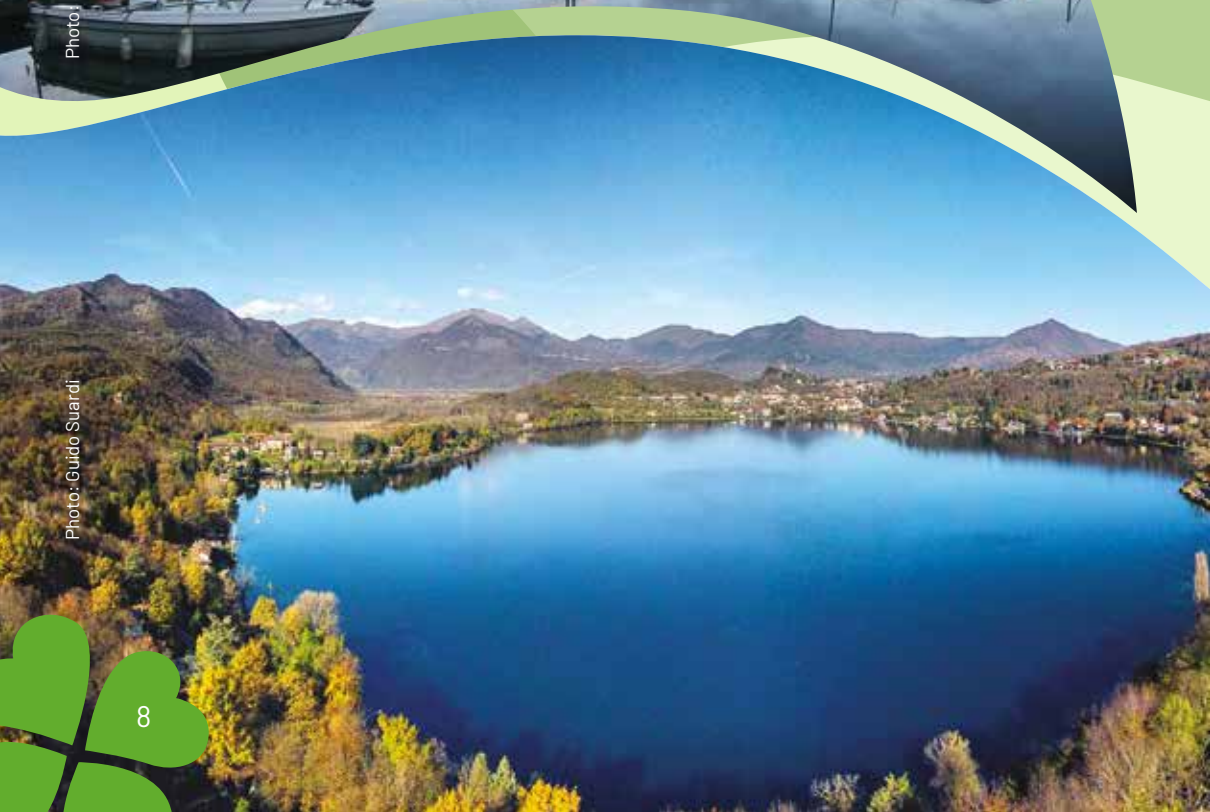
Along the sightseeing loop itinerary, **information panels** give you the **history** of Avigliana: its magnificent **palaces**, its beautiful **churches**, the famous **Clock Tower** and its gates. The old town is dominated by the **walls of the Castle** (tenth century). In the Middle Ages this was the seat of the travelling court of the **Savoy family**. The story of **Filippo II 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**.

 **NATURAL PARK**

Photo: Simone 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

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 home to resident species such as the great crested grebe, with its very special "mirror dance".

Photo: Elio Pallard





Photo: Claudio Allais

The **Lago Grande**, suitable for swimming, with a sailing centre and water clubs, is the **cleanest** lake in **Piemonte** and one of the cleanest in Italia. 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.



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♥ CULTURE AND EVENTS



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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 Dinamificio 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*.

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*).



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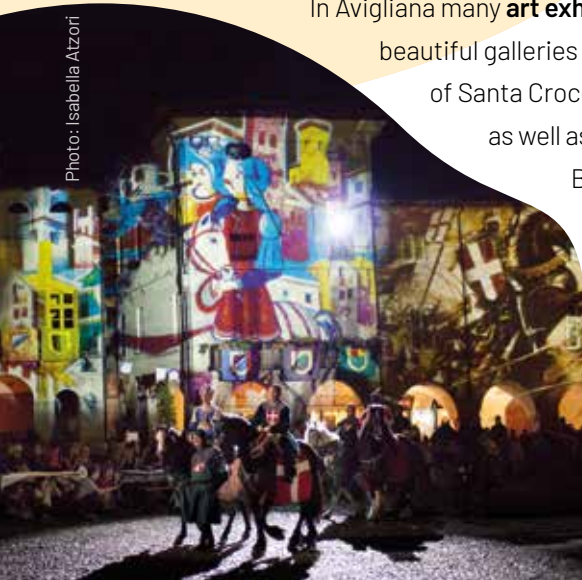


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EVENTS

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 at the Court of 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** 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!



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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 Susa Valley.

Our **outdoor activities** and **vacation options**
for your **#valsusaexperience** are on **www.valdisusaturismo.it**

Discover all the
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♥ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

TREKKING AND BIKING ON ANCIENT ROUTES

Recently rediscovered among the **international itineraries** of the way, the Susa Valley 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.



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 **Valle di Susa Alpine guides** and the **CAI** subsection of **Avigliana**.

 **SURROUNDINGS**

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ATTRACTIONS AND **HERITAGE** IN SUSANA VALLEY

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.



SUSA VALLEY BEYOND ALL EXPECTATIONS



The Sacra di San Michele

Considered one of the **signature assets** of the **Susa Valley**, this abbey dates back to before the year 1000 and is now the **symbol** of the **Piemonte 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 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 Italia: a vast complex of about five thousand square metres on several levels.

With its castles, Romanesque churches and prehistoric sites, the **Susa Valley** 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 “Culture with Open Doors” app.

Discover the territory on turismotorino.org





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