

## GranGiro Bike

### Turin, its hills and its surroundings

A **bike tour** to discover some of the most picturesque views in the area of **Italy's** first capital (**Turin**). **Biking in Piedmont** awesome panoramas, ranging from the **Alps to the hills**, that will accompany you during your visit to small villages nested atop lovely "bric", the **Piedmontese** name for prominent hilltops. This is a land of established and deeply rooted traditions and rituals, together with a rich culinary culture. So do not be surprised if you encounter fairs, markets and artisan boutiques while pedalling around

#### DAY 1

##### ARRIVAL IN TURIN

Individual arrival in Turin (Piedmont), accommodation in hotel for the night and free evening out.

#### DAY 2

##### FROM TURIN TO SCIOLZE: 19 KM; D+ 450 M

After a short visit of the city, and biking along the banks of river Po, you will reach the characteristic "Dentera" a historic cogwheel train connecting the city to Superga Basilica. A windy country road in the "Natural Park of the Superga Hill" will give you different wonderful views of the city surrounded by the Alps. The different ups and downs will take you gently to the countryside at the foot of the hills.

#### DAY 3

##### FROM SCIOLZE TO COCCONATO: 33 KM; D+ 980 M

We are at the third day of the tour. Challenging but rewarding ups and downs will take you to a sacred but just as magical place. The road continues following the edge of the steep hills to ultimately lead you into the beautiful medieval village of Passerano dominated by his castle. The last stop of the day is known as the "Riviera of the Monferrato" for its mild climate and for its renowned Cafés and Restaurants. Biking in Italy at its best!

#### DAY 4

##### FROM COCCONATO TO COCCONATO: 36,5 KM; D+ 850 M

Are you ready? Let's set off on a route to discover ancient villages, castles and vineyards alternated with beech and chestnut tree forests. **This is the land of truffles! Gentle hills kissed by the sun and surrounded by the beautiful Western Alps**, the mountain chain that goes down towards Liguria dominated by the Stone King (Monviso). **Biking Italy** secret spots!

#### DAY 5

##### FROM COCCONATO TO CORTAZZONE/MONTAFIA:

38 KM; D+ 600 M

You descend the valley that will lead you to Cortanze Take time to admire the view, roam the narrow streets and visit the castle. Take in the history but also taste the delicious maize biscuits, called paste di meliga. You are right in the middle of the Romanic cycling route of Monferrato. Biking in Piedmont is a perfect combination of history, culture and incredible food traditions.

#### DAY 6

FROM CORTAZZONE/MONTAFIA TO CHIERI:

42 KM; D+ 650 M

Today you will try new and wonderful cycling routes proceeding in the midst of the hills and the nature. A pleasant side street will lead you in no time to the Don Bosco Sanctuary. This corner of Piedmont is called the land of Saints and wine. You will understand why if you visit to the Freisa cooperative winery for some tasting!

#### DAY 7

FROM CHIERI TO TURIN:

36 KM; D+ 350 M

Today we make our way back towards the hillside of Turin to reach Pecetto Torinese, the land of cherries. In spring the hills explode with white and pink blossoms and in June stalls pop up on the roadside and in the market places. From here you descend along the river Po and in a handful of kilometres you reach the centre of Turin.

#### TOUR SELF GUIDED:

This package is specially designed for those looking for a trip in direct contact with the territory, not only because you cross it on a bike but because you get too see it up close. The route is in fact provided on a self-managed basis with stop point booking and luggage transport. The selected accommodations are small (B&B and Farmhouses) and they offer local products favouring small local businesses, thus providing an authentic experience of both the places and the people.

**PRICE: from € 730,00**

#### MAIN SERVICES INCLUDED:

- Supply of GPS tracks and map for the itinerary
- Reservation of step accommodation in B&B and local “agriturismo”
- Inns with half board
- Step by step luggage transport

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