

Following King Arduino

CONSORZIO OPERATORI
TURISTICI
VALLI DEL CANAVESE

A tour rich in history spanning Canavese Valleys following the footsteps of Arduino, Marquis of Ivrea and King of Italy, who lived around the year 1.000, excommunicated, bishops antagonist but at the same time founder of churches and abbeys. In this journey through history and legend you will discover the places where the King lived and fought and those where the legend pretend his presence, including castles, churches and sanctuaries of great charm.



Period	all year
Target	for all
Duration	5 days / 4 nights
Max people	12
Min people	8

Day 1

Arrival in Canavese and accommodation at the Hotel Degra Salassa. In the afternoon transfer to Sparone. There you will visit the fortress of Arduino, a castle - fortress protected by walls, from which Arduino withstood the siege army of the emperor Henry II. The Romanesque church of Santa Croce still retains all its charm, with frescoes dating from the late fourteenth century, recently discovered. Typical dinner at the Trattoria Vassoio Volante in Salto di Cuornè. Overnight at Hotel Degra in Salassa.

Day 2

After breakfast, transfer to visit the Pont Canavese's medieval Ferranda Tower which houses the Museum of Orco and Soana Valleys, and the Tellaria Tower. This is what remains of three ancient castles built, according to legend, by Arduino. After lunch at the restaurant Bergagna in Pont Canavese, you will move to the church of Santa Maria in Doblazio, among the oldest in the Piedmont and, according to tradition, restored around 1.000 ad by Arduino.

The day ends with a delicious snack at Perotti Pastry Shop. Typical dinner at the restaurant Villa Lunardini in Frassinetto. Return to Hotel Degra in Salassa Degra and overnight.



Day 3

After breakfast, transfer to Valperga, at the Sacro Monte di Belmonte (Unesco Heritage) to visit the Sanctuary of ancient origins which tradition says was founded by King Arduino to thank the Virgin for his miraculous healing. After stopping for lunch at the restaurant La Tradizione in Forno Canavese, the route continues to Cuornè to visit the historic center of the medieval town, with Via Arduino, the central colonnaded street, where according to legend was the house of Arduino, the medieval building now contains an exhibition of contemporary art. The tour moves to the village of Salto, to see the church of San Giacomo, according to tradition built by Arduino after the appearance of the Virgin. Typical dinner at the Trattoria Vassoio Volante in Salto di Cuornè. Return to Hotel Degra in Salassa Degra and overnight.

Day 4

After breakfast, transfer to San Benigno to visit the Benedictine Abbey of Fruttuaria, built in 1003 by Guglielmo da Volpiano with the support of Arduino. Here the Marquis retired and died in 1015. The extraordinary mosaics and the crypt are from arduinic age. Transfer to Ivrea and free lunch. In the afternoon, visit of the Cathedral, built by Arduino's enemy, Bishop Varmondo. A walk through the old town will let you admire the castle with the red towers. Typical dinner at L' Osteria dei Sapori in Lessolo. Return to Hotel Degra in Salassa Degra and overnight.

Day 5

After breakfast, transfer to Masino Castle, where, in the chapel of the noble house of Valperga, there are the remains of the king of Italy Arduino. In the Hall of coats you will see how all the nobility who ruled the Canavese has Arduino among the ancestors. Return to Hotel Degra in Salassa Degra and overnight.

Rates per person from **428 euro**

Rates include: 4 nights in a double room with bed and breakfast in Hotel 2 **, 4 dinners in typical restaurants, 2 lunches, pastry tasting, entrance fees and guided tours to all the churches,

castles and museums indicated, guided tours of Pont Canavese, Ivrea Cuornè and guide for all days.

Not included: transportation (available on request), drinks, personal expenses and anything not mentioned in "Rates include".

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