

Province of Cuneo
Our mountains, our plains, our jewels

The province of Cuneo is a land of unparalleled variety of landscape, extraordinary cultural, artistic, gastronomic and folkloristic features that confidently and proudly reveal themselves to visitors.

This is Provincia Granda, the largest province in Piedmont, marked by twenty valleys arranged in radial patterns and influenced by the mild climate of the Ligurian Sea. This has helped to create heterogeneous habitats in terms of flora, fauna and geology.

The Ligurian, Maritime and Southern Cottian Alps are a breathtaking amphitheatre, dotted with parks and nature reserves, and overlooked by the King of Stone, Monviso, which, at 3841 metres, stands out in the background with its unique image. Cities rich in history and tradition open the doors of their castles, villas, churches and museums to visit and reveal lesser-known treasures of inestimable beauty.

Culinary excellence

The province of Cuneo stands out as the most important rural area within the region. Great wines, finest crops, high quality livestock, excellent products with EU-wide recognition, characteristic cuisine, charming views and attractive sites make it a province of great agricultural and cultural traditions and a major tourist attraction.

Art and Culture Itineraries

The province of Cuneo is an extraordinary treasure chest rich in architectural gems built in the Romanesque, Gothic and Baroque periods. Unknown to the general public, these works are now considered to be evidence of a frontline cultural ferment, signs of an art that combines European influences with local culture.

Major tourist attractions

This is where the charm and rigour of Savoy architecture blends harmoniously with rural architecture and the highest expressions of Alpine engineering: castles, basilicas and residential buildings are opposed to dams, forts, paved paths, dirt roads and bridges built over time to ease the transit of traders, farmers and pilgrims along the Alpine ridges. The rich variety of these preserved heritage works can now be enjoyed through guided tours and visits: therefore, 'be inspired by beauty' is the watchword.

Outdoor activities for 2 wheels

Piedmont - and Cuneo in particular - has always been a land of great trade and commerce between Italy and France, in between mountains, sea and the Po Valley. Several routes used in the trade of salt and agricultural products, as well as routes used by shepherds, pilgrims and travellers, have marked the area by tracing a unique crossroads of roads, paths and mule tracks. These routes, which have gradually become disused over time, now stand out as a great heritage of dirt or paved low-traffic roads to be experienced and discovered by bicycle too.

Today the **Via del Sale**, which runs between Piedmont and Liguria, is a great attraction, with significant passages in France. Once a commercial route, which later became a military route and today a tourist route, it is a characteristic route that, despite exceeding very high altitudes (up to 2,239 m), does not have annoying ups and downs and is today an ideal destination for outdoor tourism: trekking, mtb, e-mtb. There are many variations that allow you to start from the Alps to reach the Ligurian Sea or the Côte d'Azur and vice versa, with rings that lead back to the start, crossing unique landscapes of inestimable beauty. The itinerary can only be travelled between summer and autumn. Motor vehicle traffic access is regulated (on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the route is closed to traffic) to contain the environmental impact and a toll is payable. The Via del Sale is one of the many natural masterpieces that the Cuneo Alps offer to those who want to enjoy the uncontaminated charm of the high mountains and beyond: crossing the Ligure Riviera you can also enjoy the richness of the sea.

For lovers of dirt tracks, do not miss out on the "**Gardetta Bike Emotions**" that connects the former military road of the homonymous plateau to the valleys Stura, Grana and Maira, with routes that exceed 2,300 meters, reaching unique landscapes at high altitude, without large slopes and therefore with little effort.

The **Roa Marenga Road** - the white gold roads from Mondovì to Ormea (Piedmont - Italy) - is a 60km-long route twisting and turning across woods and mountains with a lot of dirt-road itineraries rich in history, myths and attractions.

An ancient devotional pathway led the Monregalese pilgrims to one of the most important and beautiful sanctuaries of our province, the Regina Montis Regalis Sanctuary in Vicoforte. Along the pathway the pilgrims were accompanied by the presence of small chapels where they could have rest and time for prayer. Today the Via delle Cappelle (the Chapel Road) is part of the **Sentiero Landandè** (the Landandè Trail) a road composed of several rings identified with various colors between the hills and the plains.

Major Events

...by numbers or by tradition

Art cities and Alpine amphitheatres are well suited to hosting top-level music festivals as well as Occitan festivals, major sporting events and historical-anthropological reenactments such as the well-known Bahò of Sampeyre. Each month of the year is marked by important events that enliven the area, the result of ongoing excitement throughout the territory. One of the most important bike event? The Granfondo [La Fausto Coppi](#)

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