

# Cammini delle alte colline ombrose e delle colline chiare: Stage 12: Calliano - Castell'Alfero

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**Utilization** Cycle touring

**Official itinerary** No

**Lenght** 9.60 km

**Tempo** 2 hours 20 minutes

**Stage 12**

**Max altitude** 315 m

**Descent elevation loss** 24 m

**Difficulty** Easy

## INFORMAZIONI

**Region**

Piemonte

**Country**

Italy

**Address**

Calliano  
14031 Calliano AT  
Italy

## **Coordinates** POINT

(8.25719 45.00653)

**Altitude** 244 m

## **Arrival address**

Castell'Alfero  
14033 Castell'Alfero AT  
Italy

## **Arrival coordinates** POINT

(8.20963 44.98207)

**Arrival altitude** 220 m

## **Descrizione**

The route is 10 km long and connects Calliano with Castell'Alfero. Estimated travel time: 2 hours and 15 minutes. The difference in level is 25 m.

The municipality of Calliano separates Valle Versa from Valle Grana; on its territory are present remarkable architectural monuments such as the romanic church of San Pietro dating back to 11th century and the parish church complex that hosts many paintings. Some events are organized throughout the year, such as Palio degli Asini (donkey race) each October, and festivals related to the typical local products – as for example, agnolotti pasta filled with donkey meat, donkey stew, and donkey sausage.

The point of departure of this stop is located outside the inhabited area of the village, next to the cemetery. Go to Valle della Pirenta along the hillside that

leads to Cascine Pietra. Go past Strada provinciale 457, then take the road that passes behind the company “Fassa Bortolo”. Now you are very close to “La Pirenta”, a sulphur spring known for its depurative and curative properties.

Behind the company, the route continues along fields and farmlands for about 3 km and passes through the municipality of Perrona, until it intersects with Via Montiglio. Take it and then take the small street that leads to Valle di Castell’Alfero. On the way you will see Gioia Lake where it is possible to do sport fishing. Go past the lake, keep going for about 400 m until you reach a small bridge where Valle river flows underneath. Go down Via Valle for about 300 m until it intersects with Via Casale. Turn right, go straight, and turn left after 100 m. You are in one of the industrial areas of Borgo Stazione of Castell’Alfero.

Keep the right and go past the industries. Go down the dirt road that passes through the fields, until you come to the intersection with Via Asti (Strada Provinciale 57 A). Turn right, and shortly after turn left into a road that leads to località Contessi.

After about 150 m, turn right into a road that goes up for about 1 km. At the intersection with Via Robino, turn right and go up for about 500 m in order to get to the historic centre of Castell’Alfero. Christian martyr Giovanni Battista De Rolandis was born in this village. He is the one who conceived the Italian flag, together with Luigi Zamboni from Bologna.

The historic centre of the village is known for Piazza Castello, where the castle belonging to Earls Amico is home to the City Hall, a wine bar, and a guest room. In its tunnels there is a museum of peasant life named “Il Ciar”, which can be visited with prior booking. This square is adorned by public gardens with breathtaking views of Monferrato hills.

**Public transport access** Yes

## Recommended period

All Year round

**Accessible to people with disabilities** No

Devotional relevance No

Historical relevance No

## DETTAGLI

Code CCC

Classification Provincial

Province

Asti

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## ALTRE INFO

Accommodation facilities

[Relais san desiderio](#)

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[Cascina castagneto](#)

[La foresteria del castello](#)

**Itinerary index**      No

**Province names** Asti