

Cammini delle alte colline ombrese e delle colline chiare: Tappa 13: Castell'Alfero - Chiesa della Natività di Frinco

Utilization Cycle touring

Official itinerary No

Length 5.90 km

Tempo 1 hour 40 minutes

Stage 13

Max altitude 315 m

Descent elevation loss 25 m

Difficulty Easy

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Region

Piemonte

Country

Italy

Address

Castell'Alfero
14033 Castell'Alfero AT
Italy

Coordinates POINT

(8.20963 44.98207)

Altitude 220 m

Arrival address

Chiesa della Natività di Frinco
Via Castello, 1
14030 Frinco AT
Italy

Arrival coordinates POINT

(8.16842 45.00474)

Arrival altitude 195 m

Descrizione

The route, which goes from Castell'Alfero to Frinco, is 6 km and a half long. Estimated travel time: 1 hour and a half. The difference in level is 25 m.

Castell'Alfero, located in Basso Monferrato, is a village known for being the place where Giovanni Battista de Rolandis, the man who conceived the Italian flag, was born; but also for Gianduja, the carnival mask that is the symbol of Piedmont. The village offers tourists and cyclotourists the opportunity to visit the castle of Earls Amico, the museum of peasant life named "Il Ciar", the churches of Castell'Alfero and Callianetto, the small house of Gianduja, the rose garden "Sorpresa" with more than 500 ancient roses in Serra Perno.

You can also visit the small romanic church of Madonna della Neve, surrounded by nature and situated between Castell'Alfero and Frinco.

The point of departure of this stop is located at piazza Mazzini. Go down Via Amico and turn left into Via Moriasco. It is a paved road that leads to regione Valle passing through a grove with few houses on both sides. Take Via Valle, go straight ahead, go past a small bridge where Valle river flows underneath, and go up the slope towards località Boana for about 200 m. Turn left and go straight ahead towards Moncucco for about 850 m, until reaching the small inhabited area. Go past the houses, take the way in the grove, and go straight on for less than 1 km. You get near to the romanic church of Madonna della Neve, which is one of the most important churches in the area of Asti for its brickwork, its great sculptures, and its unique cylindrical bell tower.

Turn right. If you want to see the whole church you have to go straight and go up the slope for about 200 m though.

Back to the route, turn right and go down the slope for about 400 m in a path of groves until reaching a landscape of farmlands. Go down the road for about 350 m. There is a farmhouse on the left.

Take the dirt road that connected Castell'Alfero with Frinco before parallel Strada Provinciale 22 (Asti-Chivasso) was built.

Go down the road for about 2 km and a half, then turn right and go straight until you come to the intersection with Strada Provinciale 36. Turn left into Strada Provinciale 36 and get to the inhabited area of Frinco, in Via Vittorio Emanuele II, where the route ends.

One of the symbols of Frinco is the castle built around 1200. Unfortunately, the building has had a tormented past: in the '60s, "Morlini" company bought it and later put it up for auction after going bankrupt. Then, Pica Alfieri family

bought it in 1992, but sold it to an estate agency, which went bankrupt in 2012. After years of abandonment, a part of it collapsed. Nowadays, the municipality is looking for funding which can be used to ensure the safety of the building.

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

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Province names Asti