

# **GTL - Grande Traversata delle Langhe - Leg 2A: Pezzolo Valle Uzzone - Santuario del Todocco**

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**Utilization** Hiking

**Official itinerary** No

**Lenght** 5.50 km

**Tempo** 1 hour 35 minutes

**Stage** 2

**Ascent elevation gain** 523 m

**Descent elevation loss** 85 m

**Difficulty** Hiking

## **INFORMAZIONI**

**Region**

Piemonte

**Country**

Italy

**Address**

Cortemilia  
Via IV Novembre  
12070 Pezzolo Valle Uzzone CN  
Italy

## **Coordinates** POINT

(8.196444 44.540167)

**Altitude** 310 m

## **Arrival address**

Santuario del Todocco  
SP299 Santuario del Todocco  
12070 Pezzolo Valle Uzzone CN  
Italy

## **Arrival coordinates** POINT

(8.220217 44.519639)

**Arrival altitude** 750 m

## **Access**

By car, motorways:

A6 – Torino Savona, Marene or Carmagnola exit

A21 – Torino Piacenza, Asti Est exit

A33 – Asti Cuneo, Alba exit

By plane:

Milano Malpensa and Linate – [www.sea-aeroportimilano.it](http://www.sea-aeroportimilano.it)

Torino Caselle – [www.aeroportoditorino.it](http://www.aeroportoditorino.it)

Cuneo Levaldigi – [www.aeroporto.cuneo.it](http://www.aeroporto.cuneo.it)

By train:

Ferrovie dello Stato: [www.trenitalia.com](http://www.trenitalia.com)

## Descrizione

*The leg, a variant of the GTL, is a paved route through one of the Alta Langa's most characteristic villages and on to a panoramic, religious sanctuary that has long been a much-loved site among locals.*

The village of Pezzolo Valle Uzzone sits on the left bank of the Uzzone river, on a spur of land that protects it from flooding. We highly recommend taking a stroll through this village to immerse yourself in this last secret valley of the Langhe region with its fairytale woods, villages, lost castles, and other romantic ruins.

Here in Pezzolo, the main street is a near perfect archetype of a fortified village, with its homes overlooking the street, its sandstone portals, windows full of flowers and plaques honouring local celebrities. This miraculous village in the Uzzone Valley is a feast for the eyes and for the nose. If you're an enthusiast of hermitages, in the nearby countryside there is San Rocco in Carpaneta, the only church overlooking the river beneath the cliffs, rather than welcoming the faithful as they arrive by road. From Pezzolo, head up in the direction of Torre Uzzone, first alongside Rio Torre Uzzone and then Rio Grosso.

Torre Uzzone was its own municipality until the late 1920s when, due to depopulation, it was united with Gorrino to become Pezzolo Valle Uzzone (the village in the valley was already divided in half between the two municipalities). This depopulation is even more evident in Torre today, as it has been reduced to just a few scattered farmhouses around the remains of

the abbey, which has recently been tastefully restored by a Swiss family.

So what remains of this ancient village, which is mentioned as early as circa 1000 AD in the inheritance of Bonifacio del Vasto? There is one of the most charming cemeteries in all the Langhe, with its few gravestones still in its border walls telling tales from ages past. Or the remains of the ancient castle and the tower for which the village is named, which lie on the opposite ledge, immersed for centuries in the woods. No one knows what happened here or why the place was abandoned, but whatever it was happened in the Middle Ages, because all trace of it had already been lost entirely by the 1400s.

From Torre Uzzone, continue up along the trail to Todocco Sanctuary, a site of historical interest in a particularly panoramic location and where you can still find a restaurant and bar heroically serving all visitors to this place.

The sanctuary is situated on the crest between the Italian regions of Piedmont and Liguria, overlooking villages far off into the distance in the direction of the fortified village of Gorrino, situated at the head of the route to and from the sea in a strategic position that the lords of Cortemilia enjoyed for centuries.

**Public transport access** Yes

[Http://Www.grandabus.it/Tpl\\_orari.asp](http://www.grandabus.it/Tpl_orari.asp)

**Recommended period**

Spring Summer Fall

March - November

**Accessible to people with disabilities** No

**Interest points**

Pezzolo Valle Uzzone: Santuario del Todocco

**Devotional relevance**      No

**Historical relevance**      No

## **DETTAGLI**

**Local Tourist Agency (LTA) reference** [ATL Langhe Monferrato Roero](#)

**Code**      GTL

**Classification**      Provincial - Mid and Low Altitude

**Province**

Cuneo

**Ultima data di aggiornamento**      15/12/2023

## **ALTRE INFO**

Accommodation facilities

[Casa i fortunelli](#)

[Poggio delle ginestre](#)

## TAPPE

Variant A

Itinerary index      No

Province names Cuneo