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Cammini delle alte colline ombrose e delle colline chiare: Stage 6: Frazione Sanico - Moncalvo

Utilization

Cycle touring

Official itinerary

No

Length

8.10 km

Tempo

2 hours

Stage

6

Max altitude

315 m

Ascent elevation gain

70 m

Difficulty

Easy

Informazioni

Region

Piemonte

Country

Italy

Address

Frazione Sanico

15021 Alfiano Natta AL

Italy

Coordinates

POINT (8.22068 45.04127)

Altitude

245 m

Arrival address

Moncalvo

Piazza Garibaldi

14036 Moncalvo AT

Italy

Arrival coordinates
POINT (8.26541 45.04919)
Arrival altitude
315 m

Descrizione

The route connects the municipality of Sanico, Alfiano Natta, with Moncalvo. It is 8.5 km long. Estimated travel time: 2 hours and 5 minutes. The difference in level is 70 m.

When you are in Sanico go down Via San Pietro for about 90 m, then take the first dirt road on the left. After 250 m turn right and pass through the farmlands for about 600 m. At the intersection keep the left until you reach the paved road. After 80 m turn left. Go straight ahead on the dirt road for about 1,5 km. Go along the company "Fassa Bortolo" building in Località Gessi.

Go past the building, go straight ahead until you reach an intersection. Keep going down on Strada Provinciale 13.

After less than a kilometer you come to an intersection again. Turn right into Strada Provinciale 57d.

The route continues on Strada Provinciale that also goes through farmlands, then Via Roma in Moncalvo, where the appeal of the medieval city meets a unique landscape of hills. Moncalvo, which is the smallest city of Italy, has been the capital of the Marquisate of Monferrato for a long time and it is now one of the main municipalities of this area. Situated to the northeast of Asti, right on the border of the Province of Alessandria, it stands on a hill of 305 m above sea level.

Its castle had one the strongest fortification in the area: large towers and massive walls can be seen in the big Carlo Alberto square.

Moncalvo has been home to a flourishing Jewish community until 1939. Today only small traces of the synagogue and the ghetto, which was on Via General Montanari and Via IV Marzo, are visible. The cemetery, on the way to Alessandria, has ancient tombs, mostly from the 18th century.

The main artistic heritage of the city is represented by the so-called "Il Moncalvo" Guglielmo Caccia and his daughter Orsola Maddalena. In fact, their masterpieces enrich the church of St Francesco, with its museum, and the church of Sant'Antonio Abate. It is also important to mention the church of Madonna delle Grazie, built in the 16th century and designed by Magnocavalli; and the ruins of the castle with tunnels that hosted guards ready to prevent looting and enemy attacks for years.

Nowadays, the ruins of the castle of Moncalvo together with its tunnels represent a quite unique feature for the city that has become a pole of cultural excellence.

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

Alessandria

Asti

Ultima data di aggiornamento

24/10/2024

Altre info

Accommodation facilities

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