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Via dei Briganti: Tappa 3 Villafranca d'Asti - Roatto
Utilization
Hiking
Official itinerary
Yes

Lenght
12.00 km

Tempo
2 hours 25 minutes

Stage
3

Ascent elevation gain
51 m

Difficulty
Touristic

Informazioni

Region
Piemonte

Country
Italy

Address

Villafranca d'Asti
Piazza Marconi
14018 Villafranca d'Asti AT
Italy

Coordinates

POINT (8.0306 44.91511)
Altitude
191 m
Arrival address

Roatto
14018 Roatto AT
Italy

Arrival coordinates
POINT (8.02738 44.95024)
Arrival altitude

242 m

Descrizione

Starting from **the concentric area of Villafranca**, where you can visit the **splendid baroque church** of Castellamonte, you leave the main nucleus first crossing the state road and then, through an underpass, the motorway. The first stretch of the path follows a white road parallel to the motorway itself, then you continue until you reach the Crocetta region and then head north, entering the environment of Valtriversa. The name comes from the river Traversola, the main waterway of the valley, to which we owe the name and on whose banks, in the past, there were numerous mills, very important in the local economy. At the Traversola stream we can take **the 3A variant** that connects to the **Via dell'acqua** and then to San Paolo Solbrito. We continue along stage 3 and we cross the valley, crossing cultivated fields and small wooded areas until we reach the crossroads with the SP 10, from which we can climb up **to the concentric Maretto**, through a country road that leads directly to the center. Maretto, whose name derives from the Latin Meleto (a place characterized by the presence of apple trees), whose origins probably date back to Roman times, gave rise in the past to three distinct settlements Meletum de Troya (Maretto), Meletum Roatum (Roatto), Meletum de Montafia (the latter settlement later disappeared). The most significant element of Maretto is the parish church, built in the 18th century and dedicated to Saints Mary and Michael. The church of the S. Croce, built in the XVII century and already seat of the confraternity of the "battuti", is also very important. Crossing the old town centre, you continue until you reach the very close nucleus of Roatto, the final point of the third stage. From here we can take the 3A variant connecting to the Via dei Santi and the municipality of Cortandone or the 3B variant. The history of Roatto seems to have never been affected by episodes of war as many of the municipalities of Asti and these events are reflected in its castle that over time has become a stately home. The 19th century parish church of Saints Michael and Radegond, built on the site of an earlier church of ancient origin, is also of considerable importance.

Public transport access
No

Recommended period

All Year round
Tutto l'anno

Accessible to people with disabilities

No

Devotional relevance
No

Historical relevance
No

Dettagli

Code
VBR

Classification

Provincial - Mid and Low Altitude

Province
Asti

Ultima data di aggiornamento
15/12/2023

Altre info
Accommodation facilities
Foresteria della pieve
Il germoglio
Ca' marianna
La corte San Michele
La corte San Michele cav

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No

Province names
Asti