Walking Route Through Hidden Murazzi and Historic Rowing Clubs

Walking: 4.4 km, 1 h 7 min

Along the Po, between Gran Madre and Borgo Po, Turin slows to a different pace. Baroque palaces and monumental squares give way to trees, walks, sport and people stopping for an aperitivo or simply to watch the river. Even the traffic seems to fade away; behind Gran Madre, the hillside takes on colour at sunset. It's one of the areas most loved by Turin's residents, quite different from the city you'll encounter in Piazza Castello, at Palazzo Reale and in the historic centre.

The riverside is pleasant in every season, especially early in the morning or towards evening, when the light reflects off the water. The walk is also suitable for those who don't want to walk too far, for couples and for anyone who enjoys photography.

From Colazione da Augusta, you can reach Gran Madre and the river in just a few minutes on foot. You can leave your car in our private courtyard parking area and set off after a homemade breakfast, sweet or savoury, prepared every morning with fresh ingredients. During your stay, we'll be happy to suggest a few detours or lesser-known viewpoints.

For guests who book directly through our website, we provide a complimentary PDF guide with a detailed map, calculated walking times, aperitivo kiosks and a riverside restaurant that's also open to non-members. Before setting out, check for any changes to access arrangements or ongoing works.

Ponte Vittorio Emanuele I



Ponte Vittorio Emanuele I and Napoleon’s secret: Turin’s most photographed bridge hides a story of ingenuity and resistance. Built during the French occupation, it is the only monument that the Piedmontese did not demolish when the King returned. Why? In the PDF, we will reveal the ingenious trick the engineer who designed it used to save it, and show you exactly where to stand to take the perfect photograph with the Mole Antonelliana and Gran Madre in a single shot.

Murazzi del Po



Murazzi del Po between past and future: Once the domain of washerwomen and boatmen, it later became the beating heart of Turin’s legendary, rebellious nightlife in the 1990s. Today, the historic stone arches below Piazza Vittorio are enjoying a spectacular revival, both during the day and in the evening. We will show you where to find the perfect spot for a coffee just steps from the water, away from the bustle of the city.

Rowing Clubs



The Historic Rowing Clubs (Cerea, Esperia and Armida): Did you know that Italian rowing was born here? Walking along Valentino, you'll come across wooden and brick chalets that look as though they've been transplanted from the Alps or the banks of the Thames. These are exclusive private clubs that preserve stories of Olympic champions and traditions stretching back more than a century. If you look carefully through the windows, you'll see the long eight-person rowing boats ready to glide onto the water.

Borgo Medievale



The outline of the Borgo Medievale seen from the water: Although its interiors are currently hidden behind an extensive and fascinating architectural restoration project, its silhouette reflected in the Po remains a breathtaking sight. This is where the river seems to turn into a romantic lake, surrounded by herons and the monumental plane trees of Parco del Valentino.

When should you follow this itinerary?

The riverside walk along the Po is pleasant in every season, but it's at its best early in the morning and at sunset, when the light reflects on the water and the pace of the city seems to slow down. It's also a suitable route for those who don't enjoy walking long distances, couples looking for a romantic stroll, photographers and anyone who wants to see a lesser-known side of Turin.

Would you like to explore the Po like a true Turinese local? Get our detailed map! Don't settle for a quick, superficial walk. We've put together an exclusive PDF guide with the perfect practical route, realistic walking times calculated step by step and our insider tips: the kiosks most popular with Turin locals for an aperitif by the water and the secret riverside restaurant (also open to non-members) for a meal fit for a king.

One of the advantages of staying at Colazione da Augusta is its location. You're just a few minutes from Gran Madre and the start of the route, in a peaceful area where you can explore the Po riverside without using a car.

If you arrive in Turin by car, you can leave it in our private on-site parking area and forget about it for the rest of the day. After a homemade sweet or savoury breakfast, prepared every morning with fresh ingredients, you can set off on foot and reach the river in just a few minutes.

During your stay, we'll also be happy to recommend little detours, viewpoints and lesser-known places that don't always feature in guidebooks.

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