Walking Route Through Hidden Murazzi and Historic Rowing Clubs

Walking: 4.4 km, 1 h 7 min

Along the Po, between Gran Madre and the Valentino, 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.

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.

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.

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 monument that some proposed to demolish when the King returned and that Victor Emmanuel I chose to keep. Why? In the PDF, we will tell you the king's reasons and which Napoleonic treasure is walled up in the central pier, 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 fishermen and boatmen (while Turin’s launderers worked further downstream, at Bertolla), 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 practically born here? Walking along the Po, from the Gran Madre to the Valentino, you'll come across the clubs' boathouses, listed buildings that are part of the city's historic heritage: a little journey back in time. These are private clubs that preserve stories of Olympic athletes 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: Renewed by an extensive restoration, the Borgo is mirrored in the Po: 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 you book your stay with us you receive the complete step-by-step itinerary, with directions to get there and back and tips on what to see.