



SALUZZO OLD-TIME ATMOSPHERE

Ancient Palaces
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Saluzzo is a small, fascinating town located among orchards at the feet of Mt. Viso. It was **the capital of a marquisate** that lasted four centuries and it has retained an unspoilt historical centre, originally enclosed by two defensive circuits, fanning out on the hillside. Cradled by **Mt. Viso** and **described as one of the Italian borough with the highest quality of life**. Being in the middle of the ancient and homonymous marquisate, Saluzzo keeps a wonderful ancient village, full of aristocratic palaces, convents, towers and churches.

Whoever comes to Saluzzo is fascinated by it and often a sole visit is not enough to discover all its wonders and feel its magical atmosphere.

The towering Castle, known as **La Castiglia**, looks down on a borough crammed with cobbled narrow streets and steps, churches and elegant palaces with balconies or roof-terraces.

Saluzzo is amazing: its **medieval historic centre** and the exclusive hill which produced famous people as Silvio Pellico and Giambattista Bodoni, **the safe and quiet life** in it make it only a family-sized town, but also a place where youth can enjoy.

With its historical centre perched on the hillside, among noble palaces, old flights of steps and scenic pathways, Saluzzo is the ideal place to practise urban hiking and fitwalking. Walking through the historical centre of Saluzzo, climbing steps among art and history, you can combine the pleasure of a stroll with healthy hiking anybody can practise.

For more information: www.saluzzoturistica.it.

SIGHTSEEING TOUR

From Piazza Risorgimento, in front of the Tourist Office, walking through the **Santa Maria ancient door**, along the arcaded medieval road Via Volta (traditionally known as “dark arcades” - 14th century) and beside **the ancient Bishop’s palace**, one of the most charming sites in the old town opens up, the picturesque square **Piazza dei Mondagli**; here, the house where the writer and Risorgimento fighter **Silvio Pellico** was born in 1789 overlooks the square.

Hence, passing along evocative steps and tiny paved streets, you get to the **Salita al Castello** (castle rise) and to the old main square, centre of the social and economic Marquisate’s life. Elegant noble palaces (15th century), featuring loggias, porticoes, grisaille frescoes and terracotta decorations, run along the charming street: particularly noteworthy **the palace of Liberal Arts** and the **old Town Hall**.

At the top of the hill, **Piazza Castello** (castle square), adorned by the antique **Drancia fountain**, is dominated by the stately Castiglia (Marquis’ castle).

Descending towards the Belvedere, an amazing panoramic viewpoint on the Monviso’s mountain range, it is easy to get to the **San Giovanni church**, (which houses wonderful art treasures and the Marquises’ burial chapel, a masterpiece of flamboyant Gothic style), and to **Casa Cavassa**, nowadays the municipal museum.

Going down again, through the **Vacca ancient door** you reach the nineteenth-century quarters where you can find the imposing **Santa Maria Assunta cathedral** and the ancient **Synagogue**.



Guided Tours

OLD TOWN HALL - MATTEO OLIVERO ART GALLERY AND THE TOWER

Matteo Olivero Art Gallery

The history of the old building is presented to visitors starting from the outside and reaching the hall on the first floor. The tourist tour ends inside the Art Gallery, where it is possible to admire Matteo Olivero's works and his painting technique.

CASA CAVASSA

Casa Cavassa Museum

Visitors can hear the story of the Cavassa noble family and their house, walking through the 15 halls of the Marquise Emanuele Tapparelli d'Azeglio museum, each one with decorated walls, paintings and wooden ceilings.

CASA PELLICO

Casa Pellico Museum

The house where the famous writer Silvio Pellico was born has become a museum. Here are preserved some of his objects and manuscripts.

CASTIGLIA

Museum of Chivalric and Courtly Society

The tour explains what the old chivalry was in the Marquisate of Saluzzo, telling about its origins and history and presenting key players of the chivalrous society.

Museum of Prison Memory

The museum has been set up in the jail cells for solitary confinement. It tells about the detention system and its evolution over the centuries. Historical episodes of the prison are recalled during the visit.

SALUZZO: A 400-YEAR-OLD-HISTORY

The visit begins from the imposing cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta. Through Santa Maria's gate, along the porticoed Via Volta, you reach Mondagli square. A steep flight of steps leads you to the Salita al Castello, the ancient main square. The visit will end at the top of the hill, in Piazza Castello (castle square).



USEFUL INFORMATION FOR GROUPS

GUIDED TOUR

SALUZZO'S MUSEUMS

(Old Town Hall with the Matteo Olivero Art Gallery and the Tower, Cavassa House, Pellico House, Castiglia with the Museum of Chivalric and Courtly Society and the Museum of Prison Memory), Synagogue

Tours and special openings can be carried out every day from 8 am to 7 pm. Booking is recommended for visits with own guide during opening hours of the site (totally free).

Reservation is required for guided tours of the museum during opening hours or outside opening hours and for special openings. The application must be requested at least 5 working days in advance (applications which are made after that deadline could not be taken into account) at the IAT Tourist Office of Saluzzo: email saluzzo@coopculture.it.



For information about Saluzzo's museums you can contact the Tourist Office
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