



WEEK 2 FROM PONT ST. MARTIN TO GARLASCO

WHAT TO SEE

**PRATICAL
INFORMATION**

DAY 2 - IVREA

PILGRIM STAMP

Corso Vercelli – Ivrea – Ph. +39 (0)125 618131

PRIEST

Duomo di Ivrea – P.za Castello 16

DRUGSTORE

Farmacia Fasano – Via Palestro 16 - +39 (0)125 641038

LAUDROMAT

Lavanderia ad acqua – Corso Vercelli 288 – Ph +39 (0)125 618175

IVREA



Ivrea is the Gate to the Aosta valley. Although at only 253 m. above sea level, it is circled by imposing mountains and is at the summit of a morenic amphitheatre, punctuated by five lovely lakes of glacial origins left by the extensive glaciers that in prehistoric times covered the region. You will see a couple along your itinerary Of Celtic origins, Ivrea became since 100 b.c. a Roman colony called “Eporedia”. The town was under Longobard control, then belonged to the Franks before becoming an independent republic around year 1200. However, for the major part of its modern history it has been part of the Savoia possessions, but for a short parenthesis under Napoleon. Apart from a XVI century castle with dark red towers and the superb crypte of the cathedral there are not many very interesting monuments; it is, however a pleasant town.

DAY 3 - VIVERONE

PILGRIM STAMP

Pro-Loce (info point) – Via Umberto I, 92 – Ph. +39 (0)161 98644 or the hotel stamp

PRIEST

Parish of St. Maria Assunta - Ph. +39 (0)161 987017

DRUGSTORE

Farmacia Rufino – Via Provinciale 76

LAUDROMAT

None

VIVERONE



Lago di Viverone is a lake named after the town of Viverone, lies at 230 m between the districts of Biella and Vercelli in the area of morainic hills known as Serra. It has an area of about 6 km² and a maximum depth of 70 m. The lake is 3,500 m long and 2,600 m wide. The southern and western parts of the lake are rich in Vegetation and wilder, while the north part is built-up and includes hotels, camping sites and beaches. Ducks, mallard, coots form the major part of the fauna although occasionally you may see an otter. The lake is also an important archaeological site: villages made up of Stilt houses were present here in the Bronze Age (1300–900 BCE).

DAY 4 - SANTHIÀ

PILGRIM STAMP

Pro-Loco (Info point) – Via Ospedale 11 – Ph. +39 (0)161 94200 – or at the hotel

PRIEST

Parrish of St. Agata - Ph. +39 (0)16194341

DRUGSTORE

Farmacia Prando – Via Italia 143

LAUDROMAT

None

SANTHIÀ

Interesting to see the crypt the St Agata Parrish church that was built on order of the Queen Teodolinda to preserve the remains of the Saint.

Already rebuilt after the 1117 earthquake the church owns its present look to 19th century remodeling.



DAY 5 - VERCELLI

PILGRIM STAMP

Information office – Viale Garibaldi, 90 – Ph. +39 (0)161 257888

PRIEST

Basilica of St. Andrea – P.zza Roma 35 – Ph. +39 (0)161 257766

DRUGSTORE

Farmacia Garavana – Corso Libertà 79

LAUDROMAT

Lavanderia Pulito Sicuro – Via Libia 15 – Ph. +39 (0)161 54655

VERCELLI

Sant'Andrea 12th century basilica built in an unusual French Gothic style.

Vercelli Duomo in St Eusebio square is worth a visit and there are several medieval towers the most famous of which is the “Torre dell’Angelo”.

Vercelli also features a Synagogue with a façade clearly inspired by Arab architecture.



DAY 6 - ROBBIO

PILGRIM STAMP

Take hotel stamp as we never succeeded in finding the information office open

PRIEST

Don Nunzio – Ph. +39 (0)384 295327

DRUGSTORE

Farmacia Gipponi – Corso Bellotti 2

LAUDROMAT

None

ROBBIO

Robbio though a very old town of roman then Longobard origins is now mainly known for rice production. (your hotel is next to the “Riso Gallo” factory; one of the most well known rice producing brand). Italy is the largest rice producer in Europe.



DAY 7 - GARLASCO

PILGRIM STAMP

either you get the stamp of the hotel, or you call Sig. Carlo, tel.: 0382-86255 (have the hotel call him for you as he does not speak English) or at the St Albino abbey in Mortara.

PRIEST

Beata Vergine Assunta Church – P.zza San Rocco, 6

DRUGSTORE

Farmacia Amerio – P.zza Garibaldi, 17

GARLASCO

Along the way the only important stop is Mortara. There are trains from Robbio to Mortara if you want to shorten this long day. It is only 15 minutes train ride: 7h26 – 7h41 or 9h12 – 9h24

In Mortara the St Albino abbey is worth a visit and you pass in front of it on your way out of town. It was a “must” stop for pilgrim during the early Medieval period when the area was marshy and unsafe. Their names and messages can still be seen carved on bricks. The church built for the first time by the English monk Albin Alkwin in the 8th century has been destroyed and rebuilt several times and only the foundations are original.

