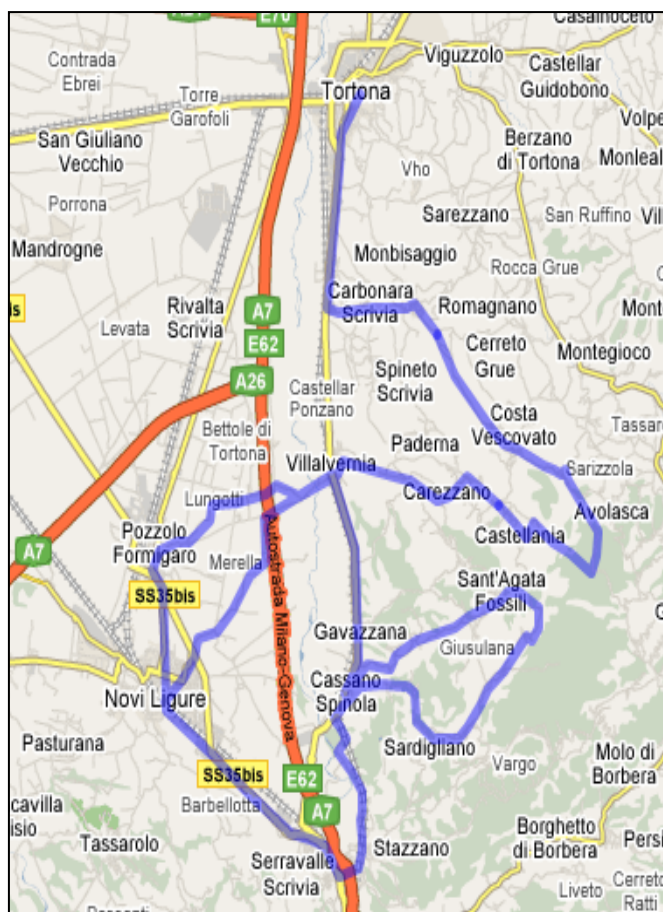


Sulle Strade di Fausto Coppi



You can go all over this route wholly or only parts of the way from Novi Ligure to Tortona, going through the roads where the mythical champion Fausto Coppi was used to train himself.

Duration of the stay: 2 days, 1 night

Difficulty: medium

Distance: 90 Km about

Daily average distance: 40Km about

Recommended bike: city bike, MTB

Kind of ground: asphalt, dirt road, hills (with important drops), somewhere flat

Accommodation: hotels, farmhouses, B&B

Recommended period: September, first half October; from April to June

Starting point Novi Ligure

Arriving point: Tortona

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1st day:



Arrival at Novi Ligure, starting point of your day trip, accommodation and visit to the “Museo dei Campionissimi” (Great Champions Museum) dedicated to Fausto Coppi and the other greatest cyclists of all time.



You'll set off on your bike along the paths where **Fausto Coppi** used to run and train.

Just outside Novi Ligure, past Merella village in the countryside, you'll come to Villalvernia. Continue along this way towards Cassano Spinola. The flat track will soon turn into a yellow sandstone climb and you'll come to Gavazzana: a picturesque village whose church was built on a rocky spur overlooking the valley.

Continue along this way until you reach Sant'Agata Fossili: its name is due to the many fossils embedded inside its marls.

Lunch.

On your way back, you'll pass through some small villages such as Bavantore Bavantorino and Cuquello in the hills of Tortona. Then, take the downhill path to Sardigliano: these lands are spotted with oak trees woods which are the natural habitat of truffle. Every year, in November, Sardigliano hosts an interesting truffle market exhibit. Pedal downhill to Cassano Spinola, then take the uphill slope that splits Cassano from Serravalle Scrivia. Take a lane winding through the woods and enjoy the amazing view of the Scrivia river; a steep descent will lead you to Stazzano. Next, past Serravalle Scrivia, come back to Novi Ligure.

Dinner and overnight stay.



2nd day:



This day trip, as the previous one, has been arranged in order to celebrate Fausto Coppi's myth: you'll have the chance to visit his house (now turned into a museum) and other Castellania's interesting spots evocative of this great champion.

Once quitted Novi Ligure, take the way towards Pozzolo Formigaro. Past Bettole di Pozzolo, you'll come to Villalvernia. Climbing the hills of Tortona, you'll reach Castellania. Steep climbs will lead you to Carezzano, a small village spread along a hill dominated by a tall bell tower. Going deeper into these hills of sedimentary

rocks and woods, you'll come to Castellania, a handful of houses where every corner reverberates with Coppi's name: the house where he was born, the documentation centre responsible for the collection of hundreds of photographs and trophies, the mausoleum.

Lunch at the village restaurant. This building used to be Fausto Coppi's grandparents' house.

But Castellania's history goes back deep into time: continue along the main road which is part of the "Fausto Coppi Cycling Tourist Track" and come to the towers of Sant'Alosio, two rocky square towers which bear witness to their past as garrisoned stronghold: enjoy the breathtaking view of the plains of Tortona, Novi and Alessandria spread at the foot of the hills.

Continue along the cycling tourist track to Sarizzola, into the heart of Valle Grue woods: this is a natural habitat to a lot of wildlife and truffles; pedal downhill towards Costa Vescovato, but before reaching the village, turn left onto the



path leading to "Ripa dello zolfo" and its majestic gullies: here, the Romans and the Savoia used to mine for sulphur and chalk. Pedal uphill bordering the Ossona for a few kilometres to reach the source of the river: enjoy the amazing view of the waterfalls plunging down among sandstone gullies. On your way back to Costa Vescovato, past Montale Celli (where Fausto Coppi's mother was born), come to Villaromagnano, then reach Carbonara Scrivia: look at its medieval fortress. The slopes are now very sweet: take the downhill path to Tortona.

Dinner and overnight stay.

SOME USEFUL INFORMATION

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- **Villa Giulia Hotel**
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- **Albergo Ristorante Viaggiatori**
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- **Novi Motel**
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- **Agriturismo Montegualdone**
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- **Ristorante Pizzeria Vecchio Pioppo**
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- **L'Angelo Azzurro**
Corso Della Repubblica, 9
15057 Tortona (AL)
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- **Trattoria Da Alfredo**
Piazza Marconi, 2
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Tel. 0131 884128
- **Ristorante Montecarlo**
Frazione Mombisaggio
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- **Museo dei Campionissimi**
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