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DATES FOR DUG MEETING 2011

Either June 22-24 or September 14-16

Turin

Turin is an ancient city, which was Italy's first capital, and is now a great industrial district. Each moment in history has left its mark on the city, creating a legacy of culture, architecture and monuments.

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Torino is located one hour from the mountains and one hour from the sea and it is – in the words of the great architect Le Corbusier – "the city with the most beautiful natural position".

The XX Olympic Winter Games in February 2006 left the city an extraordinary legacy. Not just a patrimony of infrastructures at the service of citizens, tourists, businesses, culture and sports, but above all a new way of living the city: more open to the world, a desire to get together and have fun.

In 2011 Torino, Italy's first capital, will be the heart of the celebrations for the 150th anniversary of the Unity of Italy. (http://www.italia150.it/?language=en)

Tour of Turin

Walking is definitely the best way to feel the pulse of Turin: stroll around the city parks, drop into its historic cafés, take in the multiethnic quarters, enjoy fashion and shopping, but don't forget that Turin is magical too. So put on your walking shoes and let your curiosity lead the way.

Torino's central geographical position puts it in the vicinity of many attractive destinations. A one hour's trip will take you to the mountains of the 2006 Winter Olympics and their 400 kilometers of ski runs; Genoa and the beaches of the Ligurian Riviera and, a bit further down the road, the Côte d'Azur; the lake district with the marvelous Lago Maggiore and Lago d'Orta, which are surrounded by the Monte Rosa massif; the rolling hillsides of the Langhe and Monferrato, the land of Piemonte's savoir vivre; and the splendid Crown of Delights, the perimeter of Savoy residences that UNESCO has declared a Patrimony of Humanity.

Turin Pass: Torino+Piemonte Card

Turin pass is available in the 2, 3, 5, 7 days version and 2-day Junior Card. With this pass you will be assured free admission to more than 160 cultural sites, free travel on the city's over-ground public, tourist transport (such as panoramic lift in the Mole Antonelliana, Sassi – Superga rack tramway) and GTT shuttle buses to Venaria Reale - Parco La Mandria, Rivoli Castle - Contemporary Art Museum, Pralormo Castle - "Messer Tulipano", a 10% discount on the City Sightseeing Torino open-top bus and ticket for a consecutive period of 48 hours, special rates on car rental in association with Avis Autonoleggio and Hertz Italiana.

Torino International Airport

The Torino International Airport at Turin (Torino) Caselle is situated 16 km from the city centre. The journey takes approximately 30 minutes by car, thanks to the ring road that is linked to the motorway network. http://www.aeroportoditorino.it/EN/voli/default.php

Bus: the service is guaranteed every 30 minutes; the bus also stops at the Porta Nuova and Porta Susa railway stations. The journey takes approximately 40 minutes. There is a discount of 25% for holders of Torino+Piemonte Card.
Taxis: the airport taxi rank can be found on the Arrivals level by the domestic/EU flights exit. The cost of a journey from the airport to the city centre is approximately €30-€40. Furthermore, CTA (Consorzio Taxisti Aeroporto) provides a personalised taxi/van/limousine service 24 hours a day.
Train: The GTT Torino-Caselle Airport-Ceres railway provides a convenient link between the city centre and Caselle International Airport. The line has two interchange stations in the city: Dora and Madonna di Campagna. The journey takes approximately 20 minutes. The journey is free for holders of Torino+Piemonte Card on Saturdays and public holidays.

Climate

Turin is wonderful all year long, however, most of the rain is falling between October and April. If you look at the climate, the best time to go would be between May and October when the temperatures are around 22°C.

Piedmont is mainly characterised by a continental kind of climate with a considerable range of temperature both daily and annually, since the region is protected from marine influence.
The winters are cold and dry, the summers are cool in the hills and quite hot in the plains.
During the winter and autumn months banks of fog, which are sometimes very thick, form in the plains.

Useful links

Tourist in Turin

http://www.comune.torino.it/canaleturismo/en/

http://www.comune.torino.it/torinoplus/english/index.html

Turin Pass: Torino+Piemonte Card

http://www.turismotorino.org/index.php?id=510

Museum of Cinema

http://www.museonazionaledelcinema.it/en/cover_en.php

Egyptian Museum

http://www.museoegizio.it/pages/hp_en.jsp

Reggia di Venaria

http://www.lavenaria.it/

2011: Turin celebrates Italy's 150th anniversary

http://www.italia150.it/?language=en

Turin cuisine

Enjoying good food and drink is undoubtedly an important part of Turin culture. With the informal atmosphere of the trattorias, the charm of the top restaurants and the exoticism of the ethnic eateries, your eyes, nose and taste buds are in for an incredible experience. Turin is, in fact, one of the undisputed world capitals of taste: the city has always boasted a tradition of good food and wine and is famous for the unique ingredients that are used in its local dishes and the skill and creativity of its chefs, confectioners and chocolate makers.

Turin chocolate firms produce a typical chocolate, called Gianduiotto, named after Gianduja, a local Commedia dell'arte mask; plus many other kinds of chocolate. Every year the town organizes CioccolaTÒ, a two-week chocolate festival run with the main Piedmontese chocolate producers, such as Caffarel, Streglio, Venchi and others, as well as some big international companies, such as Lindt & Sprüngli.