

# Tour: “Albenga, the towers and the greenhouses”

(distance: 11 km)

## 1) Visit to the historic centre of Albenga, Ligurian Main town in the roman and medieval period.

The **old medieval walls** still enclose the old town of Albenga, where you can see important artistic monuments. Walking along the streets in the centre you can notice the old Romanesque plan: two main streets from which a net of other small paths branches off. Not far from here you can visit the **Baptistry**, one of the oldest church in Liguria (5th century), the **Town Hall** (14th century), a



wonderful architectural masterpiece with a double arcade loggia and the **Council Tower** (one of the 18 towers which are left as in the past), the **Cathedral of S. Michele** (11th century) with its gothic tower bell (14th century) and the old medieval **Church of S. Maria in Fontibus** with a gothic facade. It is worthwhile to visit the **Palace Peloso Cepolla** with a tower of the 11th century and the facade of the 14th century, where you can visit the **Roman Naval Museum**, the **Palace Costa del Carretto di Balestrino**, the **Bishop's Palace** of the 14th century and the **Palace d'Aste** of the 15th century. The historical centre is full of other towers and medieval buildings, such as the **House Fieschi Ricci** of the 11th century, the **Loggia dei Quattro Cantì**, the **Tower-House Lengueglia-Doria** (13th century), the **Tower-House Cazzulini** (13th century) and the **Tower-Houses Rolandi-Ricci** (14th century) and **Cepollini** (12th-13th century).



- **ROMAN NAVAL MUSEUM** – Palazzo Peloso Cepolla, P.zza San Michele, n. 12 - 17031 Albenga - Tel. +39 0182 51215

The museum keeps wine amphoras, tools of the 1st century b.C., which come from a Roman wreck, discovering near the coast of Albenga. Here you can also admire a collection of blue ceramic pots from Albisola and Savona from the 16th and 18th centuries, used in the old Hospital Dispensary. **Winter Opening Time:** 10-12,30 14,30-18,00 - **Summer Opening Time:** 15th June – 15th September: 9.30-12.30 15.30-19.30. **Closed:** on Monday, 1st January, 15th August, 25th e 26th December. **Open:** Easter Monday. **Entrance Fee.**

- **CIVIC MUSEUM** - Palazzo Vecchio del Comune, Via Nino Lambogli, 1 - 17031 Albenga – Tel. + 39 0182 51215

The halls show old objects from the roman and medieval period, which were discovered during the archeological excavation by Albenga and the surroundings. **Winter Opening Time:** 10-12,30 14,30-18 – **Summer Opening Time:** 9,30-12,30 15,30-19,30 – **Closed on Monday**

## Markets in Albenga



- **Weekly Market** food and different merchandise (202 stands) - Via Dalmazia  
Wednesday. Opening Time: 08.00/18.00
- **Handicraft** (60 stands) – Historic Centre  
Every month on the second Saturday. Opening Time: 09.00 / 19.30 (24.00 July and August)
- **Flowers and Plants** (10 stands) - Piazza Torlaro  
Every month on the fourth Saturday. Opening Time: 09.00 / 19.30 (24.00 July and August)
- **Antique** (60 stands) - Viale Martiri della Libertà

Every month on the third Sunday. Opening Time: 08.00/22.00.



## 2) On the way back along Via Aurelia, visiting the garden centres of the Plain of Albenga.

### Giardino Dell'Orchidea (Orchid Garden)

Via Aurelia, 314 - 17023 Ceriale – Tel. +39 0182 931456

Growing and Selling - also Retail - Orchids from all over the world.

Natural Habitat with small lakes, waterfalls and streams.



### Gollo Marco (Succulent Plants)

Regione Burrone, 22 – 17031 Albenga

Tel. +39 0182 53280

### Oasi del Geranio (Geranium)

Via Aurelia 312 – 17053 Ceriale

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