



Distance: 71 km (**8 km from Sanremo**)

“Bussana Vecchia, the artists’ hamlet”

The medieval hamlet of Bussana Vecchia was destroyed in 1887 by an earthquake and almost all the inhabitants died.

The survivors were obliged to escape from the village, which became a ghost town. But during the 50s the artist **Mario Gianni** (artistic name **Clizia**), found out the hamlet and he fell in love. He put out a challenge to the Italian and foreign artists: renovating and restoring the village respecting its history.



Many artists moved to Bussana Vecchia from all over the Europe. They lived in the abandoned houses to restore them and they started small business to embellish many corners of the village, creating a new artistic community.



The hamlet, the workshops, the museum, the botanical garden represent the new life coming from the ruins.

How to get:

- Highway A10 direction Ventimiglia
- Exit Arma di Taggia
- Take the street Via Aurelia (SS1) direction Sanremo, turn to Bussana, follow the indications to Bussana Vecchia.