

Tour: "Savona, historical beauties and... shopping"

(distance: 40 km)

Visit to the town of Savona and shopping in Molo 8.44 outlet in Vado



Savona, is the Provincial capital, the largest touristic harbour on the Riviera di Ponente.

Savona still has traces of the Medieval and baroque in its **old Docks**, of the 19th century style long, straight porticoes and elegant Piedmont/esque piazzas, and of the modern movement along the banks of the river Letimbro, often no more than a stream. The core of the town stood on a hilltop overlooking the sea, where in 1542 the Republic of Genoa built an imposing military stronghold, the **Priamar**, now home to the non-hostile museums of contemporary art.

In the historic centre there is the Duomo or cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta: was built in the late 16th century to replace its predecessor which was demolished following the construction of the Priamar fortress.

It was Celle-born Francesco della Rovere, pope Sixtus IV from 1471 to 1484, who commissioned this chapel and its much more illustrious counterpart in the Papal Palaces of the Vatican. Savona's own Sistine Chapel stands next to the Cathedral. It was built by Lombard craftsmen between 1481 and 1483 as mausoleum for the pope's parents. In the mid 18th century it was transformed into a light, airy rococo jewel, decorated with colourful floral motifs in stucco work and embellished with paintings, a choir and 17th century organ and the funeral monument built 1483. It is without doubt one of the region's greatest artistic treasures.



It is possible to visit the Sistine Chapel the following days: on Saturday and on Sunday: from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 a.m. and from 4.00 p.m. to 06.00 p.m.; from the 1st march to 30 november, also in the mornings from 10.00 to 12.00 a.m.

It is possible to visit the Duomo the following days: on Saturday: from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 a.m. and from 4.00 p.m. to 5.15. p.m.; on Sunday from 4.00 p.m. to 5.15. pm.

For information: Cultural Heritage Dept. of the Savona-Noli Diocese: telephone number 019/8389636

The streets of the historical centre of Savona are interesting also for going for a walk. To notice **on Monday** for the whole day in Popolo Square the **weekly market**.

And now let's go shopping ...

The shape of the shopping centre seems a sort of harbour with different ships, representing the real maritime trade aspect of the town of Vado Ligure. It is a place where you can find 65 different brands on an 21,000 square metre area, but you can also have a break in a coffeehouse or in the open space. It has been built on an old industrial area, where in the past they worked coal.

Everyday open from 9,00 a.m. to 9,00 p.m.

