

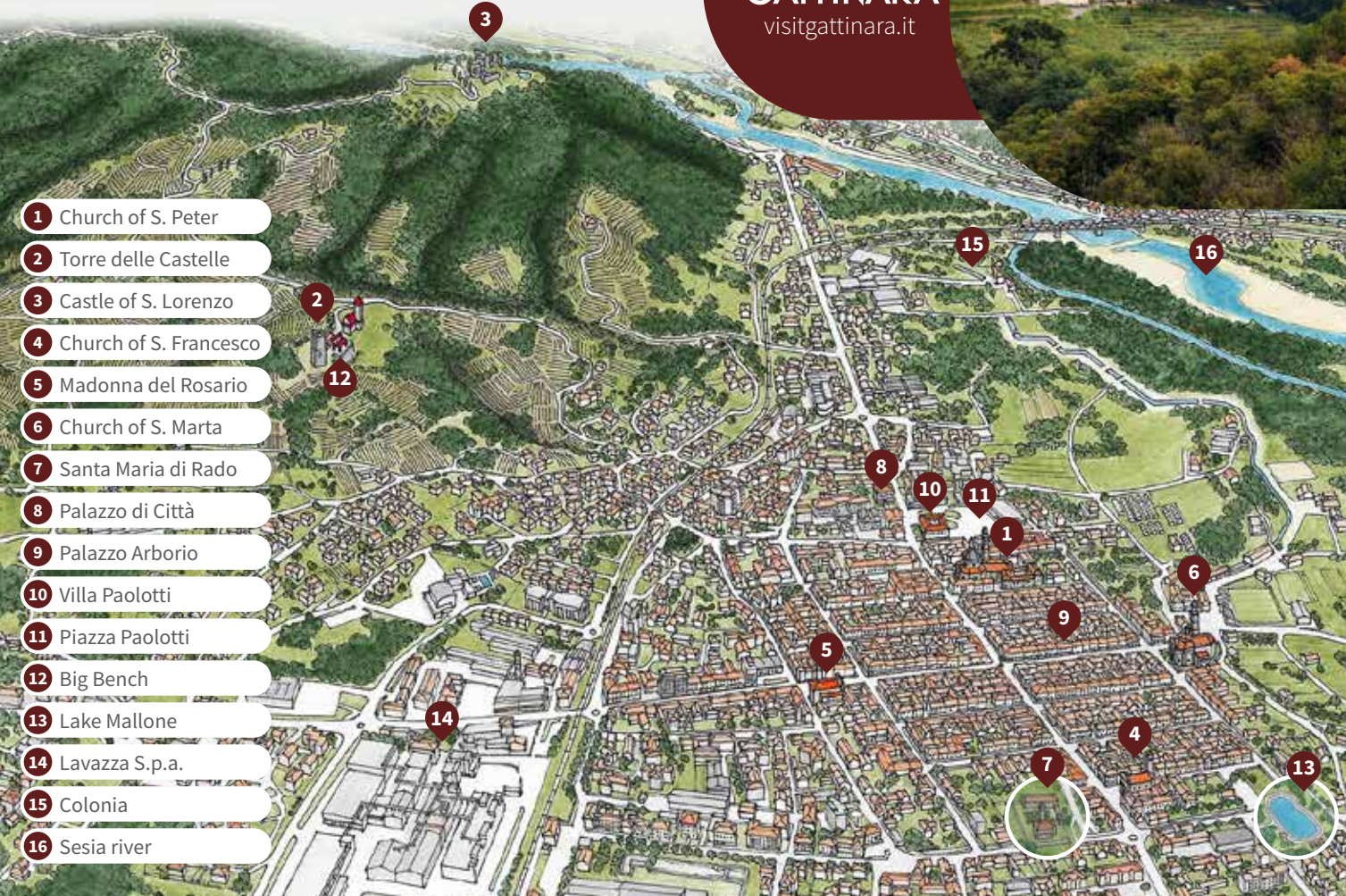
The Territory

It is dominated from above by the remains of ancient fortifications: the massive **Torre delle Castelle** (11th century) (3) and the **Castle of San Lorenzo** (4). In the historical centre, whose regular layout dates back to the foundation of Borgo Franco in 1242, there are characteristic low porticos that still host small shops; particularly interesting is the **Parish Church of San Pietro** (15th century) (1)

with its Gothic-Lombard façade. Here the plains meet the mountains, between rice fields and hills, the range of food and wine is at a very high level. The hills are the hallmark of this land: from their summits, breath-taking views open up over the plains, the mountains and the Monte Rosa massif.



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Gattinara DOCG and PDO rice from Baraggia

The grape variety cultivated in Gattinara is Nebbiolo, which yields **Gattinara DOCG and Coste della Sesia DOC**. Tasting wines from Gattinara makes you understand their complexity and appreciate their varied richness. Wines that are sumptuous and intriguing, full-bodied and powerful, round and elegant. The Super volcano, a **UNESCO heritage site**, has determined a variety of soils that give the wines of these lands unique and special characteristics. Gattinara is also the production territory of Baraggia P.D.O. rice, **Italy's only P.D.O. rice**.



The Regional Wine Shop in Gattinara 10

Located in Villa Paolotti (Corso Valsesia, 112). Here you can find the Alto Piemonte great wines: the prestigious DOCG Gattinara and Ghemme and the DOC Lessona, Boca, Bramaterra, Fara, Sizzano, Colline Novaresi and Coste della Sesia and many other excellent products.

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A sip of... Gattinara

Discover all the charms of the city: wine tastings, visits to wine cellars and hiking or cycling among the vineyards are just some of the options to explore in our area. Savour traditional cuisine in our restaurants. Treat yourself to a unique experience with a true sensory journey through the knowledge and flavours of this land!



Cultural Heritage

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CHURCH OF S. PETER

The three-nave Romanesque building was demolished around 1470 and a four-nave late Gothic church was rebuilt, whose façade and bell tower base remain today. The church we see today was built in 1881 in neoclassical style. Its dome is among the first Italian constructions in reinforced brick.



CHURCH OF S. FRANCESCO

In 1619, on the ruins of the Church of San Giulio, work began to build the Church of San Francesco and the convent of the Friars Minor. The church façade of is an example of early, sober Baroque architecture. Inside, stands a beautifully carved wooden altar.



MADONNA DI RADO

Before 1242, the year this village was founded, Rado was the most important locality in the area and its church was already mentioned before the year 1000. It acquired great fame as a Marian Sanctuary, which the faithful reached to honour the Black Madonna, whose 15th-century wooden statue still stands today.



VILLA PAOLOTTI

A characteristic late 19th-century building with a magnificent inner courtyard shaded by a centuries-old linden tree, today it is home to the Regional Wine Store, the Eco-museum and hosts an important conference room adjacent to the G'ART exhibition space.



TORRE DELLE CASTELLE

The massive Torre delle Castelle, symbol of the town, dating back to the 11th century, is the most visible part of an important medieval fortified compound. It offers a splendid panorama of the Monte Rosa chain and surrounding area.



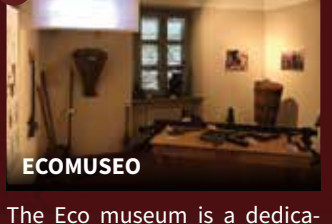
MADONNA DEL ROSARIO

Even before the Borgo was founded in 1242 an ancient monastic cell dedicated to St Benedict existed on the site. Later, the present baroque Church was built, which took the name "Maria Vergine Regina del S.S. Rosario". The façade dates back to 1688. Inside, above a sumptuous black marble altar, is a triptych attributed to Giovenone.



PALAZZO DI CITTÀ

Current seat of the Town Hall, created as the residence of the Marquis Arborio Gattinara from a design by architect Delmastro, a Gattinara citizen.



ECOMUSEO

The Eco museum is a dedication to our ancestors and their wonderful farming culture so that it will never be forgotten. It retraces their life and traditions with simple yet curious installations. Three moments of peasant life have been recreated: childhood and school, the kitchen as the heart of family life, and the area that brings together the tools related to working life.



CASTLE OF S. LORENZO

On the top of one of the highest hills north of Gattinara, at 540 metres above sea level, are the ruins of the Castle of S. Lorenzo, built in 1187 by the Municipality of Vercelli to guard the Valsesia entry valleys and gradually abandoned between the 16th and 17th centuries. It is one of the best-known vantage points in the city.



CHURCH OF S. MARTA

Built after 1450, it was rebuilt in 1844 as it appears today, with a neoclassical façade and Ionic columns. The modern, centrally planned building is now used for musical concerts due to its good acoustics.



PALAZZO ARBORIO

Built around 1450, fresco painters of the Novara school such as Pietro da Novara, Angelo Canta and Daniele de Bosis worked on it. In the Napoleonic era, it was split between private owners. One wing, now home to the Gattinara Cultural Association, preserves valuable frescoes and coffered ceilings and can be visited on request. For information: associazioneculturaledigattinara.it.



PIAZZA PAOLOTTI

A place on a human scale, hosting the Friday and Saturday markets and major cultural events throughout the year.



Discover all
the experiences



A bit of healthy fun

The people of Gattinara are known for their so-called "**Gattinaresità**", (quality of a Gattinara citizen). It is a mix of hospitality, cheerfulness and a sense of belonging to an engaging and open to a smiling community. Discover the town and its goliardic spirit by experiencing with us the numerous initiatives that attract tens of thousands of visitors every year: **Luva®**, **Rosa e Rosso di Maggio**, **St. Martin's Fair**, **the Carnival**, you won't be able to do without them.

From the Hills to the River developing our 5 senses

Gattinara has a series of splendid itineraries immersed in nature to enjoy on foot or by bicycle, suitable for all ages. You cannot miss the "**Via dei Calici**" and the "**Big Bench (12)**" positioned in an evocative and panoramic spot over the city. Discover the "**WINE ROADS**", "**the Cat Trails**" and all our river routes. You can stroll among vineyards with breath-taking views ranging from the Po Valley to the Alps, or follow the course of the River Sesia and then devote yourself to the pleasures of cuisine, which are a veritable institution here with wine tastings, visits to wine cellars and top food and wine.

A THOUSAND-YEAR HERITAGE TO BE DISCOVERED STEP BY STEP

Discover the romantic charm of the Old Town

A visit to Gattinara cannot be separated from a knowledge of its history: the atmosphere of the ancient village is steeped in it, which preserves ample evidence of it, especially in its urban layout and monuments. Its origins are rooted in Roman times, but the settlement dates back to 1242. The town's history is intertwined with that of the Arborio family of Gattinara, whose leading exponent was Mercurino, Charles V's Grand Chancellor. Mercurino Arborio di Gattinara is one of the greatest European political and diplomatic figures of the early 16th century. His remains rest in the Church of S. Peter (1).

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Events



LUVA®: The Grape Festival Second weekend in September

The most important event in the city of Gattinara is LUVA®, which attracts around 80 thousand visitors to the city every year, who for three days celebrate one of Italy's greatest red wines: GATTINARA C.D.O.G. A unique event, with dozens of taverns in the old town and hundreds of shows available to all visitors arriving from all over Italy and Europe.



Rosa e Rosso di Maggio Last weekend of May

Traditional food and wine event on the last weekend of May in conjunction with "Open Cellars". A weekend full of events with initiatives designed for everyone: from children, to teenagers, to families.



St Martin's Fair Second Tuesday in November

The ancient St Martin's Fair, which attracts thousands of visitors to the city every year, retains its authentic features, linked to rural culture, with its huge market with more than 400 street vendors.

Stay up-to-date on all upcoming events
www.visitgattinara.it

Location

Gattinara, at the centre of three Alto Piemonte provinces, is easily accessible. Lakes Orta and Maggiore, Valsesia, as well as the cities of Milan and Turin, are within easy reach.

A26 motorway:
Romagnano S. - Ghemme exit

A4 motorway:
Greggio exit

From Malpensa
Only 40 minutes by car



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