

# WELCOME TO ALESSANDRIA

*A digital and practical guide to discover the city of Alessandria and its surroundings*

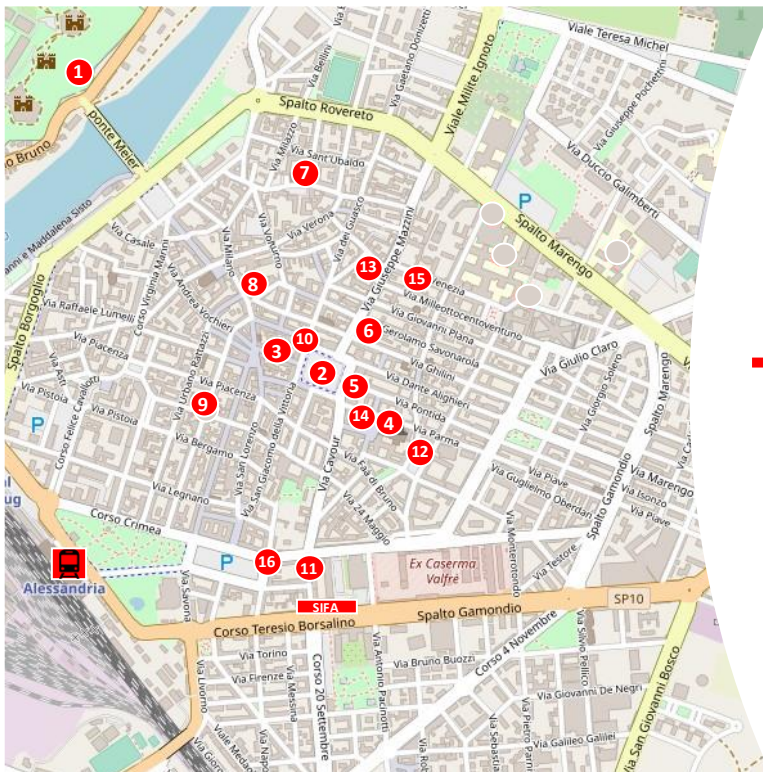
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### ALESSANDRIA

Alessandria is a city in Piedmont (Italy) and the capital of the Province of Alessandria. The city is sited on the alluvial plain between the Tanaro and the Bormida rivers, about 90 kilometres east of Turin. It was founded in the XII century, and the city nowadays is still a leading hub for the chemical, mechanical, footwear and clothing industries, renowned for its high-quality production of felt hats, thanks in particular to the Borsalino brand.

### MUST SEE:



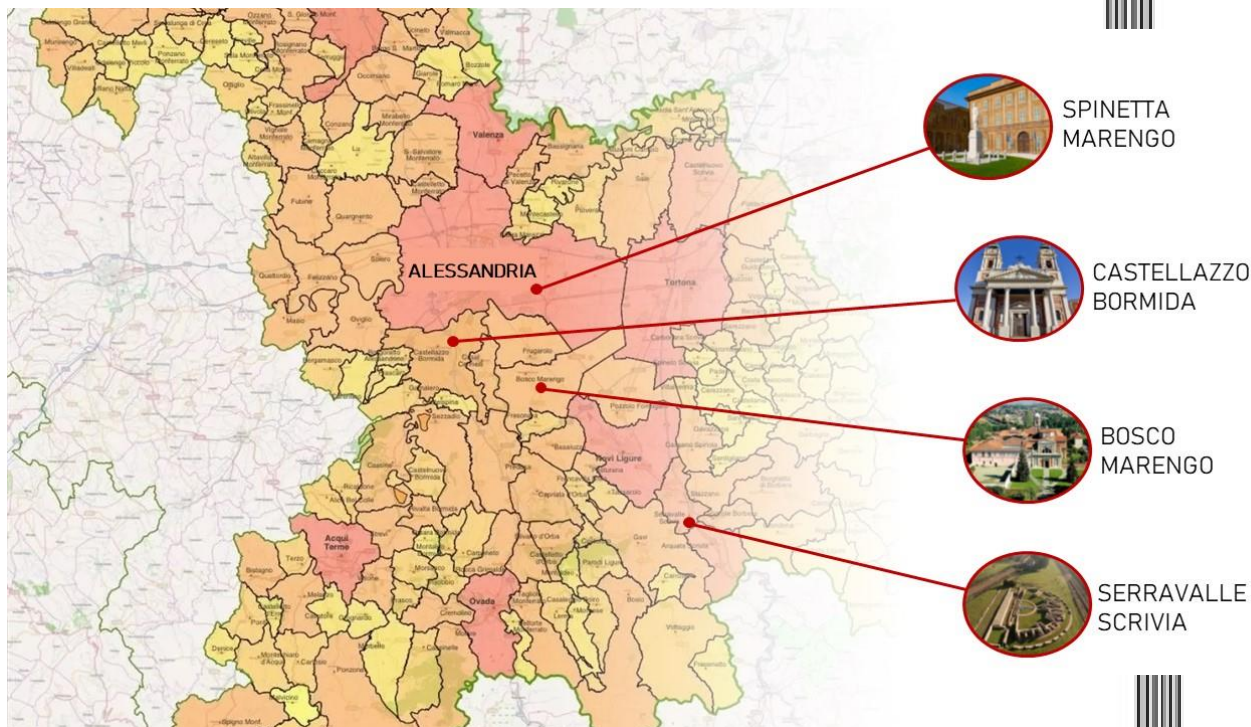
## MAP OF THE MAIN ATTRACTIONS

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|  Train station FS       |  8 Palazzo del Pozzo                    |
|  SIFA venue             |  9 Palazzo Conzani                      |
|  1 Cittadella           |  10 Palatium Vetus                      |
|  2 Piazza della Libertà |  11 Museo Borsalino                     |
|  3 Shopping streets     |  12 Sale d'Arte                         |
|  4 Cathedral            |  13 Museo Etnografico                   |
|  5 Palazzo Ghillini     |  14 Museo Civico                        |
|  6 Chiesa S.M. Carmine  |  15 Teatro delle Scienze                |
|  7 Chiesa S.M. Castello |  16 Rovida Signorelli bar & pastry shop |

- **CITTADELLA DI ALESSANDRIA** (visit: open daily 9-19, *free*). It's a star fort and citadel across the Tanaro river. It was built in the 18th century by the Kingdom of Sardinia, and today it is one of the best preserved fortifications of that era.
- **PIAZZA DELLA LIBERTÀ** (main square): wide and smooth, it's the centre of the city of Alessandria. It's enriched by the building of the town hall and Palazzo Ghillini (*see below*). From the square you can easily reach three of the main **shopping streets**: Corso Roma, Piazzetta della Lega, Via dei Martiri.
- **CATHEDRAL** (visit: open daily 8.00-12.30, 15.30-19.00; *free*). It's a Roman Catholic cathedral dedicated to Saints Peter and Mark, built in the XIX century on the ruins of a Gothic building felled by Napoleon for military purposes. It is the seat of the Bishop of Alessandria.
- **PALAZZO GHILLINI**: now the headquarter of the Province and the Prefecture of Alessandria, this elegant building was built in 1733 and it is considered one of the most beautiful palaces in the city with its distinctive Baroque style.
- **CHIESA DI SANTA MARIA DEL CARMINE** (*church*; visit: open daily 10.00-12.00, 16.30-19.00; *free*). It's one of oldest churches in Alessandria, given that its construction began in 1320 thanks to the Carmelite friars – whose presence in Alessandria is documented by a Papal letter of indulgence dating back to 1290.
- **CHIESA DI SANTA MARIA DI CASTELLO** (*church*, open daily at different times, check on the website: <https://www.cittaecattedrali.it/it/bces/144-santa-maria-di-castello-alessandria>; *free*). It's the oldest church still intact in Alessandria, unless one counts the old cathedral destroyed by Napoleon. With the homonymous square in which the church is located, it is the heart of Borgo Rovereto, the old district of Alessandria's historic centre.
- **PALACES**: (1) **Palazzo del Pozzo** (monumental building, baroque style, built in the XVIII century); (2) **Palazzo Conzani** (XVIII century); (3) **Palatium Vetus** (built in the XII century and later restored, it was the headquarter of the political, administrative and judicial life during the medieval times).
- **MUSEUMS**:
  - (1) **Museo Borsalino** (hat museum), (open tue.-sun., 10.00-19.00, €12)
  - (2) **Sale d'arte** (art rooms), (open thu., sat., sun., 15.00-19.00, €5);
  - (3) **Museo Etnografico della Gambarina** (ethnographic museum), (open mon.-sat. 9.00-12.00, 15.30-19.00 and sun. 15.30-19, €3);
  - (4) **Museo Civico palazzo Cuttica** (civic museum), (open on request);
  - (5) **Teatro delle scienze** (science museum and planetarium), (open on request).
- **CULINARY EXCELLENCE**:
  - (1) **Rovida Signorelli** (Via L. Einaudi, 53): bar and pastry shop since 1886. Known for its delicious savouries.
  - (2) Other historical pastry shops specialized in “baci”, “amaretti” and “cannoli”: **Gallina, Bonadeo, Voltaggio, Rolando, Zoccola**.



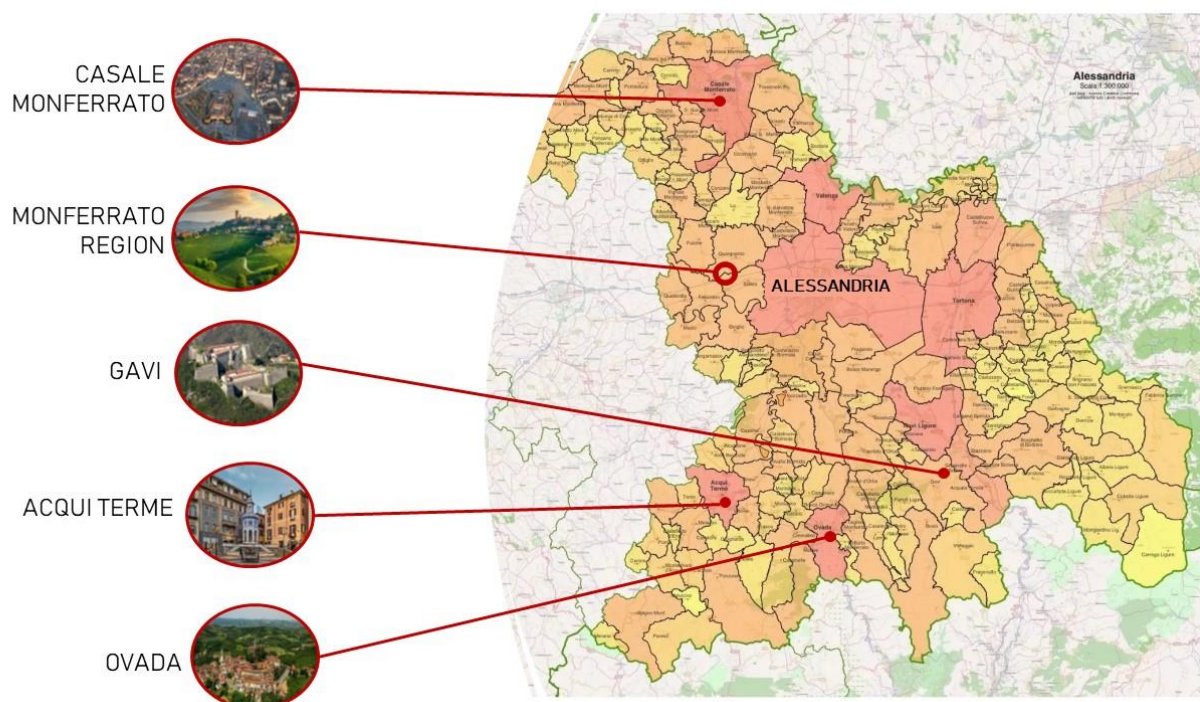
## NEAREST SURROUNDINGS OF ALESSANDRIA:



- **SPINETTA MARENGO** (from Alessandria: 1 hour and a half walking, 30 min. by bus): it's worth a visit for the **Marengo Museum** (fri., sat., sun., 15.00-19.00, € 5,00) illustrating the story of the famous battle of Marengo, that took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June 1800, and known for being one of Napoleon's most important victories.
- **BOSCO MARENGO** (30 min. by bus from Alessandria): it's worth a visit for the **"Complesso Monumentale di Santa Croce e Tutti i Santi"** (open on sat. and sun.), built by St. Pius V on his native village between 1566 and 1572. The interior of the complex houses, among others, some paintings by Giorgio Vasari and the Solemn Mausoleum of Pius V.
- **CASTELLAZZO BORMIDA** (20 min by bus from Alessandria): it's worth a visit for the sanctuary **"Beata Vergine della Creta e delle Grazie"** (open daily, 8.00-12.00, 15.30-18.30).
- **SERRAVALLE SCRIVIA** (20 min by train from Alessandria): it's worth a visit for the archaeological site of the ancient Roman town of **Libarna** (open from tue. to sun., *free*). With a 9 min bus ride from Libarna, you can also reach the **"Serravalle Designer Outlet"** - a local shopping paradise!



## LONGER TRIPS TO OTHER NICE SURROUNDINGS OF ALESSANDRIA:



- **MONFERRATO (MONTFERRAT):** it's a historical region of Piedmont and it comprises roughly the provinces of Alessandria and Asti. Montferrat is one of the most important **wine districts** of Italy. It also has a strong literary tradition, with the 18th century Asti-born poet and dramatist Vittorio Alfieri and the Alessandrian Umberto Eco.  
You can book a Montferrat Tour here: <https://www.visitlmr.it/en> ! Asti is just 20 minutes by train from Alessandria.
- **CASALE MONFERRATO** (35 min by bus, 50 by train): it's worth a visit as it is the historical capital of the Monferrato region. In the city centre you can find a beautiful cathedral, a castle, several baroque churches and palaces and the culinary excellence of the Krumiri biscuits and the "agnolotti di Casale" (ravioli).
- **ACQUI TERME** (50 min by bus): it's worth a visit for the nice city centre that was already important at the Roman time. The symbol of the city is the fountain "La Bollente", with water that springs naturally at 74°C. You will also find the majestic remains of the Roman aqueduct, one of the best preserved in Northern Italy.
- **GAVI** (1 hour by train+bus): it's worth a visit for the nice city centre and the hilly landscape, but especially for the fortress "Forte di Gavi" (some historical documents testified its existence already in 973 A.D!).
- **OVADA** (1 hour by bus): it's worth a visit for the nice city centre and its surroundings rich in castles and beautiful landscapes.

