

Acdb - Alessandria City of Bicycle

Alessandria - Monferrato Palace

After the huge success in 2016, a permanent exhibition about the local history of the bicycle in Alessandria has been inaugurated recently.

The exhibition shows different topics: Carlo Michel, the first business man who imported 1867 bicycles to Italy, the beginnings of sporting journalism, the bike manufacturer Giovanni Maino and the great champions Girardengo and Coppi. The exhibition gives the attention to Alessandria and its important role in the birth of the bicycling myth.

Opening hours: Friday 4-7 pm/Saturday and Sunday 10 am-1 pm and 4-7 pm.







From Thursday 7th to Sunday 10th December Dolci Terre di Novi - 22nd edition

Novi Ligure - Fair Centre (Viale Campionissimi)

Event that celebrates local products of excellence with over 100 market stalls, tastings of flatbreads, farinata, ravioli, noodles, as well as typical dishes prepared by starred chefs. Free entrance. Openings: 10 am-9 pm. **Saturday 9th**: White Night in the old town with gospel singers, traditional choirs as well as open stores until late for Christmas shopping.



Saturday 16th December Eugenio Finardi live

Tortona - Civic Theater

Winter event of the music festival "Arena Derthona", which presents the singer and composer, Eugenio Finardi, with his music hits "Musica ribelle", "Extraterrestre", "Le ragazze di Osaka" and "La forza dell'amore". The artist will be accompanied on stage by guitar, percussion and cello. Begins at 9,30 pm. Ticket info: www.arenaderthona.it.



Friday 8th December Fair of the Fatted Cow

Montechiaro of Acqui, Piana hamlet

This old tradition refers to the fatted cow as main meal on Christmas tables. The program shows a cattle trade show, a market with local products organized in the streets of the village, a lunch meal based on local specialties such as boil mixed meats con bagnetto (parsley sauce) and ravioli with soup, music and the distribution of mulled wine and giblets.



Until 15th April

We remember to the drivers that, in case of snow or ice, the requirement to have snow chains on board or winter tyres has been in force on different provincial extra-urban roads.

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Friday 1st and Friday 8th December Events at the "Alessandrino" Theatre

Alessandria

Friday 1st, the singers Noemi and Alexia as well as the comedian Andrea Di Marco are the main act at the traditional charity concert for the Foundation "Uspidalet". Info: +39-0131-206629. **Friday 8th** the "Swan Lake", a classic of the dance with the music by Tchaikovsky, will be presented by the "Russian Stars" and the company "Moscow State Classical Ballet". Info: +39-0131-252644.

Begin at 9 pm.

Sunday 24th December Living Cribs

Among the appointment with the traditional representation of the Nativity, we remember that of **Capriata of Orba**, where disguised characters stage scenes of the Nativity along the streets, in the courtyards and covered footpaths of the old town, illuminated by fire torches. A live Nativity will be organised also in **Castelnuovo Scrivia** at the Oratory San Luigi Orione with ancient works and animals. Begin at 9 pm.

Thursday 28th December Note di Gusto

Novi Ligure - Auditorium "Dolci Terre di Novi" Closing of the festival with the traditional End of the Year Big Concert, presented by the Classic Orchestra of Alessandria directed by Maurizio Billi and performed by Roberta Borello's Dance Centre. Begin at 9 pm. Info: +39-0143-76246.

Sunday 31st December New Year's Eve

The Castel of **Piovera** invites to a special menu to celebrate the end of 2017 and offers guided tours through the "haunted" rooms. Info: +39-345-8160222. **The** Pro Loco **Association** organises in **Castelletto Monferrato** the traditional rich St. Sylvester dinner, in the green area of **Giardinetto** hamlet, with a dance night. Info: +39-339-6948656. In **Alessandria**: New Year's Eve at the "Alessandrino" Theatre with the musical "Saturday Night Fever" and a toast at midnight. Begin at 9 pm. Info: +39-0131-252644.



From Saturday 2nd to Friday 8th December The events in Ovada

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3d the fair of St. Andrew comes back: this market animates the streets of the town and offers a big variety of local products, including winter fashion, farm animals and agricultural machines. Friday 8th the traditional antiques market of the Immaculate, with more than 250 exhibitors from Northern Italy, will animate the historical centre for the whole day.

From Sunday 3rd to Tuesday 26th December Nadal an Munfrà

In the suggestive villages on the hills of Monferrato, in this period the Christmas appointments are

On **Sunday 3rd** in **Fubine**, a wine, food and artesian market along Via Bertoldi, a typical lunch and guided tours to the infernot (the wine cellars dug in the rock) are on the program. Saturday 9th at 9 pm in Vignale: traditional raffle at the Cavour Hall with many prices, sweets and wine. Sunday 10th at San Salvatore Monferrato, Piazza Carmagnola hosts the market of "Quantefeste", which offers many ideas for Christmas gifts and local products. A flash mob, music, a toast and the launch of Chinese lanterns will be also organised. Tuesday 26th at the Parish Church of Cella Monte at 5 pm: St. Bartholomew Gospel Choir in concert. We finish with Colma hamlet of Rosignano where, for all the festivities of Christmas, houses, porticos and gardens of the village host works inspired to the Nativity, realized by affirmed artists and amateurs.

From Friday 8th to Sunday 24th December The Christmas markets

Among the numerous markets inspired to the tradition of Austria and Trentino, we remember those of **Alessandria**, organises under the covered footpath of Piazza Garibaldi from **Friday 8th** until Christmas evening. They offer sweets, toys, Christmas decorations and handicraft.

Saturday 16th and **Sunday 17th** in **Tortona**, the winter edition of "Assaggia Tortona e dintorni" offers in the old town local products like cheeses, salami, wines, seasonal fruits and vegetables.