
WELCOME TO COURT

Venaria Reale and the Baroque splendour of Savoy Palaces

Visit to the “Crown of delight” of noble pastimes

A journey into the golden world of Subalpine aristocracy. Princes and warrior kings fond of art, elegant royal ladies keen on theatre and music. And then a rich court of architects, painters and literary men, ceremonies and feasts, hunting and leisure, parks and gardens which became a legend for most European courts. Piedmont's Savoy Palaces, declared World Heritage by UNESCO, were considered the “Crown of delight” of Subalpine aristocracy, an efficient system of hospitality and amusement for the court, but also of power and control over the territory. When these palaces were completed in the mid-18th century, the new and elegant Turin was surrounded by a ring of imposing royal palaces, on top Venaria Reale Palace, a rich and sumptuous residence representing the magnificence of 17th and 18th century art and architecture.

Venaria is a unique environmental-architectural complex including: the old town, “Borgo Antico”, full of history and now seat of ancient craftsman shops, bars and restaurants; the imposing Baroque palace, the “Reggia”, with its huge gardens, and La Mandria Park, one of the greatest areas subject to the European environmental protection where different species of wild and domestic animals live freely and where it is possible to go trekking, horse and bike riding. These magnificent palaces are the ideal location for events, ceremonies, conventions and the perfect setting for prestigious shows. Moreover, visitors can find at a stone's throw some of the best golf courses in Piedmont.

Piedmont's Royal Palaces also present important tourist and cultural attractions at international level. Some of these palaces host the famous “Piedmont's stars” chefs (Rivoli, Venaria, Pollenzo), great shows like “Teatro a Corte”, held in different locations, or Teatro Regio opera-musical festivals at Racconigi. They also keep prestigious art collections (paintings, furniture, tapestries, sculptures and various furnishings) in unique architectural areas, surrounded by historical gardens and parks and charming ancient villages. In Turin visitors can admire the Royal Palace and Madama Palace, Villa della Regina, Valentino Castle, and Carignano Palace, seat of the Museum of Risorgimento. In the province of Turin: Moncalieri Castle, Agliè Castle, Rivoli Castle, seat of the Museum of Contemporary Art, Stupinigi hunting house. In the province of Cuneo: Racconigi, Pollenzo and Govone Castles and Valcasotto Royal Castle in Gressio.

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