



Turin, Piedmont & the Italian Riviera

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Why Go?

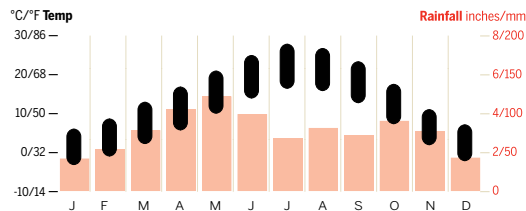
The beauty of northwestern Italy is its diversity. Piedmont's capital, Turin, is an elegant, easy city of baroque palaces, cutting-edge galleries and fittingly fabulous dining. The region might be an economic powerhouse, but has managed to retain deep links to the soil. Such is the lure of its famous red wines and Slow Food credentials that it's often touted as the 'new Tuscany'.

Just a couple of hours south, Liguria's slim, often vertical, sliver is home to Italy's Riviera, the fabled port city of Genoa and the beguiling villages of the Cinque Terre. Here dramatic coastal topography, beautifully preserved architecture and one of Italy's most memorable cuisines make for one impossibly romantic destination.

Head north and you'll soon hit the Alps and the semi-autonomous region of Aosta, where you can ski or hike beneath Europe's highest mountains while discovering its delightful French-tinged traditions along the way.

When to Go

Turin



Jan–Mar Most reliable snow cover for skiing in the Alps.

Apr Fewer crowds and fine days on the Ligurian coast

Sep & Oct Autumn food festivals in Turin and the Langhe.

Piedmont, Liguria & the Italian Riviera Highlights

- 1 Exploring the largest collection of Egyptian history outside Cairo at the refurbished **Museo Egizio** (p201) in Turin.
- 2 Discovering the art and architecture of a once-great maritime empire in Genoa's amazing **Palazzi dei Rolli** (p167).
- 3 Discussing terroir, tannins and tenacity with the winemakers of the **Barolo region** (p220).
- 4 Hiking the blue trail, the red trail, the sanctuary trails – in fact, any trail on the stunning cliffsides of **Cinque Terre** (p181).
- 5 Jumping the border aboard the state-of-the-art Monte Bianco **cable car** (p233) in Valle d'Aosta.
- 6 Braving the crowds of truffle-snorting high rollers in Alba for the annual **Truffle Festival** (p217) in October.
- 7 Swimming in the Med and exploring the wild Ligurian hinterland from low-key **Finale Ligure** (p192).

