

Route description

First stage, (signposts: red, 30 min). Starting point from the churchyard of the Abbey of **Santa Fede**, then turn left into Via Valle Gobbi. After a hairpin bend climbing upwards, the road passes through the village to reach the junction with Via Casa Porta. Turn left into Via Montechiaro and continue through the delightful landscape for about 1900 metres, until reaching the cemetery, with its views over the area east of Cavagnolo. Follow the road downhill and cross the railway, to leave the new parish church of Maria Ausiliatrice on the right before crossing the junction with the main road SP 590 to continue along Via Armando Diaz. After passing beside the sports field, turn right and you come into the local area of the municipality of Brusasco and reach the church of **San Pietro**.

Second stage, (signposts: green, 60 min). Leave San Pietro behind and retrace your steps along Via Gaiette until the junction with Via Po, which you take on the left and follow, beyond the Gazzelli canal, until you reach the main road SP590. Head straight on into Via XXIV Maggio, then turn right, go through the railway underpass and go on until you reach the splendid 19th century villa, built by Alessandro Martini, the founder of the famous House of Martini e Rossi, and standing in its spacious grounds. Continue along the slightly sloping road, with its views over the surrounding hillsides. Then immediately turn left, where there is the baroque church of San Defendente, and go straight on, before turning left into Via Toassini. Here the road climbs rapidly, with scenic views over the river valley of Chivasso and the Alpine chain and, after 600 metres you reach a four-way junction in the village of Casa Porta.

About 250 m along on the right there is a church dedicated to Santa Liberata, squeezed in between the houses, but you should continue straight on from the junction, down the hill until the junction with Valle Gobbi and from there to the Santa Fede churchyard.

Alternative (signposts: blue). On reaching Villa Martini, turn left up a steep hill until you reach the ex-infants school, Asilo Martini, at the top. On the left, there is the old parish church of San Secondo, from which there is a lovely scenic view over the town. Go back as far as the theatre, then continue up the hill towards the village of Villa, to reach the church of San Rocco. Here, after less than 100 metres, you reach a farmstead, which you skirt around and continue on a grassy track, with traces of an old castle on the right. Continue along the path, keeping to the right, until you reach the top of the hill and then descend from the four-way junction of Casa Porta. Go down from here to the Abbey of Santa Fede.

Third stage, (signposts: yellow, 100 min). Leave Santa Fede and turn right, following the signposts for Scallaro. Climb up through the woods for 2 kms and take the left fork at the first junction. When you get to the village of Scallaro, there is the church of San Lorenzo to see, as well as scenic views ranging over the alpine chain. At approximately the fourth km from the starting point you reach the top of the hills at an altitude of 420 m.a.s.l and enter the province of Asti. Continue up a slight slope, then turn left towards Moransengo. The road first descends into the town and then climbs again to the peak, where you can turn right to take the main road SP 18. From here, the view is wide ranging over the Monferrato area as far as the peaks of the Ligurian Apennine mountains. Continue for around 400 metres until you find, high up on the right, the church of **San Michele** of Tonengo d'Asti. As an alternative way back to Santa Fede, take the route passing through Moransengo and Vallenervi.



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Romanesque walk

Cavagnolo, Brusasco, Tonengo

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Church of San Pietro,
Brusasco



Abbey of Santa Fede,
Cavagnolo

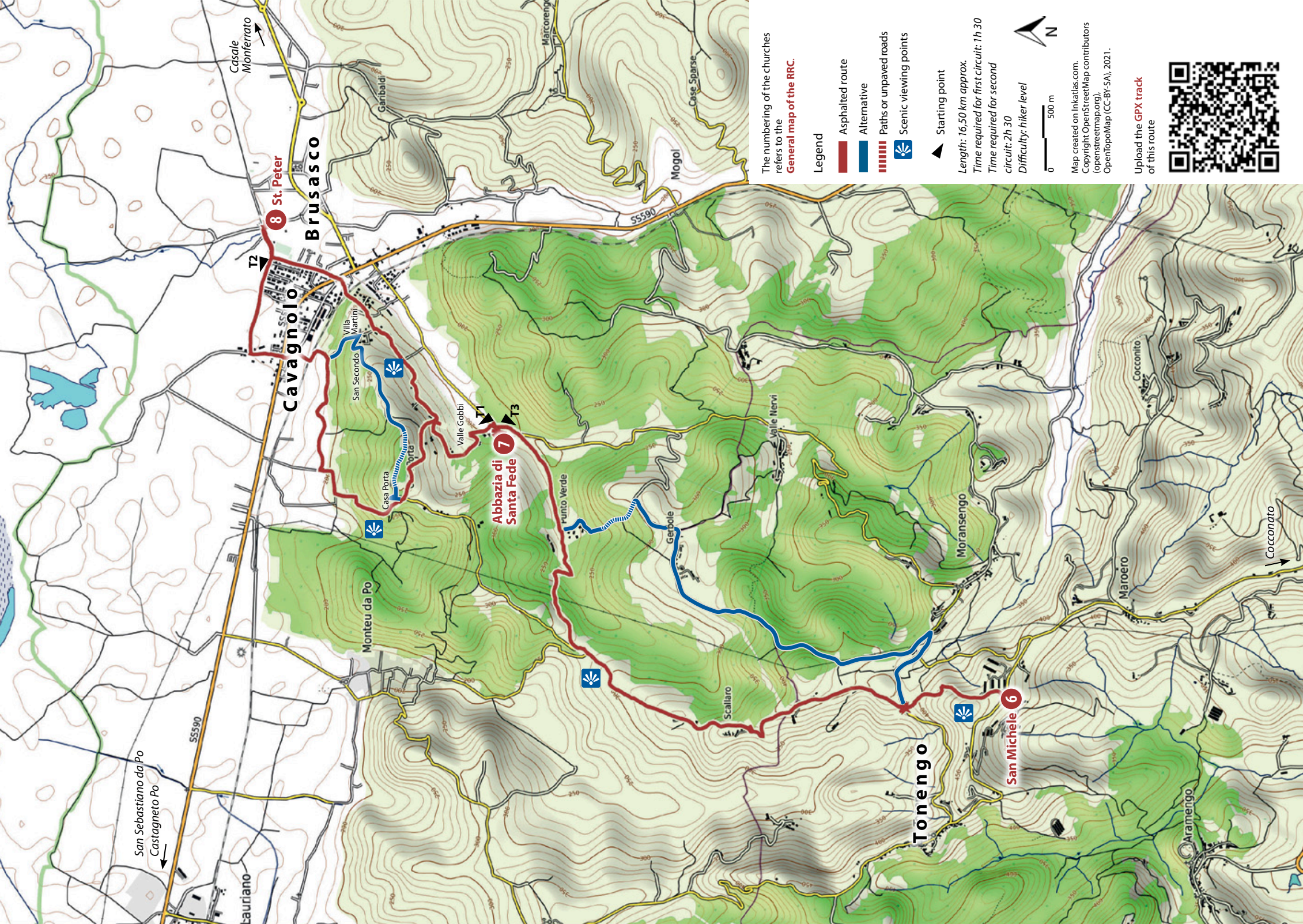


Church of San Michele,
Tonengo



Abbeys and churches between
the river Po and Monferrato





The numbering of the churches refers to the **General map of the RRC.**

Legend

- Asphalted route
- Alternative
- Paths or unpaved roads
- Scenic viewing points

Starting point
Length: 16,50 km approx.
Time required for first circuit: 1h 30
Time required for second circuit: 2h 30
Difficulty: hiker level

0 500 m

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