

Route description

Circuit 1, Lauriano - Romitorio (90 min). Starting from Piazza Risorgimento in Lauriano, follow the main road SP100 towards Moriondo and where the houses finish turn right on to the path that climbs up to the church of **Santa Maria dell'Assunzione, on the hill** known locally as **Romitorio**. Standing to the west of the village, the church, or at least its apse, dates back to the early 1200s and is the earliest historical evidence of the village.

It is believed that the church was part of a previous settlement built in the XIIIth century and acting as a castrum (Roman camp). The façade faces west and is plastered, with no decorations, and with an apse almost entirely made in bricks; the upper part is decorated with small hanging arches. The inside of the church consists of a single nave with crossed vault. In the middle of the floor, there is a stone bearing the family crest of the counts Morra, the Lords of Lauriano. The south wall has an annexe of a later building, possibly XVIIIth century, used as a hermitage (romitorio in Italian), probably by the custodian of the church. This annexe consisted of two rooms on the ground floor, including a kitchen with the remains of a fireplace, and two rooms on the first floor, joined by a narrow staircase in bricks, from which the church bell, which is still in place in its little bell chamber, could also be rung. After the visit, exit the church and take the path to the left and continue towards Case Alberto and the sub-district of Moriondo, before retracing the main road SP100 back to the starting point.

Connection from Moriondo to Saronsella (90 min).

From the "Romitorio" follow the direction of the small village of Moriondo until you reach the junction for strada Breuss and turn right taking the path to the woods.

The route continues straight on to the railway bridge as far as the junction with strada Colombaro.

Turn right and take the ancient strada per Chivasso that runs along the Grazzelli canal.

To the fork with strada Abate on the asphalted road turn left and continue in light ascent until you reach the junction with the votive pillar near Saronsella.

Circuit 2, Saronsella - San Pietro in Navigliano (90 min).

From this junction, the tarmac road goes slightly uphill, including some hairpin bends, to reach the cemetery with the little Romanesque church of **San Pietro in Navigliano**.

Continue along the tarmac road, going uphill through thick woods along the north face of the hill, until you come to the climb up to Bric Dolce, a peak offering wonderful views across the Alpine chain. When you reach the junction for the Madonna della Neve, stay on the tarmac road. Once past the area called Tetti Nosma, the road starts to go downhill, through a couple of hairpin bends and comes out in the sub-district of Bellavalle and Tortero, from where you can go back through Saronsella to the starting point.



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Romanesque walk

San Sebastiano da Po, Lauriano

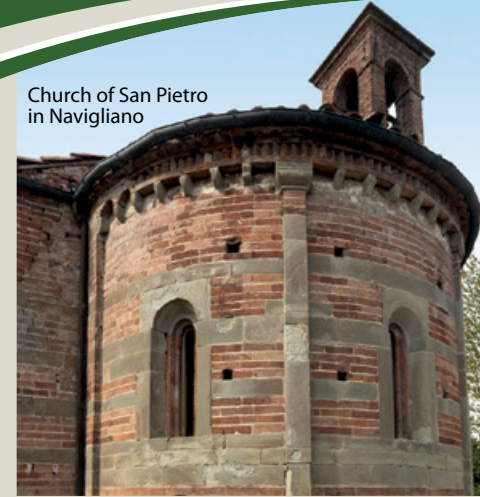
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Municipality of
San Sebastiano da Po



Municipality of
Lauriano



Church of San Pietro
in Navigliano



Church of Santa Maria dell'Assunzione
(Romitorio)









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
 -  Paths or unpaved roads
 -  Link between the circuits
 -  Scenic viewing points
 -  Starting point
 -  Asti-Chivasso tourist train

Length: 15 km
 Time required: 4 h 30
 Difficulty: tourist level

0 500 m

Scala: 1:33000

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