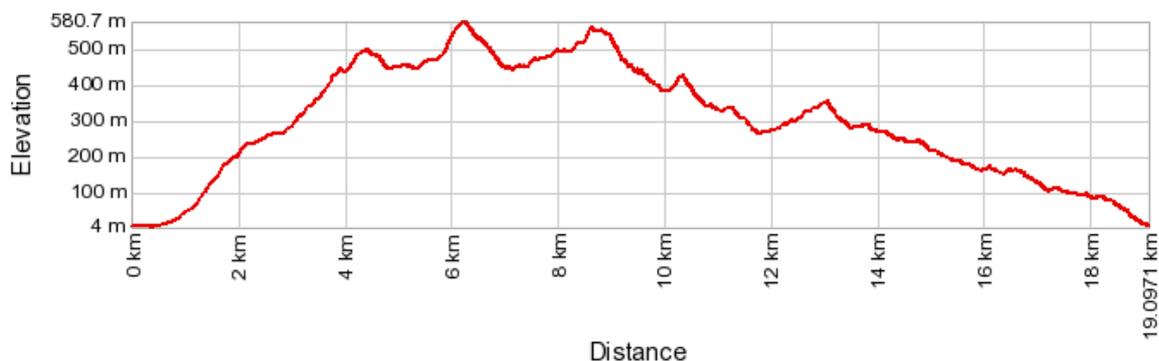




Leg 23 from Albenga to Andora

Total length	19 km
Hiking time	5h 45'
Cumulative elevation gain	870 m
Uphill percentage	40%
Downhill percentage	53%
Percentage of hike on natural earth	69 %
Percentage of hike on asphalt	31 %
Percentage of hike on paved surface	
Percentage of hike on other surface	



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General description:

This beautiful itinerary follows the panoramic ridge between Andora and Albenga above the villages of Laigueglia and Alassio, that can be reached descending one of the many intersecting paths. During crisp bright days you can enjoy gorgeous views over the coast and Gallinara Island on one hand, and the Maritime Alps to the North.

Description of the itinerary

The leg 23 of the Sentiero Liguria starts in the beautiful old centre of Albenga and continues westwards after crossing the red bridge on the Centa River. Passed the bridge you will see the indications to the The leg 23 of the Sentiero Liguria allows to walk from Andora to the beautiful old centre of Albenga. The itinerary starts near Via Iulia Augusta, which starts in the Doria Region. This historic route reaches Alassio following the ancient Roman road. The Sentiero Liguria, instead climbs the ridge up towards Andora.

After leaving the centre behind you, you shall immediately enjoy the panoramic aspects of this itinerary, which will accompany you for the whole leg.

In its first section the trail is marked with “two red dots”. Leaving Albenga, you head up to Monte Bignone, with a gorgeous view over the Gallinara Island. You will intersect other two routes to Alassio, the "Sentiero dell'onda" and the Via Iulia Augusta.

Once on top of Monte Bignone (518 m a.s.l.), follow the beautiful trail on the ridge, offering gorgeous views over the Ligurian coast as well as over the Alps. The trail intersects many paths leading to different hamlets (Solva, Fonte Carbonara), and finally reaches the crossroads with the indication Poggio Brea or Monte Piscivino, also known as Punta di Veliasco. From here on the recommended trail is the one leading to Poggio Brea, still marked with the “two red dots”.

You will pass just under Poggio Vallega (534 m) before climbing up the trail that, flanking the road, ends at the Sanctuary of Madonna della Guardia (585 m).

The trail continues on the right side of the big square in front of the Sanctuary (bus stop of the line bus). This section runs mostly downhill, crosses the provincial road and, after a small ascent, it reaches the remains of the old guard post Torre "Pisana" (450 m).

The trail continues downhill and crosses again the road in La Crocetta. Follow the road for a while, until the remains of the Church of S. Bernardo.

From the Church you will see a trail that leads down to Alassio, but the Sentiero Liguria continues a bit further on along the green path that flanks an adventure park.

Following this path you reach Poggio Brea (370 m), from where you can enjoy the panorama sitting on the benches.

From Poggio Brea you abandon the trail marked with the “two red dots” to take the trail marked with an “empty red diamond”. Descending from the ridge you pass Poggio Balaie (308 m). Ignore the many intersections with the paths leading to Laigueglia.

Go on following the “empty red diamond” that will soon bring you on the road to Case Oliveto and Colla Micheri, a little characteristic hamlet included in the Municipality of Andora.

From Colla Micheri you can follow another highly panoramic loop that passes along Semaforo and Capo Mele. This route is recently identified as a good Nordic Walking itinerary.

From the pretty hamlet of Colla Micheri, after passing under the stony arch, take the little road left, following the “full red diamond” mark of the route called "percorso di mezz'acqua" in direction Marina di Andora. You will pass the remains of the Church of S. Damiano, after which you descend Via S.



Damiano until the roundabout of Via S. Lazzaro. This is the trailhead of leg 24. From here you can easily reach the centre of Andora.