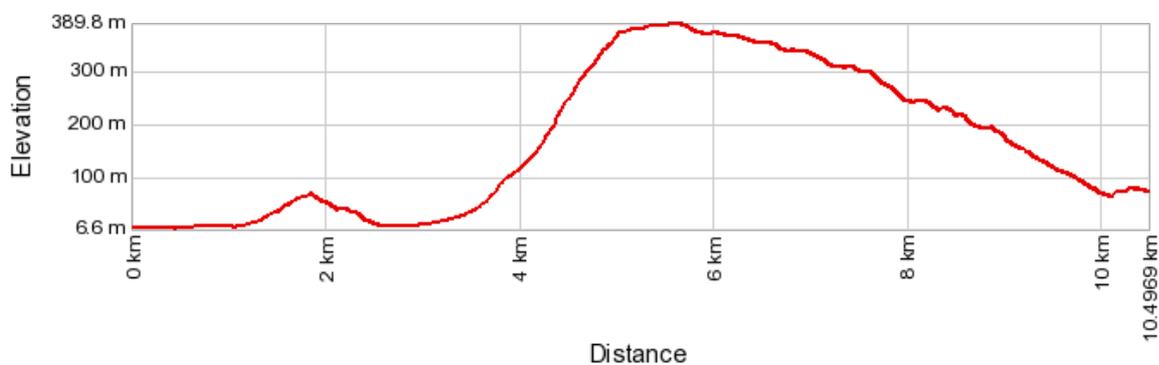




Leg 24 from Andora to Cervo

Total length	10,4 km
Hiking time	3h
Cumulative elevation gain	450 m
Uphill percentage	34%
Downhill percentage	52%
Percentage of hike on natural earth	66 %
Percentage of hike on asphalt	33 %
Percentage of hike on paved surface	1 %
Percentage of hike on other surface	



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**General description:**

This beautiful leg of the Sentiero Liguria starts in Marina di Andora. Leading to the backcountry, the trail crosses an old stone bridge over the Merula Stream, before heading up through farmed terraces, Mediterranean scrubland and mixed woods. Once on the ridge, the trail descends to the village of Cervo passing through the beautiful nature site of the municipal gardens of Ciapà

Description of the itinerary

Leaving the sea behind you, start walking in the direction of the Castle. The first kilometres will be on the road, following Via S. Lazzaro until the intersection with Strada Castello. From here, continue up to the top of the hill where the old Castle was built around the XII century. Next to the remains of the Castle you can see the Romanic Church of S.S. Giacomo and Filippo.

Passed this area of historic interest, you will intersect a trail that leads up to Colla Micheri. The Sentiero Liguria continues down on the left. You will soon see the remains of a Medieval fountain, built to give refreshments to the pilgrims that were passing by. Passed the fountain, the trail turns in a road that allows you to pass under the bridge of the highway.

After crossing quickly this downgraded area, you cross the Roman bridge with its ten arches (three inflexed arches) over the Merula Stream. This bridge once connected the trail descending from Colla Micheri with the Roman road.

Continuing along little country houses and farmed plots, the Sentiero Liguria reaches the Church of S. Giovanni Battista. Passed the Church you abandon the road to follow a trail to Passo Chiappa, marked with a "full red diamond".

The trail heads up through farmed terraces, before entering a mixed wood with typical Mediterranean plants.

On top of the ascent you will be at Passo Chiappa (382 m), an important intersection of old ways of communication and modern hiking trails. From the pass you can reach the hamlets of Conna, Villa Faraldi and Rollo, but you can also join the Alta Via dei Monti Liguri and reach Pizzo d'Evigno (989 m a.s.l.).

The Sentiero Liguria continues down towards Cervo, on the trail that follows the ridge. After a while you reach Colle Mea (398 m). Continue down to Colle di Cervo (324 m) and Colle Castellareto (212 m), before entering the municipal gardens of Ciapà. The park is an interesting natural area characterised by many different species of plant and different animals, whose tracks can be seen among the vegetation. You are now very close to Cervo, ending point of this leg.

Leaving the park, continue a few minutes straight on to enter the old centre of Cervo.