



Leg 27 – 1st Variant from Taggia to Dolceacqua

Total length	30.46km
Hiking time	8h15min
Cumulative elevation gain	1537 m
Uphill percentage	51.96%
Downhill percentage	63.35%
Percentage of hike on natural earth	46.74%
Percentage of hike on asphalt	14.39%
Percentage of hike on paved surface	22.26%
Total length	0%

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General description:

This leg of the Sentiero Liguria starts in the centre of Taggia. It partially follows the Alta Via dei Monti Liguri, reaching an altitude of 1200 metres on Monte Bignone, passing through suggestive natural landscapes. From here you reach the old hamlet of Borgo di Ceriana and, finally, Dolceacqua, following pleasant trails through the forests.



Description of the itinerary:

The itinerary starts in the centre of Taggia, near the palace Curlo Spinosa. Continue on Via Cardinal Gastaldi, Via Solere and Via San Dalmazzo. Take Via Santa Lucia until the bridge over the highway. Cross the bridge and start climbing through well farmed terraces with olive trees.

At the first crossroads bare left and continue circa 1 km up until the second crossroads. Take the trail on the right. This section is almost flat and runs alternatively on private paved roads and dirt roads. The valley is characterised by pleasant cool forests and beautiful olive groves. Continue upwards; at an altitude of 350 metres you will walk circa 2 km through the shady forest. Follow the indication Localita' Beusi and continue 2 km more until Località Frontè. After 2.5 km you will reach the hamlet of Ceriana.

Cross the hamlet following Via Sant'Antonio. The hamlet is worth a visit before continuing on Via Raffaele Doria to follow the itinerary towards Dolceacqua.

Near the Church of San Salvatore, the trail enters the forests for 2 km, until Conca di Bignone, at an altitude of 1100 metres. Continue 2 km more to reach the foot of Mount Bignone.

A short detour allows you to reach the top of the mountain to enjoy an extraordinary 360° view. You can as well visit the old castle. Walk up on the panoramic pass near a big antenna for radio and television. Descend towards the provincial road SP61. The itinerary continues on a mule track that crosses Colle Termini di Bajardo (950m a.s.l.) and Colle Termini di Perinaldo (984m). After circa 1 km you will reach the perched village of Perinaldo (540 m).

Continue on the road to the Sanctuary of the Madonna dell'Addolorata at 400 m and follow the direction Dolceacqua. After circa 1.5 km you reach the castle of Dolceacqua, nearby the parking lot on the river.