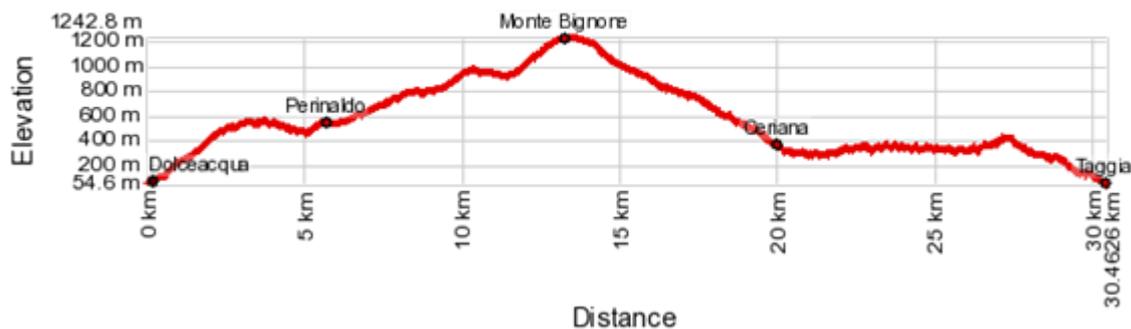




Leg 27 1st Variant from Dolceacqua to Taggia

Total length	30.46km
Hiking time	8h15min
Cumulative elevation gain	1537 km
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:

From the centre of Dolceacqua, the itinerary starts with a strenuous climb to Perinaldo. This leg of the Sentiero Liguria follows the Alta Via dei Monti Liguri and reaches an altitude of 1200 metres on Mount Bignone, passing through suggestive natural landscapes. A long descend will allow you to reach Borgo di Ceriana. From here, following a long and pleasantly flat trail through forests and olive groves, you can reach Taggia.



Description of the itinerary:

The itinerary starts behind the castle of Dolceacqua, nearby the parking lot on the river, and climbs up steeply to the Sanctuary of the Madonna dell'Addolorata, at an altitude of circa 400 m. Continue on the road towards Perinaldo (540 m a.s.l.), that you will reach after a long panoramic walk.

Continue eastwards on a mule track. After circa 4,6 km you will reach Galleria Brunengo and the slopes of Monte Bignone.

Cross the provincial road northwards and bare right to take the trail that climbs up to Monte Bignone. After a long walk up through rare forests you will reach the panoramic pass, with a big antenna for radio and television. 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. Descend the road towards Ceriana. After a few sharp turns follow the ridge eastwards, until the small Church of San Giovanni (755 m). Take the mule track that descends the slope on the left and reach Ceriana (360 m), an old hamlet of Roman origin.

The hamlet, with its narrow alleys, is worth a visit before continuing towards Taggia. From Ceriana, cross the square Guglielmo Marconi, take Via San Sebastiano and Via Sant'Antonio. Keep on walking for circa 2 km, until Località Frontè, and 2,5 km more until Località Beusi. At the first crossroads, bare right down the valley towards Taggia. 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. The indications are not clear, especially where you have to descend on the other side of the hill, along the valley to Taggia. Continue maintaining the height, walking through terraces farmed with olive trees, before descending a trail that runs down the slope until a sign pole, just before the crossroads to Taggia. Pass under the bridge on the highway and follow Via Santa Lucia down to Taggia. In its last part the trail is well marked thanks to the many signs at each fork. Follow Via Santa Lucia until the first buildings. Keep on to the centre on Via Cardinal Gastaldi, until Via Soleri, near the palace Curlo Spinosa in Taggia.