🚺 <u>GRAND PRIX TURIN '12 – TRAVEL GUIDE</u> 🚺

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CONGRATULATIONS FOR ALL THOSE WHO WILL BE JUDGING NEXT GP IN TURIN! THIS GUIDE IS FOR YOU AND FOR ALL PEOPLE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING TO THE GP'S WEEKEND. IN THIS GUIDE WE WILL TRY TO GIVE YOU SOME HELPFUL INFORMATION TO HAVE A GOOD STAY HERE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS YOU'D LIKE TO ASK, CONTACT US TO RAIST.LING@HOTMAIL.IT OR MATTEO.TONAZZO@HOTMAIL.IT

SEE YOU IN TURIN!

EASIEST WAYS TO FLY INTO THE CITY

TURIN'S CASELLE AIRPORT IS LOCATED 18KM OUTSIDE THE CITY. THERE ARE 2 MANY WAYS TO REACH TURIN: BUS AND TRAIN.

Bus departure is located just outside the airport arrivals terminal. The ticket has a price of $6 \in$ if you buy it into the airport (there are automatic ticket machine) or $6.50 \in$ if you buy it directly on the bus. Anyway it take about 45 minutes to bring you to "Porta Nuova" stop.

Also a railway links the airport to Turin. The thicket price is 3.70€ and it also includes 70 minutes on Turin's public transportation system. It take 19 minutes to bring you to Dora GTT, then you have to take

"DORA FLY" SERVICE (INCLUDED WITH THE TRAIN TICKET) TO REACH THE METRO STATION OF "PORTA NUOVA".

TOURNAMENT VENUE

The tournament will be held in Turin at "Lingotto Fiere": you can find it at Via Nizza 294. It's an huge exhibition space of more than 65000 square meters. The best ways to reach the tournament venue are:



1: METRO, STATION LINGOTTO (THE END OF LINE) - BUS LINE 18: BUS STOP "LINGOTTO EXPO".

2: Bus line 18 (direction Piazza Sofia), 1 and 35 (direction Piazza Carducci): Bus stop "Millefonti".

3: BUS LINE 34, 74 (BOTH DIRECTIONS); BUS STOP "VADO".

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Turin has a good transport system with 3 train station, one underground line and many bus lines, that allow to go everywhere in the city; I advise you to not get taxi, because they are expensive. The price for one bus ticket is $1,50 \in$ for 90 minutes on buses and 1 Metro ride; there are also books of 5 tickets (6,50 \in) or 15 tickets (17,50 \in). You can buy them at the metro stations, at the train stations and at tobacconist's.

All buses travel regularly (one bus every 8 minutes) from 7 A.M. until 8 P.M. Before 7 A.M and after 8 P.M there is a bus every 40 minutes.

SUBWAY TIMETABLE IS.

	First departure	Last departure from Fermi	Last departure from Lingotto
Monday	05.30	21.10	21.35
FROM TUESDAY TO THURSDAY	05.30	23.40	00.05
Friday and Saturday	05.30	00.40	01.05
Sunday and Public Holiday	07.00	00.10	00.35

FOR COMPLETE BUS MAP TAKE A LOOK HERE

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

If you need a room for the weekend, near the venue there are 2 hotels, directly connected to it: \underline{NH} <u>Lingotto</u> (4 stars) and \underline{NH} <u>Lingotto Tech</u> (5 stars). You will be treated like a king, but their prices are not very friendly, starting from $100 \notin$ per night.

OTHERWISE YOU CAN CHOOSE ONE OF THE HOTELS LITTLE FARTHER FROM THE VENUE BUT THAT SHOULD HAVE FAIR PRICES. THERE ARE 2 HOTELS AT THE BACK OF THE VENUE: <u>ASTOR HOTEL</u> (3 STARS) AND <u>HOTEL GALIMBERTI</u> (2 STARS). THERE YOU WILL PAY A TWIN BEDROOM FOR 3 NIGHT BETWEEN 240 AND 280 €, AND YOU WILL BE AT 5/10 MINS WALK FROM THE VENUE.

THIRD OPTION IS TO CHOOSE THE TORINO PORTA NUOVA RAIL STATION AREA, WELL CONNECTED TO THE TOURNAMENT VENUE WITH THE METRO: <u>TOMATO BACKPACKERS HOTEL</u> (2 STARS), <u>CENTRO HOTEL</u> (3 STARS), <u>BEST WESTERN</u> (3 STARS). FOR TWIN BEDROOM, 3 NIGHT, PRICES BETWEEN 160-250 €.

In the end, there is also the opportunity to stay overnight in a hostel next to the venue (10/15 minutes walk). At Lingotto B&B you can find a 3 beds apartment for 33€ per person, per night.

MOST POPULAR TOURIST SPOTS

IF YOU ARE IN TURIN FOR THE FIRST TIME, YOU CAN START VISITING THE OLD PART OF THE CITY, THE ONE THAT BRINGS THE SPLENDOR OF THIS CITY THAT WAS ALSO THE FIRST CAPITAL OF ITALY. TAKING A WALK FROM PALAZZO MADAMA, AND GOING AHEAD TO THE THEATER ROYAL AND ROYAL PALACE (RESIDENCE OF THE SAVOY - KING'S FAMILY - UNTIL 1865), YOU CAN ARRIVE TO THE ROYAL ARMORY. NEARBY, ALONG THE PO RIVER, THERE IS THE CASTLE OF VALENTINO, WHICH HAS REFINED GEOMETRIES IN THE FRENCH STYLE, SURROUNDED BY THE HOMONYMOUS PARK.

TO EXPERIENCE THE PRINCELY ATMOSPHERE OF TURIN, YOU CAN INDULGE IN A ROYAL SNACK OF HOT CHOCOLATE SERVED IN HISTORICAL CAFETERIAS, WITH ATMOSPHERE OF YESTERYEAR.

You can also choose for a more "Naturalistic" walk: You can walk in the parks along the river or, for the best view of the city and the mountains that surround it, nothing is better than an exciting ascent to the summit of the Mole, on board of the panoramic lift with transparent walls. This elegant little building is a symbol of the city. With its height of 167.5 meters is the second tallest building in Italy. Inside is also present the <u>museum of Cinema</u>. FROM THE CULTURAL POINT OF VIEW, TURIN IS CONSIDERED THE "CAPITAL OF ITALIAN EAST", NOT ONLY FOR ITS HISTORICAL AND IMPORTANT EGYPTIAN MUSEUM (THE SECOND IN THE WORLD, AFTER CAIRO), BUT ALSO FOR THE NEW MAO, THE MUSEUM OF ORIENTAL ART, OPENED IN 2009 AT THE PALAZZO MAZZONI, WITH IMMEDIATE SUCCESS AND A RICH PROGRAM OF EXHIBITIONS.

THE <u>GAM</u>, GALLERIA CIVICA D'ARTE MODERNA E CONTEMPORANEA (MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ART CIVIC GALLERY), HAS REDONE THE LOOK WITH A RECENT TOTAL RE-SETTING.

TURIN HAS VERY BEAUTIFUL CHURCHES: THE DUOMO, BUILDING IN 1505, IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF NORTH ITALY RENAISSANCE ART, WHERE IS SITED THE HOLY SHROUD; BASILICA OF SUPERGA, THAT CONTAINS THE TOMBS OF MANY PRINCES AND KINGS OF HOUSE OF SAVOY, IS SURROUNDED BY A BEAUTIFUL PARK THAT CAN BE REACHED BY SUPERGA RACK RAILWAY; GRANDE MADRE DI DIO, IN NEOCLASSICAL STYLE, IS INSPIRED BY THE ARCHITECTURE OF ROME'S PANTHEON.

TURIN IS THE VERY LIVELY NIGHTLIFE: THE AREA MORE "IN" IS THE ONE OF THE MURAZZI, NEAR THE PO, CROWDED NIGHTCLUBS, WHERE YOU CAN PULL THE DAWN WITH COCKTAILS AND DJ-SETS. ANOTHER AREA TO ENJOY THE EVENING ATMOSPHERE IN RESTAURANTS AND TRENDY PLACES IS THE ROMAN QUARTER, IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY.

EATING IN TURIN

Italy is a capital of Food, and in the city you can eat the best of Italian cuisine, that is served with very good wines. You can try local specialties like Bagna Caoda (a warm dip with garlic and anchovies), Agnolotti (small filled pasta) or Bollito Misto (boiled meat with vegetables, served with various sauces). There are many restaurants in the city, of all types, from ethnic food to Pizza shop, you must only choose what you want eat!!

SHOPPING IN TURIN

IN TURIN THERE ARE MANY "SHOPPING ZONES" WHERE YOU CAN BUY EVERYTHING, FROM CLOTHING TO ELECTRONICS PASSING ACROSS BOOKS AND SOUVENIRS.

One of this "zone" is near the tournament venue, **8 Gallery**, a big shopping center with a Cinema, one supermarket, various restaurants and stores, building inside the old automobile plant of Fiat Lingotto. The other big "shopping zone" is the center of city, especially via Roma, with boutiques and clothing stores.

LOCAL GAME STORE

There are several game stores in Turin. Some stores have play space where you can play booster drafts, EDH, etc. The main shops are:

- **GOBLIN TORINO** VIA BARBAROUX, 13 (IN THE CENTER OF CITY, CONVENIENT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTS)
- Drago Dormiente Via Cibrario, 24
- CENTRO GIOCO EDUCATIVO C.SO FERRUCCI, 105

- MAGIC LAIR VIA DURANDI, 9 (LEGACY PLAYERS ARE HERE)
- **GAMES ACADEMY** C.SO REGINA MARGHERITA 210BIS

VARIOUS TIPS

- **SAFETY:** TURIN IS A SAFE PLACE BUT YOU SHOULD TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR WALLET OR PHONE IN CROWDED PLACE LIKE RAILWAY STATION OR BUS.
- **Emergency call:** 112 (Police), 118 (Ambulance), 115 (Fire)
- **SMOKING:** SMOKING IS PROHIBITED IN PUBLIC SPACES (BARS, RESTAURANTS, TRAIN STATIONS, HOTELS, ETC.) BUT NOT OUTDOORS.
- CALLING CODE: +39
- **TIME ZONE:** GMT +1

HAVE A NICE WEEK END IN TURIN!!!