

5 Hidden Gems in Northern Italy

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1. TELLARO

Tellaro is a little hamlet located in the Northern Italian region of Liguria.

It is that little corner of Italy that you never knew existed. This little seaside village has back alleys and streets that are charming, water that is gorgeous, food that is sumptuous and people who are truly hospitable.

The sunsets here are beyond magical because the Ligurian Sea is right in front of you!

If you are looking to be away from the crowds for a complete cultural and language immersion, Tellaro is seriously the best!

How to Reach:

Tellaro can be best reached by car. Take a train till La Spezia and hire a taxi to get to Tellaro. From La Spezia regular bus service runs in the summer.





2. CERVO

Another fabulous hidden gem in the Ligurian region of Italy, Cervo is a dream!!

It is surrounded with pretty doors and pastel colored homes in tiny mysterious alleys that promise to lead you somewhere!!!

The highlight of this little hamlet is its San Giovanni Battista. The construction of this grand church started in 1686.

In 1887, the church was damaged in a devastating earthquake that rocked most of the area and Southern France. It left over 2000 people dead and the church in a mess. It took over 50-60 years to restore parts of the church along with the bell tower.

How to Reach:

Cervo has no train station so you can get down at Diano Castello then hire a taxi!





3. MONCALIERI

Moncalieri is located in the Northern region of Piemonte. This town is a hidden gem and only 30 minutes from the centre of Turin and 1.5 hour from Milan!

Moncalieri is a perfect break from a big city. It has beautiful streets and a steep historic centre. There are old styled meat shops and charming Bars!!

Moncalieri also boasts a 12th century castle that was home to King Victor Emmanuel II. Isn't that fabulous! The castle is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

How to Reach:

There are direct trains to Moncalieri. Take a taxi or bus numbers 40 and 45 from the centre of Turin.





4. MUGGIA

Moving far East now, another hidden gem in Northern Italy is the town of Muggia in the region of Friuli Venezia Giulia.

Muggia is a port town and an excellent day trip from Trieste. Overlooking the Bay of Muggia, this is a hidden gem not to be missed in Italy!!

Muggia is extremely picturesque and devoid of tourists. The town's architecture is highly influenced by the Venetians. In its main piazza- Piazza Macroni is a statue of a winged lion that has been a symbol of Venice since centuries. .

Muggia is mesmerizing and quiet.

How to Reach:

Muggia can be reached from Trieste by Bus 20.





5. ORTA SAN GIULIO

Coming from the East back to the region of Piemonte, another fabulous North Italian town is Orta San Giulio.

Orta is simply magical because it includes the Lake Orta.

Orta San Giulio is also idyllic and medieval. It is full of baroque churches and ancient stores. If you are looking for a unique day trip in and around Turin, Orta should be on the top!!

Orta is also very close to Lake Maggiore.

How to Reach:

Orta San Giulio can be reached by car or public transport from Turin. The train station is a little far from the lake but one can hire a taxi or take a bus to get to the lake.

