

CANAVESE LAND OF HORSES

HORSE EXPERIENCE DAYS IN CANAVESE
THROUGH THE CARNIVAL OF IVREA,
FAIRS, FESTIVALS AND CASTLES

Historical Carnival of Ivrea 2014

THE BATTLE OF THE ORANGES

SATURDAY 1ST AND SUNDAY 2ND MARCH

A journey "behind the scenes" of the Carnival of Ivrea, including stables, horses and horsemen. A journey to discover the devotion of the horsemen preparing the horses, the harnesses, the carts that will carry the orange throwers during the battle. A journey to discover rituals, traditions, equestrian culture, handed down by the inhabitants of ancient Eporodia. An opportunity to live the key moments of the Carnival and the battle of oranges in the two main days of the great festival.

Two programs and two different prices: the first complete and organized, the second for the total freedom to enjoy the Carnival.

PROGRAM

Saturday, March 1st 2014

1.45 p.m. meeting in Ivrea and departure for the tour of horsemen.

2.00-5.00 p.m. GUIDED TOUR IN TWO FARMSTEAD in the surroundings of Ivrea, where the horses and carts are prepared for the Carnival; tasting of wines and desserts from Canavese.

5.00 p.m. GUIDED WALK TOUR in Ivrea, to discover the preparation for the Carnival.

7.00 p.m. Dinner in Ivrea in a restaurant of tradition.

9.00 p.m. participation to the PRESENTATION OF THE MUGNAIA from the Town Hall, followed by the Historical and orange thrower teams Parade along the streets and squares of the city.

10.00 pm FIREWORK display on Lungo Dora in honour of the Vezzosa Mugnaia.

Overnight at B&B in Ivrea.

Sunday, March 2nd

10.00 am participation to Castellazzo's Fagiolata and to the historical ceremonies.

12.30 pm Lunch at restaurant.

2:00 p.m. BEGINNING OF THE BATTLE OF ORANGES: experience of shooting at the Borghetto, guests of the 'Tuchini' team. Visit to the streets of Ivrea where the battle takes place.
5.00 p.m. End of the battle of the oranges.

PRICE PER PERSON: Adults euro 160,00 - CHILDREN (under 12): euro 90,00

The participation fee includes:

- n.1 night B&B (bed and breakfast) double room;
- n.2 meals at restaurant;
- transfer to the farmstead;
- ticket for Sunday entrance to the Carnival;
- guide assistance on Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon;
- participation to the battle of the oranges in the Borghetto, with the orange throwers team Tuchini;
- Information kit and 'berretto frigio' (phrygian cap);
- Medical insurance.

PAYMENT IS REQUIRED AT BOOKING.

Cancellation: No charge if made 7 days before arrival.

7 to 3 days penalty of 50% from 3 days the full amount.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

The Historic Carnival of Ivrea is an event that takes place in the streets and squares of Ivrea, is a big feast that always draws hundreds of spectators. During the Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon, the crowd is great and the spaces are shared with many people, it is important to have patience and willingness to respect everyone.

The orange battle is an entertaining, exciting, joyful show, to be prepared for. Our guide will tell you how to deal with it and how to enjoy it at best. During the battle you should wear comfortable and resistant shoes, washable clothes as they will be inevitably splashed by oranges.

The 'berretto frigio' (Phrygian cap) is mandatory and we will provide one for every person, but it will not avoid you from receiving oranges. Therefore, we will ask you to sign a discharge of responsibilities.

All information on the official website of the Historic Carnival of Ivrea

www.storicocarnevaleivrea.it

Special images from 'The spectacle of the Oranges'

http://www.saltlemon.eu/salt/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=12&Itemid=32&lang=it

TRAVEL NOTES

The Carnival of Ivrea

The Carnival of Ivrea is the only Carnival feast to have a precise pattern, that tell a story in which the protagonists are not masks, but symbols of libertarian values and interpreters of ancient events.

Although the original part of the legend has gradually adapted, two main strands of events make up the plot. The first story goes back to medieval times, when Federico Barbarossa settled in the city of the tyrant Raineri Biandrate. Violence and abuse for a long time exasperated the people, who in 1194 rebelled and destroyed the castle of the tyrant, a symbol of oppression. The same fate befell another despot in 1266, the Marquis Guglielmo of Monferrato. In popular tradition, Raineri and Guglielmo merge into a single figure of the tyrant, who according to the custom of the time, claimed to exercise the "Jus primae noctis", or go with brides on their first wedding night. Until Violetta, the beautiful daughter of a miller, rebelled to the claims of the lord, cutting his head with a dagger and showed it to the people gathered under the stands of Castellazzo. What followed was a great popular uprising, which led to the destruction of the castle and is now well represented by the Battle of the Oranges: a great party game among the orange throwers on foot, symbol of the rebellious people, and those on the cart, the guards of the tyrant.

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