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This itinerary stretches along Corso Regina Margherita and passes through the town from west to east. This important road axis functions as a division between the Roman town and the expansion of the city towards the north, where the intensive industrial development transformed the area and gradually removed the farming heritage.

The itinerary is organised in six stops coming in succession. Each of them is representative of districts having historical, social and architectural features deeply different.

Our tour starts from west going to east towards the hills. The starting point is near the *San Donato* district, in the commercial and lively Via Livorno, to discover an abandoned industrial area, one of the most interesting of the town. In the hub of that ever changing area - called *Spina 3* by the Land Use Plan (1987-95) - reach the [Parco Dora - Multifunctional Centre \(1\)](#), near the former Michelin area. A new place to meet people facing the big two-level square with walkways winding through the green areas.

The second stop is near *Porta Palazzo*, the biggest outdoor market in Europe. An extraordinary place for goods exchange and a cultural melting pot. Heading due north, in the direction of Corso Giulio Cesare, on the left-hand side the *Centro Palatino* designed by Massimiliano and Doriana Fuksas stands out. Here, the clothing business is gathered and the iron and glass pavilions of the covered market in the 1800s are reused in a contemporary way.

This itinerary reaches Via Borgo Dora. Along there and each Saturday morning the *Balón*, a typical outdoor market winds through workshops, second-hand shops, elegant antique stores or old taverns, where it is still possible to taste the traditional Piedmont cuisine. Its hub is the [Maglio Courtyard \(2\)](#). It is worth pointing out that building with its truncated pyramid covering made of lamellar wood supported in its center by inclined steel struts, where it is used

the wooden covering of the Piedmont heritage in a modern way.

The third stop of this itinerary ends in Piazza Borgo Dora. Facing there, the [Ex-Army Arsenal \(3\)](#) hosts the *Servizio Missionario Giovani* (SERMIG) and the Holden school.

Now the itinerary goes along Corso Regina Margherita up to Piazza della Repubblica. There visitors will enjoy the wonderful exedra signed by Filippo Juvarra and then the *Giardini Reali*, going in the direction of the hill on the right-hand side.

Past Corso San Maurizio this itinerary runs along the *Vanchiglia district* on the right-hand side, called 'the district of smoke' due to the presence of a lot of tanneries in the beginning of 20th century, and on the left-hand side of the Dora River which brushes up against Corso Regina Margherita but then suddenly leaves again for another important changing area: the former gas company *Italgas* area.

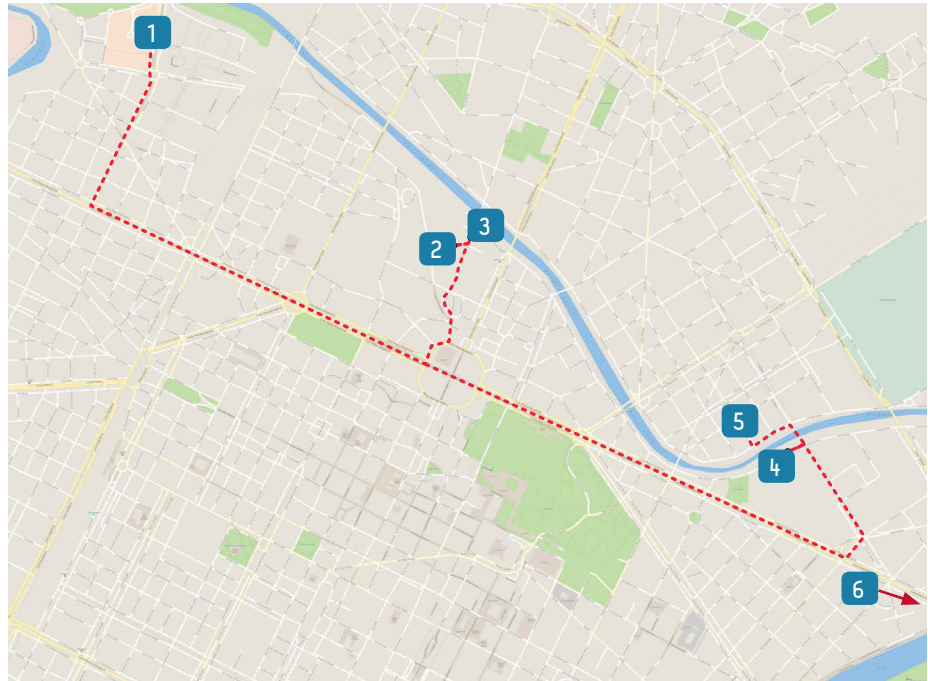
Among the most remarkable buildings in this interesting urban reconversion, it is worth pointing out the Borgo Dora University Residence (Cristiana Bevilacqua - Agenzia Torino, 2006), former born to host the journalists arrived in Turin for the Olympic Games 2006 and the Luigi Einaudi University Campus designed by Norman Foster - a building complex having winding shapes, transparent facades and the site specific art work named "*Principio - Cosmo, ...lunare*" (4) located in its inner courtyard.

The fifth stop of the itinerary then arrives at the [Azimut Club \(5\)](#) on the other side of the Dora River which is an ex industrial building changed into a restaurant and club.

The itinerary ends in the Turin metropolitan area reaching the [Infin.to Planetarium of Turin, Museum of Astronomy and Space \(6\)](#), surrounded by the green hills. [E.G., C.S.](#)

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- 1 **Parco Dora - Multifunctional Centre**
Via Livorno, Via Treviso, Via Antonello da Messina
- 2 **Maglio Courtyard**
Via Vittorio Andreis, 18
- 3 **Ex-Army Arsenal**
Piazza Borgo Dora, 49
- 4 **"Principio - Cosmo, ...lunare" - Site Specific Art Work - Campus Luigi Einaudi**
Lungodora Siena, 100
- 5 **Azimut Club**
Via Modena, 55
- 6 **Infini.to - Planetarium of Turin, Museum of Astronomy and Space**
Via Osservatorio, 30 - Pino Torinese (Torino)



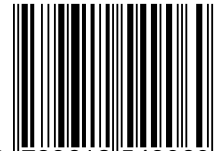
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