

# A balcony into the Mediterranean - Franco Italian Tour of Mont Gramondo - Stage 1



Ventimiglia





Randonnée Bévéra. Castellar (Mairie de Castellar)

### A first stage between Castellar and Torri which crosses the border ridge and offers spectacular views.

The path, well marked, climbs to cross the border and descends gently through many hamlets planted with olive trees to reach the valley of Bévéra.

#### **Useful information**

Practice: Hiking

Duration: 4 h

Length: 14.0 km

Trek ascent: 956 m

Difficulty: Hard

Type: Walking breaks

## **Trek**

**Departure**: Castellar

**Arrival** : Torri

Cities: 1. Ventimiglia

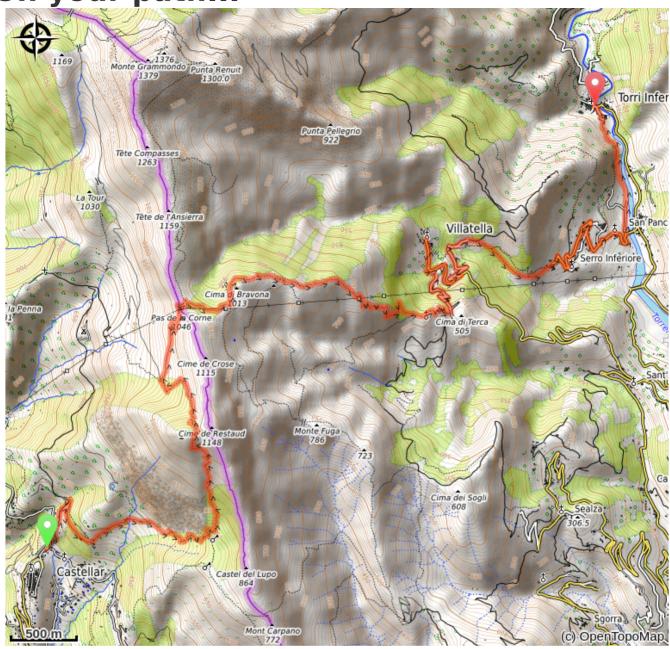
#### **Altimetric profile**



Min elevation 51 m Max elevation 1090 m

From the square in the centre of the village, go to the Saint Sébastien chapel in the north at 342m altitude. Head due east along the tarmacked road with GR51 markers. The itinerary heads along a rocky path, reaching Plan du Lion 716m. Turn left and continue climbing along the GR52 path. The slope is steeper until you pass Le Roc d'Orméa. There is an optional climb of 112m. Shortly afterwards, go through the pines forest of the Col du Berceau 1062m. Continue downhill along the ridge towards the ruins of Vieux Castellar. Turn right (altitude 950m) onto the path known as Sentiero Balcone towards Torri. It climbs slightly until La Pointe Corna before heading back down into the Bevera valley. The itinerary passes through the first Italian hamlet of Villatela before joining the small road which provides access to Serro. Continue along the road until you reach the hamlet of Saint Pancrazzio. After having gone through it, turn left opposite the village of Calvo onto the track which quickly becomes a path. The itinerary parallel to the Bevera river heads alongside a few wellmaintained properties before entering into the village of Torri.

On your path...



## All useful information