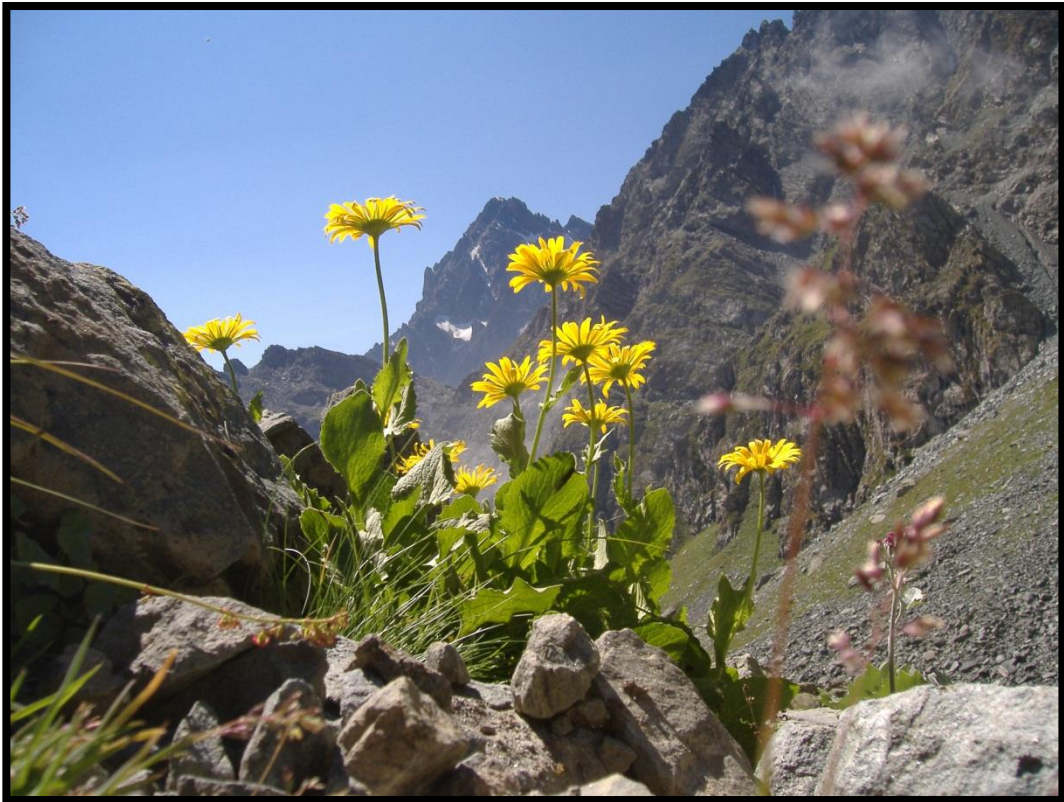


## ON THE WAY TO MONVISO



### The Monviso (Stone King)

There is no need to present this giant of Alps. People of Piedmont can admire it every day, Italians know that it is the father of river Po.

The name **Monviso** may derive from the Latin *Mons Vesulus* that means “isolated and visible mountain” (a reliable landmark for travellers), just like how the Monviso is; it was also mentioned by Virgil in the tenth book of Aeneid.

In fact, from the Po Valley, its imposing pyramid shape stands majestically, almost from the middle of nowhere, making the Monviso visible and recognizable even from far away.

The first completely Italian expedition that reached the summit of Monviso, in 1863, was the one of the Minister of Finance, **Quintino Sella**, from Biella.

The venture was surely remarkable at that time, and it was a clever propagandistic strategy of Sella to celebrate, also thanks to the heterogeneousness of the expedition group, the Unity of Italy recently achieved (1861). After the enormous enthusiasm caused by the success of the scaling of Monviso, Sella founded, in Turin, the **Club Alpino Italiano** (Italian Alpine Club), till today the widest Italian mountaineers association, with about 320,000 members.

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## **ON THE WAY TO MONVISO**

**Pick up in Turin** at 8 am - Corso Stati Uniti 21, in front of the offices of Assessorato Montagna (5' walk from the main railway station Porta Nuova to be reached by metro)

trip with GT coach to Crissolo and Pian del Re

**Trek** from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm (approx)

**Lunch** at 1.30 pm (approx) in a typical restaurant of the area, tasting menu with local dishes (beverages and coffee included)

**Return** in Torino at 5.30 pm approx.

### **THE PACKAGE INCLUDES :**

**Price per person : € 60**

(minimum 25 people and contingent multiples of 25 people)

Price subjected to reconfirm during the booking

Insurance included

**Availability: valid on September 14, 2013**

**(Booking deadline: September 7, 2013)**

### **THE PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

Tips and extras

All not clearly indicated in "This package includes".

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*Volunteers of the Piedmont Alpine Club will be pleased to be your guide during the whole day and an expert in botany will join the group. A DVD will show the history of the Italian Alpine Club celebrating in 2013 the 150 years of its birth in Torino.*

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*(Please note the following equipments are highly recommended:  
long sport trousers, trekking shoes, polar fleece, goretex / windstoper jacket)*

### **NOTE**

**In case of bad weather forecasts the trip will be replaced by**

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