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## Pavia and its surroundings, its art, beauty and good food

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From **Vigevano to Zavattarello**, passing through **Varzi** and the **Oltrepò** vineyards: in a short promotional video, **InLombardia**, the website dedicated to tourism in Lombardy Region, presents some of the most characteristic places in Pavia Province.

In just over a minute, you can enjoy an overview of an area that has a lot to offer, for day trips and longer stays.

The <u>city</u> of Pavia is important for many reasons, first of all its historical and artistic heritage. Of the city's landmarks, we must mention the **cathedral**, **the covered bridge**, **the Certosa**, **the basilicas** (of San Pietro in Ciel d'Oro, San Michele Maggiore, and San Teodoro) and especially its historic university, one of the oldest in the world. Pavia is a small city, but for its size, it can offer a lot in terms of culture: from this spring, for example, and until 28 July 2019, the city museum is hosting <u>De Chirico</u>, <u>De Pisis</u>, <u>Carrà</u>. The hidden life of things, an exhibition of sixty works, from prestigious private collections in Italy and abroad.

Another place not to be missed, that is close by, is **Vigevano**, with its cathedral, arcades and beautiful square. **Pavia Province** also contains a number of small villages that are full of charm, set in an area where agriculture and the landscape still play an important role. Among these, there is **Zavattarello**, a small village, considered one of the most beautiful in Lombardy.

Then there are the traditions, especially **food and wine**, which make exploring these places even more

appetising: in the famous Oltrepò vineyards, you can taste varieties of Bonarda, Barbera, Cabernet, Moscato, Riesling, Malvasia and Pinot Noir; one of the more characteristic local products is the **salami** of Varzi, which has been recognised with the DOP label.

In the year of slow tourism, we finally remember that the city of **Pavia and its surroundings are** also where the <u>Via Francisca del Lucomagno</u> ends; this ancient path comes down from Lake Constance, crossing Varese Province, and connects with the Via Francigena, before continuing on to Rome.

Other useful links:

Experiences in the province: *VisitPavia* 

The city and events: ViviPavia

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