



Exploring Val Grande

Following the Sesia River from **Varallo to the slopes of Monte Rosa**, you can cross the largest valley of Valsesia, renowned not only for the extraordinary historical and artistic heritage of the small towns that populate it but also for the incomparable beauty of the surrounding alpine landscape. With this itinerary, you may discover the last stretch of **Val Grande**: an incredible journey through picturesque Walser villages, spectacular mountain pastures, and some of the highest peaks in Europe, a true **paradise for mountaineers and mountain sports enthusiasts**.

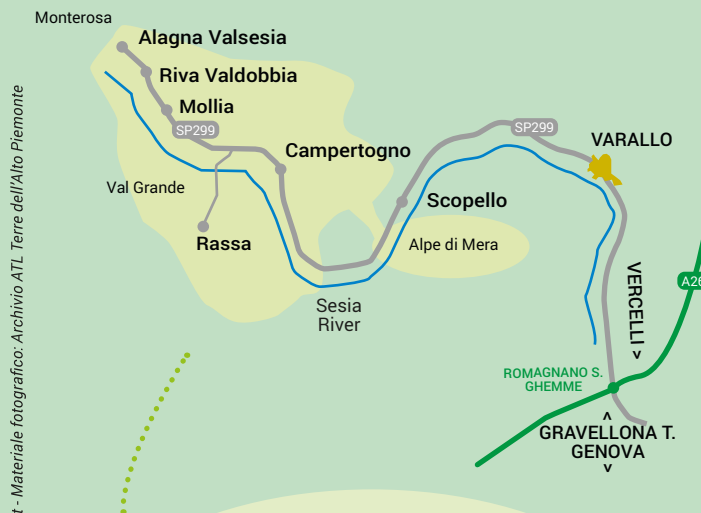
Outdoor and Nature

Exploring Valsesia on foot or by bike is the best way to admire the incredible peaks of Monte Rosa and discover delightful valleys dotted with small historic villages. For an unforgettable experience in Val Grande, discover all our routes on visitvalsesiavercelli.it



Ancient Traditions and Mountain Flavours

Valsesia is a land of ancient traditions, still handed down with pride and safeguarded with genuine passion. To know more about the ancient traditions of the Walser people, the products of Valsesian craftsmanship and the local dishes of Valsesia, visit visitvalsesiavercelli.it



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HOW TO REACH VAL GRANDE

VARALLO

SP 299 "Strada della Valsesia" to Alagna

A26 GENOVA - GRAVELLONA T.

Exit Romagnano S.- Ghemme. SP 299 to Alagna

A4 MILANO - TORINO

A26 highway to Gravellona T.
Exit Romagnano S.- Ghemme.
SP 299 to Alagna

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EXPLORING VAL GRANDE

Walser civilization and the
amazing peaks of Monte Rosa



1 MONTE ROSA

The alpine massif, whose name derives from "rosia" a Latin word meaning "glacier", overlooks the valley and a large stretch of the Po Valley featuring some of the highest peaks in Europe, such as Punta Dufour (4,634 m) and Punta Gnifetti (4,554 m) on the top of which the **Capanna Regina Margherita**, the highest mountain hut in Europe, is located. A universe of irresistible charm for all fans of mountaineering and mountain sports.



2 VAL VOGNA

The entrance to the valley, narrow and wild, is located in **Riva Valdobbia**, a small village of Walser origins, where you can find the **Ethnographic Museum of Rabernardo** and the beautiful **Parish Church of San Michele**. Riva Valdobbia, where you can enjoy the picture-perfect scenery of Monte Rosa, is also a starting point to explore the valley along several paths and ancient communication routes.

3 ALAGNA VALSESIA

The village, one of the most beautiful in all Valsesia, was founded at the foot of Monte Rosa in the 13th century by the Walser, an ancient people of Germanic origin. Evidence of the Walser culture can be found in the numerous hamlets surrounding the village: here you can be enchanted by the traditional houses in wood and stone and visit the **Walser Museum in Pedemonte**. During the winter season,

the town becomes a little **paradise for off-piste skiing** while during the summer season it is a popular destination for **hikers and mountaineers**, attracted by the many trails and mountain routes that make it possible to experience hiking at all levels.



LEGEND


- 1 Monte Rosa
- 2 Val Vogna
- 3 Alagna Valsesia
- 4 Val d'Otro
- 5 Valle D'Olen
- 6 Alpe Pile

 Museum

 Villa/Walser

 Natural sites

 Best Bike route

 Best Hiking trails

4 VAL D'OTRO

The beauty of the valley, dotted with small villages surrounded by mountain pastures and embraced by forests of larch and beech, will leave you speechless. A **tour of all the villages** scattered along the valley is highly recommended to better understand how the **Walser people** lived in the past and to get closer to their ancient traditions.

5 VALLE D'OLEN

This wide valley of glacial origin is famous for having been the place where the history of mountaineering on Monte Rosa was made. Thanks to **Monterosa Ski lifts** that connect Alagna with Valle d'Aosta, the valley is crowded in both summer and winter by skiers, mountaineers, hikers, and MTB enthusiasts.

A TREKKING EXPERIENCE NOT TO BE MISSED



Riva Valdobbia - Alpe Larecchio From Loc. Sant'Antonio trail No.201 to Alpe Larecchio

Alagna - Val d'Otro From Alagna trail No.203 to Otro plain

Alagna - Barba Ferrero Mountain Hut From Loc. Acqua Bianca trail No. 207 to Alpe Vigne Superiore



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6 ALPE PILE

This scenic amphitheater located at the foot of Monte Rosa is the best place to spend pleasant moments of relaxation in unspoiled nature. From the Alpe, where the **Rifugio Pastore** and the **Visitor Center of the Alta Valsesia Nature Park and Botanical Gardens** (Alpe FumBitz) are located, there are numerous paths along unique scenery such as the glaciological path, that offers a splendid view of the Valsesian glaciers.

