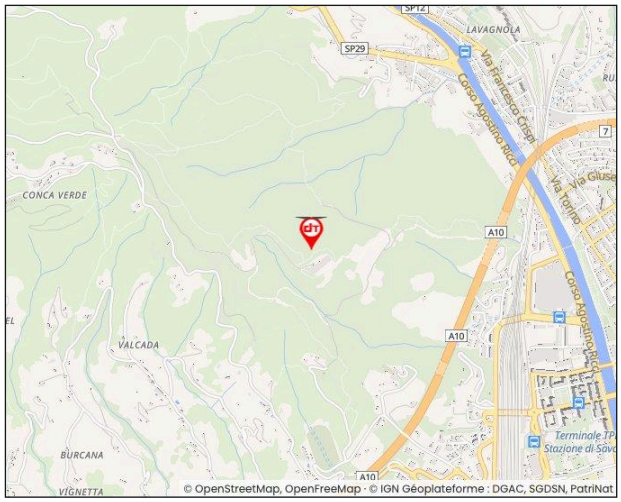
Savona, the Fort of Our Lady of the Angels

Heritage · Italy

GPS coordinates	44.31425, 8.46044
Elevation	224 m
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	On foot > 1,000 m
Spot reference	316940



Spot location and restrictions (Drone-Spot map image)

Sun (local times, UTC+01:00)

Day	Dawn	Sunrise	Sunset	Dusk	Day length	Golden hour
Mon 23 Nov	07:00	07:32	16:53	17:25	9 h 20	07:32–08:18 · 16:08–16:53
Tue 24 Nov	07:02	07:33	16:52	17:24	9 h 18	07:33–08:19 · 16:07–16:52
Wed 25 Nov	07:03	07:35	16:52	17:24	9 h 16	07:35–08:20 · 16:06–16:52

Description

The Fort of Madonna degli Angeli is a 19th-century fortress located on a hill, just behind the center of Savona, at an altitude of 232 m. l. m. The fortress, classified as a battery, was part of a defensive system for the coast and the port of Savona-Vado Ligure, which included the twin fortress (although slightly smaller) of Madonna del Monte and the more inland Forte Ciuto. Built around 1881 by the Savoys, it remained in service until the end of the Second World War. The current reinforced concrete roof is probably not original and is a later modification to adapt the fortification to the ever-increasing firepower of modern artillery. The fort has two levels, the first devoted to stables and ammunition stores and the second to the two howitzer positions and the range-finding stations. A few meters from the fort, to the northwest, there are some ruins of what were probably soldiers' …

Scan to open the up-to-date spot page: weather, map and restrictions.

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=316940

Before every flight: check the UAS zones map, NOTAMs and temporary areas, the weather and the Kp index.

Preparing the flight

Pre-flight Check-List

- ☐ Area checked: UAS zones, restrictions, protected areas
- ☐ NOTAMs and temporary areas checked
- ☐ Weather: wind, gusts, rain, visibility; Kp index
- ☐ Operator number displayed on the drone
- ☐ Training certificate or licence with me
- ☐ Third-party liability insurance checked
- ☐ Batteries charged: drone, controller, phone
- ☐ Propellers, motors and frame in good condition
- ☐ Memory card inserted and empty
- ☐ Software up to date, compass and IMU calibrated
- ☐ Return to home: home point and return height set
- ☐ Electronic signalling or remote ID active
- ☐ Take-off area clear, people informed and at a distance
- ☐ Observer present for FPV flights

Key rules of the open category

This country applies the European drone rules (open category); it may add its own zones and conditions.

- Maximum height: 120 m above the ground, lower where a restriction requires it.
- Always keep the drone in sight; when flying FPV, an observer keeps it in sight next to you.
- Never fly over crowds and keep the distances of your subcategory (A1, A2 or A3).
- Respect UAS geographical zones: around aerodromes, prohibited or restricted areas, protected areas, sensitive sites.
- Register as an operator if the drone weighs 250 g or more or carries a camera (toys excepted), and display the number on the drone.
- Training: online A1/A3 certificate from 250 g or for a class C1 drone; A2 certificate to fly closer to people with a class C2 drone.
- Always give way to manned aircraft and land if one approaches.
- Respect privacy: no images that identify people without their consent; aerial photography is prohibited in some areas.
- Check your third-party liability insurance.

Non-exhaustive summary: rules change. Reference: the DGAC open-category guide and the country's regulations.

Useful links

UAS zones map around the spot : https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/carte-uas.aspx?lat=44.31425&lon=8.46044
Drone pilot library : https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/bibliotheque

My flight notes

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