



Residenze Reali Sabaude

The Castle of La Mandria

Immersed in 3,000 hectares of meadows and woods of the Natural Park
The favorite residence of the first King of Italy
with its fascinating Royal Apartments rich in art and history



The **Castle with its charming apartments** wanted and inhabited by King Vittorio Emanuele II of Savoy (1820-1878) and Rosa Vercellana (1833-1885), Countess of Mirafiori and Fontanafredda is immersed in the centuries-old greenery of Parco naturale della Mandria, and an extension of the Gardens of the nearby Reggia di Venaria, near Turin.

The Castle comprises more than 20 rooms, designed and organized for the posh country life of the sovereign, his beloved wife and their family, and bears witness to the passions of Italy's first King. The atmosphere is unique and special thanks to the richness of furnishings and the works of art that embellish the rooms, conjuring up the taste of the patron: to this day, the succession of living rooms, bedrooms and reception rooms allow discovering the couple's "Bourgeois" character.

The high quality of the coffered ceiling decorations, painted doors and precious wallpapers convey the meticulous guidance of Architect Domenico Ferri (1795-1878). The King's affection for his "Bela Rosin" and love for hunting are the dominant themes of the entire tour.

Just like Reggia di Venaria, Castello della Mandria too is managed by Consorzio delle Residenze Reali Sabaude, and was declared World Heritage by UNESCO, together with the other Royal Residences of Piedmont.



The history of **La Mandria**, the current **Parco Regionale** that stretches over 3,000 hectares and is surrounded by about 35 km of boundary wall, is closely connected to that of the city of Venaria Reale and its Royal Palace: indeed, the estate was built in the XVIII century, as center for the breeding and reproduction of purebred horses for the Savoy rulers who, with their accompanying court, devoted themselves to hunting in the former territory of Altessano Superiore.

Today, it represents one of the major and most relevant environmental protection sites in the Italian North-West, in which different species of wild and domestic animals live freely or in a semi-wild state; the estate is also home to the most significant lowland forest specimen of Piedmont.

The construction of the **Castle** dates back to the early eighteenth century and coincides with the second building phase of Venaria: after Michelangelo Garove, other famous architects worked there, such as Filippo Juvarra and Benedetto Alfieri, who were already active at the Reggia.

After the Napoleonic foray, a new chapter for the future Park was inaugurated by Vittorio Emanuele II who, in 1863, bought the estate and made the Royal Apartments of the Castle among one of his favorite residences: it was in this period that the complex expanded and was enhanced, eventually becoming the current Borgo Castello.

La Mandria also houses other important architectural structures scattered throughout its territory. Among these, the Bizzarria, a distinctive structure built around the mid-nineteenth century, which served as a hunting repository for Vittorio Emanuele II, as well as **Villa dei Laghi**, a neo-Gothic building built around the middle of the nineteenth century in a remarkably charming setting, enhanced by three small lakes.

Finally, King Vittorio Emanuele left us the Rubbianetta, the majestic horseshoe-shaped farmhouse expressly designed to breed quadrupeds (later home to the International Horse Center).



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Tickets can be purchased online at www.lavenaria.it, or at the following sales points:

Biglietteria Main Ticket Office:

Via Mensa 34 - Venaria Reale (Old Town Center in front of the Reggia) - Ph. +39 011 4992333;

Carlo Emanuele II Ticket Office (Garden House) when in operation:

viale Carlo Emanuele II - Venaria Reale (access lane to the Park of La Mandria) - Ph. + 39 011 4992333

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HOW TO GET THERE

The Castle of La Mandria is located about 2.5 km from Reggia di Venaria and can be reached by GTT shuttle and tourist train (or by car with parking near the entrance to Ponte Verde, on Viale Carlo Emanuele II of Park La Mandria)

You can download press kits and images of the Reggia and the Gardens here:

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