

Turin adapted quickly to its loss of political significance, becoming first a centre for industrial production during the early 20th century and later a hive of trade-union activity. Giants such as Fiat lured hundreds of thousands of impoverished southern Italians to Turin and housed them in vast company-built and -owned suburbs such as Mirafiori to the south. Fiat's owners, the Agnelli family (who also happen to own the champion Juventus football club, Turin's local newspaper and a large chunk of the national daily *Corriere della Sera*), is one of Italy's most powerful establishment forces. These days, Turin is Italy's second-largest industrial city after Milan.

### Orientation

Stazione Porta Nuova is currently the main point of arrival, although most trains will be using the revamped Stazione Porta Susa, once its construction is complete in 2007. Busy Corso Vittorio Emanuele II is the main tram and bus route, running southeast to northwest, while Via Roma links the station (southwest) with Piazza Castello (northeast). Piazza Carlo Felice, the square in front of the station, and Via Nizza, which continues southwest past the station, are the main axes of Turin's seedier side.

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### Information

#### BOOKSHOPS

**Libreria Druetto** (☎ 561 91 66; [drulib@tin.it](mailto:drulib@tin.it); Via Roma 227) Art, architecture and design books.

**Libreria Luxemburg** (☎ 011 561 38 96; Via Battisti 7) Anglo-American bookshop.

**Internet Train** (☎ 011 54 30 00; Via Carlo Alberto 18; per 30min €3; ☎ 9.30am-10pm Mon-Fri, 9.30am-8pm Sat) Free surfing 1pm to 1.30pm and 7pm to 7.30pm.

### INTERNET RESOURCES

**Extra Torino** ([www.extrat torino.it](http://www.extrat torino.it)) Comprehensive, up-to-date listings guide in English.

**Visit Turin 2006** ([www.visit torino2006.com](http://www.visit torino2006.com)) Ideas on what to see and do in the city.

### LAUNDRY

**Lav@sciuga** ([www.lavasciuga.torino.it](http://www.lavasciuga.torino.it); ☎ 8am-10pm) There are several branches around town, at Piazza della Repubblica 5, Via Sant'Anselmo 9 and Via Vanchiglia 10, which also provide free Internet access for customers.

### LEFT LUGGAGE

**Stazione Porta Nuova** (opposite platform No 16; 1st 12/next 12hr €3/2; ☎ 6am-midnight)

### MEDICAL SERVICES

**Farmacia Boniscontro** (☎ 011 53 82 71; Corso Vittorio Emanuele II 66; ☎ 3pm-12.30am) Night pharmacy.

**Ospedale Mauriziano Umberto I** (☎ 011 5 08 01; Largo Turati 62) Hospital.

**Pharmacy** (☎ 011 518 64 67; Stazione Porta Nuova; ☎ 7am-7.30pm)

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A bank, ATM and exchange booth can all be found within Stazione Porta Nuova. Other banks dot Via Roma and Piazza San Carlo. A 24-hour automatic banknote change machine can be found outside Banca CRT (Piazza UN) and another in front of Banca San Paolo (Via Santa Teresa 1g).

### POST

**Post office** (Via Alfieri 10; ☎ 8.30am-7pm Mon-Fri, 8.30am-1pm Sat)

### TOURIST INFORMATION

There is only one central phone number for tourist offices.