



- Main cities: **TORINO**, Novara, Alessandria, Cuneo
- Historical overview: it was inhabited in early historic times by Celtic-Ligurian tribes such as the Taurini and the Salassi. They were later subdued by the Romans (c.220 BC). After the fall of the Western Roman Empire, the region was repeatedly invaded by the Goths, Byzantines, Lombards, etc. In 1720, the Duke of Savoy became King of Sardinia, founding what evolved into the Kingdom of Sardinia and increasing Turin's importance as a European capital. **Piedmont was a springboard for Italy's unification in 1859–1861.**
- Spoken languages: Italian is the official national language. The main local languages are **Piedmontese**, Insubric (spoken in the eastern part of the region), Occitan (spoken by a minority), and Franco-Provençal (spoken by a minority).
- Climate: in the alpine zone it is very cold, in the lowland is continental, or rather cold winters and often dry, warm summers, spring and winter rains. There are often formations of fogs as after all it is characteristic in Lowland Padana. On the shores of the lakes the climate is mild.

«During the evening on the bridge over the Po:  
Magnificent! Beyond Good and Evil! »

- Friedrich Nietzsche

# PIEMONTE – Heritage and Natural Sites

## 03. THE NORTH-WEST



*Langhe*



*Mole Antonelliana, Torino*

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*Monte Rosa*

*Map of the World, Alighiero Boetti*



*Cesare Pavese* was an Italian poet, novelist, literary critic and translator. He is widely considered among the major Italian authors of the 20th century. As a young man of letters, Pavese had a particular interest in English-language literature, graduating from the University of Turin with a thesis on the poetry of Walt Whitman; in those years, Pavese translated both classic and recent American and British authors that were then new to the Italian public.



The typical protagonist in the works of Pavese is a loner, through choice or through circumstances. His relationships with men and women tend to be temporary and superficial. He may wish to have more solidarity with other people, but he often ends up betraying his ideals and friends.

*Some of his masterpieces are The Moon and the Bonfires, Before the Cock Crows (two novellas), Death will come and have your eyes (poem).*