

## Eating around Aosta

There are a vast number of restaurants serving local specialities throughout the valley. Here are some of the ones we have tried and liked.

### Gignod

As you drive towards Aosta from the house, the first village is Gignod. Just below the big church, there is a camp site on your left and a mini-market on your right. Above the shop is a pizza and pasta restaurant. It is perfectly pleasant and quite cheap (around £10 per head) if you want something convenient.

Localita' La Clusaz,  
32, 11010 Gignod

Rated as one of the top restaurants in the region, it is also one of the closest to Terra Alpina (3 km up the main road towards Switzerland on the left hand side). It is for a special occasion with its superb vaulted stone ceiling and its modern twist on traditional cooking. It also has a very good local wine selection and some extremely unusual beers (cheese beer, anyone?). Up to £50 per head.

### Aosta

#### **Trattoria Degli Artisti**

Via Maillat, 5, 11100 Aosta

On the main pedestrian street at the far western end (towards Courmayeur/Mont Blanc). Very good local food at decent prices (around £15 - £20 per head) with a good atmosphere.

#### **Ristorante la Croisee**

Viale Gran S. Bernardo, 5, 11100 Aosta

Impossible to miss – it is on the roundabout as you enter Aosta from Gignod, next to the Hotel Mignon. Not hugely characterful, but good, economical pizza, pasta and a big salad buffet. Around £10 – £15 per head

#### **Ad Forum Di Guerrisi Cristain**

Via De Sales Monsignor, 11, 11100 Aosta

North of the main square, Piazza Chanoux, it is a more modern restaurant than many in Aosta. In the summer, it has a very nice garden where you can eat. Around £20 per head.

## Etroubles

### **Locanda La Clusaz**

Croix Blanche

Route Nationale Du Gd. St. Bernard, 10, 11014 Etroubles

Just a bit further up the road from La Clusaz, this is a big, traditional restaurant with big traditional courses. Around £20 per head.

## Cogne

### **Vieux Grenier**

rue clementing, 27, 11012 Cogne

A bit further away as it is in the Gran Paradiso National Park, but a great restaurant with a mixture of modern and traditional dishes. Cogne is in a beautiful setting, so it is worth going in daylight if you can. Again, one for a special occasion. Around £40 per head.

## Courmayeur

### **La Grolla**

Localita' Peindein Val Veny, 104, 11013 Courmayeur

And now for something completely different. During the day, it is a piste-side restaurant, but at night it has a converted piste-basher that drives people up from Entreves. A great experience, and be sure to try the home-made pasta.