

MOUNTAIN BIKE: PARENZANA

On the old railway trails from Italy through Slovenia to Croatia



DESCRIPTION

The Italian port Trieste has approx. 205,000 inhabitants and is the capital town of the autonomous region Friuli-Venezia Giulia. As most important harbour of the Austrian-Hungarian Empire it became a centre of navigation and marine science. Due to the sub-Mediterranean climate the summers are usually very hot and dry, the winters mild and rich in rain. As starting point for your cycling tour Trieste has a very convenient position. After a few kilometres you leave the harbour city and follow the former railway trail in direction of Slovenia. You leave Italy behind and reach the “port of roses”, Portorož. You will find some preserved buildings from the ages of Monarchs. Soon you continue cycling to Croatia, land of the red soil. The Adriatic Sea invites you for a bath; the pedestrian area of the historic centre of Porec awaits you.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE

The cycling tour from Trieste to Poreč on the former railway trails runs on the Italian and Slovenian sides mostly on asphalted cycling paths, in Croatia partly on gravel roads. We recommend a mountain bike. The tour is suitable for children over 14 years.

self-guided tour

mountain bike/short break



DIFFICULTY: easy



DURATION: 5 days/4 nights



DISTANCE: approx. 135 km



A DAY BY DAY ACCOUNT OF THE ROUTE

Day 1: Arrival

Individual arrival at the starting-hotel in Trieste.

Day 2: Trieste – Piran/Portorož (approx. 45 km)

Your tour begins where the train along the Parenzana started: at the train station of Trieste. Built in 1906 you will admire the typical architecture of the Austrian-Hungarian age. You leave Trieste, cross the border, pass woods and meadows and will learn the beauties of Istria. At the end of the stage you will cycle on a long descent with a marvellous view over Piran.

Day 3: Piran/Portorož – Livade/Motovun (approx. 55 km)

The spa town of Piran shines even today with its well-preserved hotel architectures, which were then very rare to find. You will leave Piran and continue cycling on the traces of the former railway trails. Istria's hinterland will offer you the geometrical Secovlje salt flats – today with an access to a nature park: The Secovlje Salina Nature Park. The cycling path will lead you amongst untouched nature. Your second stage ends in Motovun or Livade – famous for its truffle and olive oil.

Day 4: Livade/Motovun – Poreč (approx. 35 km)

On today's stage you probably will explore the centrepiece of the Parenzana railway. Through lots of tunnels and viaducts, which have been built in the end of 19th century, your journey leads you in direction Adriatic Sea. On gravel roads you pass rural areas, vineyards and red soil. Reached the end of your tour you won't find any hint regarding the Parenzana railway anymore neither a train station nor a sign refers to this beautiful railway trail.

Day 5: Departure

Individual departure or possibility to extend your stay.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Classification of the cycle tour: self-guided tour

Duration: 5 days/4 nights

Distance: approx. 135 km

Starting point: Trieste

ARRIVAL

By car: Via the Tauern motorway to Villach and over the border crossing Arnoldstein to Udine and Trieste.

By train: Via Salzburg and Villach to Trieste (Trieste centrale). Timetables: www.deutschebahn.de, www.oebb.at, www.trenitalia.com

By plane: Airports Ronchi dei Legionari in Trieste or Pula. There are good bus (airport shuttle) or train connections from airport Ronchi dei Legionari to Trieste. Timetables: www.trenitalia.com

ACCOMMODATION

Hotels in 3- and 4-star-category // Attention: Tourist tax – if requested – has to be paid on the spot.

PARKING

In our partner parking garage – €55.00 per week. Reservation upon booking; payable on the spot at the welcome briefing.

TRANSFER

Every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday: Return transfer by shuttle bus from Poreč to Trieste – €45,00 per person + €29.00 per own bike (reservation and payment upon booking).

RENTAL BIKES

- Mountain bike Bianchi Kuma 27.2 inch (on request, limited availability) or similar bike
- e-mountainbike HAIBIKE with 500 Watt battery – Yamaha TG (on request, limited availability) or similar version

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Accommodation in hotels in 3-, partly 4-star-category
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- Personal tour information
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Well planned routes
- Detailed documents (maps, route description, places to visit, important telephone numbers)
- Telephone service hotline for the entire tour
- Navigation app

NOT INCLUDED SERVICES

- Arrival to the starting point of the tour
- Departure at the end of the tour
- Drinks, tourist tax and all extras
- Lunch, Dinner
- Not mentioned entries
- Rental bikes and travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under the item "Included services"

STARTING DATES 2023

ARRIVAL

Every Wednesday and Saturday: 01/04/2023 (first available date) to 04/11/2023 (last available date)

DISABLED DATES (no start possible!)

29/07/2023 up to and including 20/08/2023

NON SCHEDULE ARRIVAL DATES

Minimum of 5 persons upon request!

PRICES 2023

SELF-GUIDED TOUR	
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 1*	€ 449.00*
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 2**	€ 499.00**
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 119.00
ADDITIONAL SERVICES	
Mountain bike TOP	€ 99.00
e-mountain-bike	€ 149.00
EXTRA NIGHTS IN TRIESTE	
Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 89.00
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 35.00
EXTRA NIGHTS IN POREČ	
Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 89.00
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 35.00

* Season 1: arrival dates from 01/04/2023 up to and including 16/06/2023 and from 11/09/2023 up to and including 04/11/2023

** Season 2: arrival dates from 17/06/2023 up to and including 10/09/2023

We suggest travel insurance. Changes in the offer as well as errors, printing errors and arithmetic errors reserved!