



DESCRIPTION

The Dolomites are your constant companion during this round trip with the e-bike or trekking bike (for sporty cyclists) at the foot of the legendary “Pale Mountains” on the list of UNESCO World Heritage due to their “unique monumental beauty”. Starting point of this tour is the Upper Pustertal valley, demarcating the Dolomites towards the north. Then you continue along the Eisacktal valley and Etschtal valley, forming the west border, passing South Tyrol’s capital Bolzano and reaching Trento. On the southern part of the Dolomites you will cycle through the Valsuganatal valley to Feltre. The former Dolomites railway track will lead you into the direction of the Olympic town Cortina d’Ampezzo. Finally you will greet the famous “Drei Zinnen” (Three Peaks) from the Höhlensteintal valley and you turn back to the Upper Pustertal valley.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE

This cycling tour has been designed especially for e-bikers. Most of the route follows cycling paths, sometimes quiet side roads. Although you always have an eye on the Dolomites you cycle comfortably at their feet along cycle paths and quiet side roads. For sporty cyclists this route can be done also with a trekking bike. The tour is suitable for children over 14 years.

A DAY BY DAY ACCOUNT OF THE ROUTE

Day 1: Arrival

Individual arrival at the starting hotel in the Upper Pustertal valley (Villabassa/Dobbiaco). Free, unattended public parking area near the hotel.

Day 2: Upper Puster Valley – Rio di Pusteria (approx. 55 km)

On the first part of today's route the Pustertal valley cycling path will show you the way. The Rienz river accompanies you to Brunico, inviting you for a rest and a stroll through the city. Back in the saddle you roll through the ruins of Mühlbacher Klause to your destination for today's stage, Rio di Pusteria.

Day 3: Rio di Pusteria – Bolzano (approx. 55 km)

Today, shortly before Bressanone, you cycle past the monastery complex of Neustift or the Franzensfeste fortress, both of which invite you to visit. In Bressanone, it is worth taking a walk through the well-kept old town with its arcades and cathedral. From afar you are greeted by the Säben monastery, which stands high above Chiusa and you cycle along the Eisack river to Waidbruck, where the view of the Trostburg castle opens up to you. Here the valley narrows and leads you into the Bolzano basin and your destination today, the provincial capital of Bolzano, the city where two cultures meet. There are numerous possibilities for spending the afternoon: a leisurely stroll under the arcades of Bolzano or on the meadows of the valley, a visit to "Ötzi", the "oldest Tyrolean" in the archaeological museum or simply enjoying a cappuccino in one of the numerous cafés on Waltherplatz.

Day 4: Bolzano – Trento (approx. 65 km)

Today you follow the Etsch river and leave South Tyrol at the Salurner Klause, the border between German-speaking South Tyrol and Italian-speaking Trentino. Fruit trees and grapevines line your path to the former bishop's town of Trento, which will delight you with its inviting old town and Buonconsiglio Castle.

Day 5: Trento – Feltre (approx. 95 km or approx. 70 km + 25 km train ride, TICKET NOT INCLUDED)

You cycle past Lake Caldonazzo, which also invites you to stay for a while. The first section to Caldonazzo is relatively steep and can also be shortened by train. The trail continues through the impressive Valsugana valley to Feltre, a small town on the former "Via Claudia Augusta", an important Roman road from Aquileia to Augsburg.

Day 6: Feltre – Pieve di Cadore (approx. 75 km)

Through leafy forest avenues you reach Belluno, the small capital of the province of the same name. Today's route is lined with picturesque little villages that invite you to stop for a while. In the north, your gaze falls back to the mighty southern Dolomites, your companions on your first stages. You continue your way north past Longarone. This village was rebuilt in a very short time after it was flooded by a tidal wave in 1963 following a rock fall at the former Vajont dam. The newly built cycle path leads from Longarone to Pieve di Cadore, today's stage destination.

Day 7: Pieve di Cadore – Upper Pustertal valley (approx. 65 km)

Pure nature, that is the motto for today. The most important and largest stopover of the railway was the famous winter sports and Olympic town of Cortina d'Ampezzo, where you will also cycle past today – surrounded by some of the most famous Dolomite peaks. Continue along the route of the Dolomite railway to the provincial border of the province of Belluno and finally return to South Tyrol. Enjoy the panoramic view of the the rock formation of the "Three Peaks".

Day 8: Departure

Individual departure or possibility to extend your stay.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Classification of the cycle tour: self-guided tour

Duration: 8 days/7 nights

Distance: approx. 402 km

Starting point: Upper Pustertal valley (Villabassa/Dobbiaco)

ARRIVAL

By car: Via the Brenner/Brennero motorway (A22) to Brixen/Bressanone – exit “Franzensfeste, Pustertal” – through the Pustertal valley (State road SS49) to Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco (depending on the location of your hotel) or drive along the Felbertauernstraße to Lienz in Eastern Tyrol and further to Italy to the Upper Pustertal valley (Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco, depending on the location of your hotel).

By train: From Innsbruck over the Brenner/Brennero to Franzensfeste/Forтеzza. Change the train to the Upper Pustertal valley (train station of Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco, depending on the location of your hotel). Timetables: www.deutschebahn.de, www.oebb.at, www.trenitalia.com

By plane: Airports Treviso, Venice Marco Polo, Ronchi dei Legionari (Trieste) or Innsbruck. We organize transfers from the airport to the starting point of the cycle tour on request.

ACCOMMODATION

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

PARKING

Free, unattended parking facilities for the duration of the bicycle tour at a nearby public parking area.

RENTAL BIKES

- 21-gears women's or men's bicycle
- Rental Bike TOP
- E-bike (UNISEX bike, 500 W battery; range up to 100km)

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Accommodation in hotels in 3-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 Sunday: 14/05/2023 (first available date) to 24/09/2023 (last available date)

DISABLED DATES (no start possible!)

11/08/2023 up to and including 19/08/2023

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*	€ 799.00*
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 2**	€ 869.00**
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 209.00

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Rental Bike	€ 99.00
Rental Bike TOP	€ 139.00
E-bike	€ 209.00

EXTRA NIGHTS IN NIEDERDORF/VILLABASSA OR TOBLACH/DOBBIAO

Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 1*	€ 79.00*
Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 2**	€ 89.00**
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 25.00

* Season 1: arrival dates from 14/05/2023 up to and including 16/06/2023 and from 11/09/2023 up to and including 24/09/2023

** 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!