

Bicycle holiday

## ROAD BIKE: DOLOMITES - VENICE

From the Dolomites through the Veneto to Venice

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### DESCRIPTION

From the north east of the Dolomites, you cycle over well-known famous mountain passes. Lake Misurina, the "Drei Zinnen" (Three Peaks) and the Olympic town of Cortina d'Ampezzo are only some of the highlights you will see along the way. The tour takes you on to Bassano del Grappa where the land starts to level out. From here you slowly cycle downwards into the valley. After a short detour to Asolo, the town of a hundred horizons, you will cycle along the wine road from Valdobbiadene to Vittorio Veneto. The fashionable town of Treviso waits upon your arrival to greet you. Following the path along the river Sile, you cycle on towards the final destination of the bike tour through Northern Italy until you reach Venice.

#### CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE

It's a sporty-racing bike tour for cyclists with a good physical preparation. The passes of the Dolomites ask for preparation, because there are a few longer ascents to climb (most aside of the big travelled streets – except during high season July/August). The second half of the week is going to be easier; you reach the flatter landscape of Venice.



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### A DAY BY DAY ACCOUNT OF THE ROUTE

#### Day 1: Arrival

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

Day 2: Upper Puster Valley – Cortina d'Ampezzo (approx. 80 km, ascent approx. 1,650 m difference in altitude or approx. 90 km, ascent approx. 1,250 m difference in altitude)

The tour takes you from Villabassa/Dobbiaco to the Sexten Valley, a side valley of the Puster Valley in the heart of the Dolomites. The route continues over the Kreuzberg Pass and into the province of Belluno (to Padola to be exact) before going over two more Dolomites passes (Passo San Antonio and Passo Tre Croci) en route to the former Olympic town of Cortina d'Ampezzo. There is the possibility to choose a longer route and cycle over Calalzo di Cadore.

#### Day 3: Cortina d'Ampezzo – Belluno (approx. 95 km, ascent approx. 1,600 m difference in altitude)

You leave Cortina d'Ampezzo, with the summits of the Tofane on your left and the Five Towers – "Cinque Torri" on your right and cycle towards the famous Passo Giau. The Dolomites accompany you first to Selva di Cadore and then to Belluno. The famous Dolomites passes interchange with the unique mountain views on this part of the trip.

#### Day 4: Belluno – Feltre (approx. 105 km, ascent approx. 1,300 m difference in altitude) Your tour takes you from the stronghold of the ice cream makers to the famous Italian Prosecco (spar

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#### Day 5: Feltre – Bassano del Grappa (approx. 65 km, ascent approx. 1,500 m difference in altitude)

Before you finally reach the plains, you still have the Monte Grappa to cross. During WW 1, this was one of the many battle areas between Austria/Hungary and Italy.

#### Day 6: Bassano del Grappa – Treviso (approx. 110 km, ascent approx. 600 m difference in altitude)

After leaving the alpine region, a choice of villas designed by the renowned architect Palladio, intermittently come into view. A stop is possible in the idyllic town of Asolo before cycling on to Valdobbiadene from where we follow the "vine road" to Vittorio Veneto and Conegliano. Finally, we reach Treviso, the town of the pond skaters. There are many worthwhile sights to view in the town, such as the arcades, famous buildings and the shops are worth browsing around. Treviso hosts the head office of the international company Benetton as well as many shoe factories.

Day 7: Treviso – Venice mainland/Mestre (approx. 110 km, ascent 0 m difference in altitude or approx. 40 km, ascent approx. 100 m difference in altitude) Following the path along the River Sile towards the "Serenissima", you cycle to the final destination of your bike tour until you reach Venice.

#### 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. 495 – 575 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/Fortezza. 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- and 4-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.

#### TRANSFER

**Every Wednesday and Saturday:** Return transfer from Venice mainland/Mestre to the Upper Pustertal valley (Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/ Dobbiaco) by shuttle bus –  $\notin$  79.00 per person +  $\notin$  29.00 per own bike (reservation and payment upon booking).

ALTERNATIVE Cortina Express: daily departure from Mestre train station to Cortina d'Ampezzo or Toblach/Dobbiaco – approx. € 30.00 per person (Reservation required; *www.cortinaexpress.it*)

#### **RENTAL BIKES**

Pinarello Prince Carbon Mod. 2020 - Shimano 11V (on request; limited availability) or similar.

### **INCLUDED SERVICES**

- Accommodation in hotels in 3- and 4-star-category
- Breakfast buffet
- 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: 13/05/2023 (first available date) to 30/09/2023 (last available date)

DISABLED DATES (no start possible!) 11/08/2023 up to and including 18/08/2023

#### NON SCHEDULE ARRIVAL DATES

Minimum of 5 persons upon request!



### PRICES 2023

| SELF-GUIDED TOUR   |             |
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| Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 1*            | € 719.00*   |
| Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 2**           | € 819.00**  |
| Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 3***          | € 879.00*** |
| Single room surcharge, per person  | € 209.00    |
| ADDITIONAL SERVICES  |             |
| Rental Bike (on request; limited availability)                                   | € 294.00    |
| Special road bike on request   | on request  |
| EXTRA NIGHTS IN NIEDERDORF/VILLABASSA OR TOBLACH/DOBBIACO                        |             |
| Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 1* and Season 2** | € 79.00*/** |
| Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 3***              | € 89.00***  |
| Single room surcharge, per person  | € 25.00     |
| EXTRA NIGHTS IN VENICE MAINLAND/MESTRE   |             |
| Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast                            | € 89.00     |
| Single room surcharge, per person  | € 29.00     |

\* Season 1: arrival dates 13/05/2023 and 30/09/2023

\*\* Season 2: arrival dates from 17/05/2023 up to and including 16/06/2023 and from 16/09/2023 up to and including 29/09/2023

\*\*\* Season 3: arrival dates from 17/06/2023 up to and including 15/09/2023

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