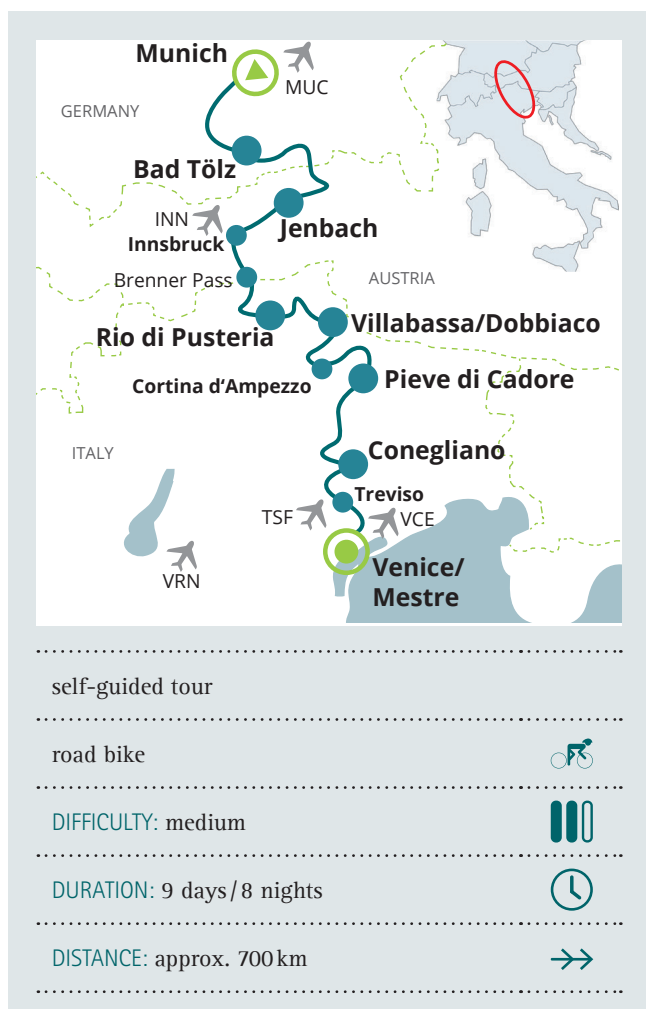


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DESCRIPTION

The starting point for this sporty cycle tour is the Bavarian capital Munich. The tour heads following cycle paths and quiet side roads over the Alps, visiting three different countries as you go – Germany, Austria & Italy and is ending at the lagoon city Venice. The tour leads to the Bavarian's lake scenery, passing some well-known lakes, like Lake Starnberger See, Lake Tegernsee or Lake Schliersee over the border to Lake Achensee. They are perfect for a jump into the refreshing water after a long cycling day. Traveling along the Tyrolean Inntal valley the road bikers reach Innsbruck and get over the Brenner Pass to South Tyrol. At the bottom of the breathtaking summits of the Dolomites – taking part of the UNESCO world natural heritage – you cycle towards the Adriatic coastline.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE

The road bike tour from Munich to Venice is a varied tour for sporty racing bikers with a good physical preparation. The route runs along asphalted cycle paths and quiet side roads. From the foothills of the Alps over the Brenner Pass and the Dolomites a few ascents need to be conquered. The last part of the journey runs through the Italian lowland.

A DAY BY DAY ACCOUNT OF THE ROUTE

Day 1: Arrival

Individual arrival at the starting hotel in Munich.

Day 2: Munich – Bad Tölz (approx. 100 km, ascent approx. 620 m difference in altitude)

On your first day you leave Munich and cycle towards Starnberg. For the next 15 km the street is going along the bank of Lake Starnberger See, passing by old villas and picturesque castles. You can see the near mountains and even the “Zugspitze” if the weather is clear. Through the upper part of Bavaria you cycle till Bad Tölz. The city has a long history as a “Heilklimatischer Kurort”, which means that its climate is beneficial to health.

Day 3: Bad Tölz – Schwaz/Jenbach or Maurach (approx. 130 km, ascent approx. 1,430 m difference in altitude)

From Bad Tölz the route leads through the hinterland to another well-known lake. Enjoy the wonderful view over Lake Tegernsee, before leaving for today’s journey. Along the waterside of the lake you travel further arriving at Lake Schliersee, which invites the visitor to linger. Through the beautiful Thierseetal Valley with its unique mountain scenery you reach the “Marblinger Höhe”. In slight ups and downs you cycle over the Inntal Valley towards the stage village of Schwaz/Jenbach oder Maurach.

Day 4: Schwaz/Jenbach oder Maurach – Rio di Pusteria (approx. 120 km, ascent approx. 1,500 m difference in altitude)

From Schwaz/Jenbach oder Maurach you cycle on quiet side roads – along the river Inn – into Tyrol’s capital Innsbruck. Visit the historic city with its famous “Goldenes Dachl” (Golden Roof) or go on an excursion on Mount Isel with its ski-jump or the Tyrol Panorama in remembrance of the battle of Mount Isel under the freedom fighter Andreas Hofer. The demanding part from Innsbruck to the Brenner Pass, border between Austria and Italy and at the same time watershed and cultural axis, will be done by transfer (train or bus). Only a few buildings remind of the former border between the two European countries. From the Brenner Pass you cycle along the old railway track to Vipiteno and further on over the high apple plateau Naz/Sciaves to Rio di Pusteria.

Day 5: Rio di Pusteria – Villabassa/Dobbiaco (approx. 80 – 85 km, ascent approx. 2,000 m difference in altitude)

From Rio di Pusteria a well-built cycling path leads you to Vandoies, passing the Mühlbacher Klause, a former border post. Once it was an antique gate between the provinces Rätien and Norikum. In Vandoies you leave the cycling path and turn into the sun road of the Pustertal Valley. The road proceeds uphill through the forest to Terento and Falzes. After a while you will enjoy a beautiful view on the nearby Dolomites and the winter resort Kronplatz. We suggest a visit of the Messner-Mountain-Museum on Bruneck castle which is dedicated to the mountain peoples from all over the world.

Day 6: Villabassa/Dobbiaco – Pieve di Cadore (approx. 85 – 90 km, ascent approx. 1,135 m difference in altitude)

Continuing south alongside the street, you pass Lake Toblacher See and the War Cemetery reminding World War I. Shortly after, you will admire a unique view on the world famous “Drei Zinnen” (Three Peaks) before arriving to Lake Dürrensee. Slightly steep the street leads to the border of the two provinces Bolzano and Belluno. From now on you roll comfortably downhill direction south to the pearl of the Dolomites, Cortina d’Ampezzo with its astonishing mountain scenery. Through the mountain massifs of the Sorapis on your right and the Cristallo group on the left hand side the road winds up to the Passo Tre Croci and on the backside down passing Auronzo di Cadore to the hotel in Pieve di Cadore.

Day 7: Pieve di Cadore – Conegliano (approx. 95 km, ascent approx. 1,540 m difference in altitude)

From here you will cycle on the new cycling path to Longarone. This town was completely rebuilt in 1963 after a landslide at the former Vajont dam, above the village caused a huge flood. After the city of Belluno you need to scale the last ridge, from the highest point you can enjoy the view over the Italian lowland before reaching Conegliano. Together with Valdobbiadene it is the home of the Prosecco and the tradition steeped Enology School.

Day 8: Conegliano – Venice mainland/Mestre (approx. 85 km, ascent approx. 290 m difference in altitude)

You leave the Alps behind and arrive to Treviso, city of waterways and fashion. On your way you can admire numerous villas from the Italian master-builder Palladio, who was able to complete here his magnificent buildings under the influence of the leading European sea power Venice. River Sile remains your faithful companion in the direction Adriatic Sea before cycling parallel to the coast to Venice mainland/Mestre from where you can start your exploration of the “Serenissima”.

Day 9: Departure

Individual departure or possibility to extend your stay.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Classification of the cycle tour: self-guided tour

Duration: 9 days/8 nights

Distance: approx. 700 km

Starting point: Munich

ARRIVAL

By car: From the North – motorway A9, from the South using the Brennero motorway A22 to Austria and along the E45 to Germany and then on the A8 to Munich

By train: Munich train station. Timetables: www.deutschebahn.de, www.oebb.at, www.trenitalia.com

By plane: Airports Munich, Treviso, Verona Villafranca or Venice Marco Polo. 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

Parking at the starting hotel in Munich: • chargeable parking available (payable directly at the hotel)
• nearby Park & Ride car park (depending on availability)

TRANSFER

Good train connections from Venice/mainland (Mestre) to Munich. Timetables: www.deutschebahn.de, www.oebb.at, www.trenitalia.com.

On request: return transfer from Venice/mainland (Mestre) to Munich – € 275.00 per person (min. 4 persons).

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Accommodation in hotels in 3- and 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, GPS data, 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 Friday and Saturday: 28/04/2023 (first available date) to 07/10/2023 (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*	€ 1,139.00*
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Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 2**	€ 1,199.00**
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Single room surcharge, per person	€ 260.00
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EXTRA NIGHTS IN MUNICH

Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 80.00
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Single room surcharge, per person	€ 15.00
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EXTRA NIGHTS IN VENICE MAINLAND/MESTRE

Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 89.00
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Single room surcharge, per person	€ 29.00
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* Season 1: arrival dates from 28/04/2023 up to and including 17/06/2023 and from 01/09/2023 up to and including 07/10/2023

** Season 2: arrival dates from 24/06/2023 up to and including 26/08/2023

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