



**self-guided tour**

**bicycle holiday**

**DIFFICULTY:** easy

**DURATION:** 8 days / 7 nights

**DISTANCE:** approx. 280 – 290 km

DESCRIPTION

The Alpe Adria Cycle Path across Slovenia has a lot to offer. Especially exciting are the many cities worth seeing, apart from the beautiful nature. After a short detour to the Italian border town of Tarvisio you cycle on to Slovenia. At the fairytale Lake Bled you will linger at the foot of the Julian Alps.

On your tour from the mountains to the sea you will discover many great cities, places and attractions: Villach, Tarvisio, Bled, Ljubljana, Postojna with the world-famous stalactite caves as well as Lipizza – the place where the Lipizzaner horses are bred. On the last day you cycle to the former Habsburg city of Trieste. The old port and commercial city is a worthy conclusion of this bike trip.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE

The tour from Villach to Trieste is an easy tour. It goes along bike paths or very quiet side roads, through small villages and picturesque landscape. 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 Villach. Parking place close to the hotel available.

### Day 2: Villach – Tarvisio (approx. 40 km)

Following the Gail river you leave Villach behind and shortly after you say goodbye to Austria and enter Italy. In the three-nation corner Italy-Austria-Slovenia extends the Val Canale valley, whose main centre is the town of Tarvisio, on the Italian border. Here Austrians, Slovenes, Friulians and Italians have been living together for hundreds of years, because all the three big European language families – Teutons, Romans and Slavs – join there.

### Day 3: Tarvisio – Bled (approx. 55 km)

Today you cycle from Italy to Slovenia. Past the well-known ski resort of Kranjska Gora, the cycle path leads through the beautiful and mostly untouched natural landscape of Slovenia. Here you also have the option of shortening the route by about 10km and a few metres in altitude by train (ticket not included). You will spend the evening at the romantic lake of Bled.

### Day 4: Bled – Ljubljana (approx. 55 km)

Today's stage takes you to the Slovenian capital Ljubljana, which has held the title of „European Green Capital“ since 2016. You will cycle through Radovljica, a medieval town with a fortified moat and special views of the Karavanke and Julian Alps. You will also pass Kranj, the centre of the Slovenian Alps and the Gorenjska region. The old town of Kranj is one of the most beautiful in the country and home to culture and tradition. You will spend the evening in Ljubljana. The city's landmark, the Dragon Bridge, is a must-see.

### Day 5: Ljubljana – Postojna (approx. 60 km)

You leave Ljubljana and cycle on quiet roads surrounded by fields, green hills and farms through the town of Logatec until Postojna. The highlight of today is definitely the Postojna Cave, the second largest stalactite cave in the world. It is the only karst cave with a cave railway that has been in operation for 140 years. During a 90-minute guided tour, this “cave train” takes you into the network of underground passages, galleries and halls. An experience that you will remember for a long time.

### Day 6: Postojna – Lipizza (approx. 50 km)

Today your cycle tour takes you from Postojna to Lipizza (slov. *Lipica*), the home of the noble white horses. Lipizzaner horses have been bred here since 1580. The horses became famous because of the Vienna Riding School. On the way you cycle through Pivka, where the Park of Pivka's Military History is located. In this park you will get a unique insight into Slovenian history as well as world history.

### Day 7: Lipizza – Trieste (approx. 30 km)

On the last day of your tour you cycle to the former Habsburg port city of Trieste. The Val Rosandra near Pesek is beautiful here. You cycle along the former railway line of the narrow-gauge railway “Parenzana”. On this last stage you don't have to climb any more metres in altitude – you will cycle gently downhill towards the sea.

### 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. 280 – 290 km

Starting point: Villach

### ARRIVAL

**By car:** Villach is easily accessible on the motorways A2, A10 or A11 (depending on the point of origin).

**By train:** Good train connections to Villach. Timetables: [www.deutschebahn.de](http://www.deutschebahn.de), [www.oebb.at](http://www.oebb.at), [www.trenitalia.com](http://www.trenitalia.com)

**By plane:** Airports Klagenfurt, Salzburg and Ljubljana. There are good train and bus connections from all these cities to your starting point.

### ACCOMMODATION

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

### PARKING

Depending on the first hotel, unattended parking facilities are available either directly at your hotel or nearby (for the first night).

Reservation of the parking area/parking garage not possible; payable on the spot.

### TRANSFER

**Every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday:** Return transfer from Trieste to Villach by shuttle bus – €85.00 per person + €39.00 per own bike (reservation and payment upon booking).

**ALTERNATIVE** Train connections Trieste>Udine and Udine>Villach. Timetables: [www.oebb.at](http://www.oebb.at), [www.trenitalia.com](http://www.trenitalia.com)

### RENTAL BIKES

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

## INCLUDED SERVICES

- Accommodation in hotels in 3-, partly 4-star-category
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- Video briefing/Information video about the cycling tour
- 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
- Not mentioned train tickets
- Rental bikes and travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under the item "Included services"

## STARTING DATES 2024

### ARRIVAL

**Every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday:** 24/04/2024 (first available date) to 02/10/2024 (last available date)

**DISABLED DATES** (no start possible!)

27/07/2024 up to and including 03/08/2024 // 31/08/2024 up to and including 07/09/2024

### NON SCHEDULE ARRIVAL DATES

Minimum of 5 persons upon request!

## PRICES 2024

SELF-GUIDED TOUR	
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 1*	€ 889.00*
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 2**	€ 919.00**
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 3***	€ 989.00***
Surcharge double room for single use, per person	€ 259.00
ADDITIONAL SERVICES	
Rental Bike	€ 99.00
Rental Bike TOP	€ 169.00
E-bike	€ 249.00
EXTRA NIGHTS IN VILLACH	
Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 79.00
Surcharge double room for single use, per person	€ 25.00
EXTRA NIGHTS IN TRIESTE	
Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 89.00
Surcharge double room for single use, per person	€ 39.00

\* Season 1: arrival dates 24/04/2024 and 02/10/2024

\*\* Season 2: arrival dates from 25/04/2024 up to and including 15/06/2024 and from 09/09/2024 up to and including 01/10/2024

\*\*\* Season 3: arrival dates from 16/06/2024 up to and including 08/09/2024

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