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Villabassa/ Dobbiaco (AUSTRIA)

Cortina d'Ampezzo (Three Peaks)

Belluno

Feltre

Bassano del Grappa

Treviso

Venice/ Mestre (VCE)

self-guided tour

bicycle holiday

DIFFICULTY: easy

DURATION: 8 days / 7 nights

DISTANCE: approx. 300 km

DESCRIPTION

From the northeastern Dolomites, you will cycle through the Höhlensteintal valley below the famous “Drei Zinnen” (Three Peaks) to the Olympic city of Cortina d’Ampezzo. On the track of the former Dolomites Railway you will continue to Pieve di Cadore – the birthplace of the famous Tizian. The path continues through the valley of the ice cream makers (“Gelati”) manufacturers in the Dolomite town of Belluno. Through the foothills the route first goes to Feltre and then on to Bassano del Grappa. After a short detour to Asolo, the “city of a hundred horizons”, the fashion city of Treviso awaits you. Along the Sile river you cycle towards the Serenissima – the lagoon city of Venice is a magnificent final destination for your exploration of northern Italy.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE

The cycling tour is an easy tour which mainly follows the old Dolomites Railway track the first two days. From the third day, the tour encounters slight ascents and descents on quiet side roads through idyllic landscape and typical Italian villages until reaching the plains on the last day. 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 Pustertal valley – Cortina d'Ampezzo (approx. 30 – 35 km)

From Villabassa/Dobbiaco you start on the bike path into the Höhlensteintal valley past Lake Toblacher See and the War cemetery. This area was used as the front during the 1st World War. Shortly afterwards, a unique panoramic view of the rock formation of the Three Peaks (“Drei Zinnen”) opens up before you reach Lake Dürrensee. Slightly ascending, the cycle path leads to the border of the two provinces of Bolzano and Belluno. Now you cycle downhill on the former railway track, the valley opens up towards the south and you reach the Dolomites town of Cortina d'Ampezzo with its dreamlike mountain scenery.

Day 3: Cortina d'Ampezzo – Belluno (approx. 75 km)

Today the path is going steadily downwards for the most part on the old railway track. You will see the Sorapis on the left and located on the right the “Cinque Torri” (Five Towers). You continue on to the south through the Boitetal valley towards Pieve di Cadore. From here the new cycling path takes you to Longarone. This town was completely rebuilt in 1963 after a landslide filled the dam above the village and caused a flood. From Longarone the cycle path is slightly hilly until you reach Belluno.

Day 4: Belluno – Feltre (approx. 40 km)

From Belluno, the small capital of this province, the tour follows tree lined avenues and hilly landscapes until Feltre. During the day you come along small and scenic villages that invite you to take a short break every now and then. In the north you see the magnificent southern Dolomites, your companion for the first stages.

Day 5: Feltre – Bassano del Grappa (approx. 55 km)

The first kilometres you cycle easily before you descend to the Brentatal valley. Where the Brenta river joins the plains you arrive at Bassano del Grappa. The name of the town comes from Mount “Monte” Grappa but you can still enjoy a good, well-deserved schnapps after reaching the day's destination.

Day 6: Bassano del Grappa – Treviso (approx. 55 km)

You are getting closer and closer to the sea and are now leaving the Alpine region. You can already admire the first villas of the Italian master builder Palladio, who completed his magnificent buildings especially here, in the immediate sphere of influence of the maritime power Venice. The medieval town of Asolo invites you to take a break and travel back in time to a bygone era. Then you cycle leisurely through the plain to Treviso, the city of waterways. Along the numerous canals, there are not only wonderfully decorated house facades to admire under the arcades, but also a multitude of shops.

Day 7: Treviso – Venice mainland / Mestre (approx. 45 km)

Following the Sile river you cycle towards the Adriatic Sea straight to Venice (mainland) where the impressive “Serenissima” can be admired.

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. 300 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 – €79.00 per person + €39.00 per own bike (reservation and payment upon booking).

ALTERNATIVE Cortina Express: daily departure from Mestre train station to Cortina d’Ampezzo or Toblach/Dobbiaco (reservation required; www.cortinaexpress.it)

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 100 km)

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Accommodation in hotels in 3- and 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
- Rental bikes and travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under the item “Included services”

STARTING DATES 2024

ARRIVAL

Every Wednesday and Saturday: 04/05/2024 (first available date) to 28/09/2024 (last available date)

DISABLED DATES (no start possible!)

10/08/2024 up to and including 17/08/2024

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*	€ 749.00*
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 2**	€ 829.00**
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 3***	€ 894.00***
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 229.00
ADDITIONAL SERVICES	
Rental Bike	€ 99.00
Rental Bike TOP	€ 169.00
E-bike	€ 249.00
EXTRA NIGHTS IN NIEDERDORF/VILLABASSA OR TOBLACH/DOBBIACO	
Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 1* and Season 2**	€ 89.00*/**
Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 3***	€ 95.00***
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 29.00
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 04/05/2024 and 28/09/2024

** Season 2: arrival dates from 05/05/2024 up to and including 14/06/2024 and from 14/09/2024 up to and including 27/09/2024

*** Season 3: arrival dates from 15/06/2024 up to and including 13/09/2024

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