







FanActive TOURS/Arnold Wisthaler




self-guided tour

bicycle holiday/short break 

DIFFICULTY: easy – medium 

DURATION: 4 days/3 nights 

DISTANCE: approx. 170 km 

DESCRIPTION

The starting point of this bike tour is Tarvisio, the lively border town immediately after the border between Austria and Italy. This is also where one of the highlights of your bike tour begins. It is the old railway line, the Pontebbana. It has been lovingly converted into a cycle path. A cycle path that now winds its way down the Val Canale valley over bridges and through a total of 22 tunnels. There are many spectacular views, original rest stops such as the Stazione Chiusaforte – where the old railway station is run as a restaurant – and, at the end of the railway line, the delightful town of Venzone with its medieval centre. The route then leads into the wonderful vineyards of the Collio wine-growing area to Udine. The diversity of this region is reflected here. It is a mix of cultures that have lived and worked here. This mix is also reflected in the cuisine: Alpine-Austrian, Slovenian and Venetian influences characterise the gastronomic offer. Leaving the peaks of the Carnic Alps far behind, you now cycle towards the sea and the Adriatic coast stretches out before you with kilometres of sandy beaches. You should not miss the two UNESCO World Heritage Sites beforehand: the city of Palmanova on the one hand and the huge archaeological sites of Aquileia on the other.

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 Tarvisio.

Day 2: Tarvisio/Camporosso – Udine (approx. 115 km)

Tarvisio, a small town surrounded by wide valleys and wood, in a modern garb, with an old soul and full of traditions, is the starting point of your cycle tour. Continuing through the Val Canale valley you can admire the beauty of the Friuli-Alps-Region with an intact, unspoilt nature and vast, intact forests and cycle along the unique cycle path on the old railway line through a total of 22 tunnels and over many bridges. The small town of Gemona del Friuli, situated at the southern end of the Val Canale valley and at the foothills of the Julian Alps, is considered one of the most beautiful historic towns in Friuli Venezia Giulia. The town is dominated by the majestic Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta, which is well worth a visit. The wine determines the rest of the route. Hills full of vineyards line your way and invite you to taste some local wine. The town of Udine, characterised by Venetian influences, radiates peace and tranquillity; over a coffee in the “piazza” or a stroll through the city centre you can admire its impressive buildings of the late Gothic and Renaissance. The approx. 45 km long stretch between Gemona and Udine can easily be shortened by train (ticket not included).

Day 3: Udine – Grado (approx. 55 km)

Accompanied by the breeze of the Scirocco you pass through reed landscapes and water canals and arrive to Grado, a historic city of fishers and one of the most popular beach resorts on the Adriatic sea. On the way, the UNESCO World Heritage Site, the city of Palmanova and the extensive excavation sites of the ancient city of Aquileia await your visit.

Day 4: Departure

Individual departure or possibility to extend your stay.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Classification of the cycle tour: self-guided tour

Duration: 4 days/3 nights

Distance: approx. 170 km

Starting point: Tarvisio

ARRIVAL

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

By train: Train connections to Tarvisio Boscoverde. Timetables: www.deutschebahn.de, www.oebb.at, www.trenitalia.com

By plane: Airports Ronchi dei Legionari (Trieste) and Ljubljana. There are train and bus connections from there 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

- Free unattended public parking close to the centre
 - 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 not possible.

TRANSFER

Every Saturday and Sunday: Return transfer from Grado to Tarvisio by shuttle bus – € 69.00 per person + € 39.00 per own bike (reservation and payment upon booking).

ALTERNATIVE By bus to the train station Cervignano-Aquileia-Grado and proceeding by train to Udine and Tarvisio.

Timetables: www.trenitalia.com

RENTAL BIKES

- 21-gears women's or men's bicycle
- 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
- Rental bikes and travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under the item “Included services”

STARTING DATES 2024

ARRIVAL

Every Thursday and Sunday: 25/04/2024 (first available date) to 30/09/2024 (last available date)

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*	€ 379.00*
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 2**	€ 439.00**
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 3***	€ 549.00***
Surcharge double room for single use, per person	€ 149.00
ADDITIONAL SERVICES	
Rental Bike	€ 79.00
E-bike	€ 179.00
EXTRA NIGHTS IN TARVISIO	
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 GRADO	
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 25/04/2024 and 29/09/2024

** Season 2: arrival dates from 26/04/2024 up to and including 15/06/2024 and from 09/09/2024 up to and including 28/09/2024

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

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