




**self-guided tour**

**bicycle holiday** 

**DIFFICULTY:** easy 

**DURATION:** 8 days / 7 nights 

**DISTANCE:** approx. 320 – 385 km 

**DESCRIPTION**

Undoubtedly, the Drava cycle path is one of the most spectacular cycle routes in Europe and has been classified from ADFC as 5-star-quality-route. The tour starts at the source of the Drava river in Dobbiaco. The Drava river accompanies you on the way to the East Tyrolean capital Lienz. From here the tour takes you through Spittal an der Drau to Villach. Soon you have to say goodbye to Austria, before the bicycle tour continues in Italy. This mixture of the cultures reflects itself also in the cuisine: Alpine-Austrian, Slovenian and Venetian influences characterise the gastronomic offer of the region. Enjoy a “slacker-day” at Grado, one of the most popular bathing resorts of Italy.

**CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE**

The route from the Upper Pustertal valley to Villach mainly takes you alongside the Drava river and there are no steep inclines. The bicycle path is well marked. The route from Villach to Grado goes along bike paths or very quiet side roads, through small villages and picturesque landscape. The tour is suitable for children from the age of 14.

## 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 – Oberdrauburg (approx. 70 – 75 km)

Starting at the watershed of the rivers Drava and Rienz on the Toblach saddle, you ride alongside the Drava river through South Tyrol and on to East Tyrol and the town of Lienz. The impressive mountains of the Dolomites line the route. You leave East Tyrol on an once important Roman trade route.

### Day 3: Oberdrauburg – Spittal an der Drau (approx. 55 km)

Today you cycle to Berg im Drautal and you will pass idyllic landscape and dreamy villages on route to Spittal an der Drau. There is the possibility of taking a detour to Lake Millstätter See for a quick swim or a short rest. Spittal an der Drau is famous for its comedies at Porcia castle, one of the most beautiful Renaissance castles in Austria to visit.

### Day 4: Spittal an der Drau – Villach (approx. 40 km)

This day takes you to Villach, the second largest town in Carinthia. Villach is not only famous for its Carnival, but also known for its Villacher Kirchtag (folklore festival). In addition, numerous places of interest await you. If you still have enough time, we recommend you to take a swim in one of the lakes around the city.

### Day 5: Villach – Moggio Udinese/Tolmezzo/Venzone (approx. 85 – 90 km or approx. 40 – 60 km + train ride, TICKET NOT INCLUDED)

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. 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. If you want, you can take the train (ticket not included) to Tarvisio or Ugovizza and shorten a part of the route.

### Day 6: Moggio Udinese/Tolmezzo/Venzone – Udine (approx. 60 km)

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 prevails on today's stage. 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.

### Day 7: 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 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. 320 – 385 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/Forzezza. 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](http://www.deutschebahn.de), [www.oebb.at](http://www.oebb.at), [www.trenitalia.com](http://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

Inns or 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 Saturday:** Return transfer from Grado to the Upper Pustertal valley (Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco) by shuttle bus – € 89.00 per person + € 39.00 per own bike (reservation and payment upon booking).

**ALTERNATIVE SAF – Bus from Trieste to Innichen/San Candido** (daily at approx. 06:40 a.m.; no bicycle transport possible; duration approx. 5 hours). Timetable and details: [www.autostazionetrieste.it](http://www.autostazionetrieste.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 inns or 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 2025

### ARRIVAL

**Every Saturday:** 03/05/2025 (first available date) to 27/09/2025 (last available date)

### NON SCHEDULE ARRIVAL DATES

Minimum of 5 persons upon request!

## PRICES 2025

SELF-GUIDED TOUR	
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 1*	€ 799.00*
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 2**	€ 899.00**
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 3***	€ 968.00***
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 249.00
ADDITIONAL SERVICES	
Rental Bike	€ 99.00
Rental Bike TOP	€ 169.00
E-bike	€ 269.00
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	€ 39.00
EXTRA NIGHTS IN GRADO	
Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 79.00
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 45.00

\* Season 1: arrival dates 03/05/2025 and 27/09/2025 (incl.)

\*\* Season 2: arrival dates from 04/05/2025 up to and including 13/06/2025 and from 13/09/2025 up to and including 26/09/2025

\*\*\* Season 3: arrival dates from 14/06/2025 up to and including 12/09/2025

We suggest travel insurance. Changes in the offer as well as errors, printing errors and arithmetic errors reserved!