



Independent cycling tour (BDVE)

Cycling from the Dolomites to Venice

From the Dolomites through the Veneto to Venice



TRIP NOTES

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INTRODUCTION

From the north east of the Dolomites, you cycle over well-known famous mountain passes. Lake Misurina, the Drei Zinnen (Three Peaks) and the Olympic town of Cortina d'Ampezzo are only some of the highlights you will see along the way. The tour takes you on to Bassano del Grappa where the land starts to level out. From here you slowly cycle downwards into the valley. After a short detour to Asolo, the town of a hundred horizons, you will cycle along the wine road from Valdobbiadene to Vittorio Veneto. The fashionable town of Treviso waits upon your arrival to greet you. Following the path along the river Sile, you cycle on towards the final destination of the bike tour through Northern Italy until you reach Venice.

Please note: *This is a sporty-racing bike tour for cyclists with a good physical preparation. The passes of the Dolomites ask for preparation, because there are a few longer ascents to climb (most aside of the big travelled streets – except during high season July-August). The second half of the week is going to be easier; you reach the flatter landscape of Venice. Total distance: approx. 495-575 km.*



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DAY-TO-DAY PROGRAMME

Day 1 – Arrival in Hochpustertal (Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco)

Individual arrival at the hotel in Hochpustertal. Free, unguarded public car park near the hotel.

Day 2 – Hochpustertal – Cortina d'Ampezzo; (approx. 80 km, ascent approx. 1.650 m difference in altitude or approx. 90 km, ascent ca. 1.250 m difference in altitude)

The tour takes you from Villabassa/Dobbiaco to the Sexten valley, a side valley of the Pustertal valley in the heart of the Dolomites. The route continues over the Kreuzberg Pass and into the province of Belluno (to Padola to be exact) before going over two more Dolomites passes (Passo San Antonio and Passo Tre Croci) en route to the former Olympic town of Cortina d'Ampezzo. There is the possibility to choose a longer route and cycle over Calalzo di Cadore.

Day 3 – Cortina d'Ampezzo – Belluno; (approx. 95 km, ascent approx. 1.600 m difference in altitude)

You leave Cortina d'Ampezzo, with the summits of the Tofane on your left and the Five Towers – “Cinque Torri” on your right and cycle towards the famous Passo Giau. The Dolomites accompany you first to Selva di Cadore and then to Belluno. The famous Dolomites passes interchange with the unique mountain views on this part of the trip.

Day 4 – Belluno – Feltre; (approx. 105 km, ascent approx. 1.300 m difference in altitude)

Your tour takes you from the stronghold of the ice cream makers to the famous Italian Prosecco (sparkling wine) area of Valdobbiadene before reaching Feltre. Before approaching the plains, you've got one more pass to conquer (Passo San Boldo).

Day 5 – Feltre - Bassano del Grappa; (approx. 65 km, ascent approx. 1.500 m difference in altitude)

Before you finally reach the plains, you still have the Monte Grappa to cross. During WW 1, this was one of the many battle areas between Austria/Hungary and Italy.

Day 6 – Bassano del Grappa – Treviso (approx. 110 km, ascent approx. 600 m difference in altitude)

After leaving the alpine region, a choice of villas designed by the renowned architect Palladio, intermittently come into view. A stop is possible in the idyllic town of Asolo before cycling on to Valdobbiadene from where we follow the “vine road” to Vittorio Veneto and Conegliano. Finally, we reach Treviso, the town of the pond skaters. There are many worthwhile sights to view in the town, such as the arcades, famous buildings and the shops are worth browsing around. Treviso hosts the head office of the international company Benetton as well as many shoe factories.

Day 7 – Treviso – Venice Mainland/Mestre; (approx. 110 km, ascent 0 m or approx. 40 km, ascent approx. 100 m difference in altitude)

Following the path along the River Sile towards the “Serenissima”, you cycle to the final destination of your bike tour until you reach Venice.

Day 8 – Departure

Individual departure or extension of your stay.





TOUR DETAILS

ACCOMMODATION

Hotels 3*** and 4**** category Attention: Tourist tax – if requested – has to be paid on the spot.

INCLUDED

- Accommodation in hotels 3*** and 4**** category
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- Personal tour information
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Well planned routes
- Detailed documents (maps, GPX tracks, places to visit, important telephone numbers)
- Telephone service hotline for the entire tour

NOT INCLUDED

- 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

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

By car: On the Brenner/Brennero motorway (A22) to Brixen/Bressanone – take the exit „Brixen Pustertal“, then through the valley Pustertal/Valle Pusteria (SS49) to Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco, depending on the location of your hotel or drive along the Felbertauernstraße to Lienz in Eastern Tyrol (Austria) and then further into Italy through the valley Pustertal/Valle Pusteria to Toblach/Dobbiaco or Niederdorf/Villabassa, depending on the location of your hotel.



By train: Take the train from Innsbruck over the Brenner/Brennero to Franzensfeste/Fortezza. Change the train to the Pustertal/Valle Pusteria - Lienz and get off either at Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco depending on the location of your hotel. Timetable available on: www.deutschebahn.de; www.oebb.at; www.trenitalia.com

By plane: Low cost flights are available to "Sant' Angelo - Antonio Canova" airport in Treviso and to Venice Marco Polo airport - both offer an excellent airport shuttle to and from Venice mainland. On request, we can organise transfers from the airport to the starting point of the cycle tour.

PARKING

Free unattended parking facilities for the duration of the bicycle tour at a nearby public parking area.

TRANSFER

Return transfer every Wednesday and Saturday by shuttle bus from Venice mainland/Mestre to Hochpustertal (Toblach/Dobbiaco or Niederdorf/Villabassa) at a price of € 65 per person (bicycle included – reservation and payment upon booking).

ALTERNATIVE

Cortina Express: daily departure from Mestre train station and Venice airport to Cortina d'Ampezzo and/or Toblach/Dobbiaco at the cost of approx. € 23 per person (booking necessary, www.cortinaexpress.it).

RENTAL BIKES

Pinarello Prince Carbon Mod. 2020
Shimano 11V (on request; limited availability) or similar

EXTRA NIGHTS

It is possible to include extra nights in any of the accommodations 'en route'. Details and prices on request.

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