

Guided Bike tour

Tour description

Day 1	
Arrive Bolzano	
Day 2	65/70 km
To Trento	
Day 3 To Peschiera/ Desenzano	50 km +ferry
Day 4	35/60 km
To Verona	
Day 5	40/75 km
To Vicenza	
Day 6	45 km
To Padova	
Day 7	40 km
To Mestre	
Day 8	
Tour ends	

Tour Details 2020

Saturday Departures:

May 15
Jun 13
Jul 4
Aug 29
Sep 26

Cost: \$1995 per person
Single Supplement: \$400

Bike rental: \$150
Length: 8 days / 7 nights
Grade: Moderate

Starts: Bolzano
Ends: Mestre/Venice

Italy



Bolzano to Venice

Discover Bolzano, Lake Garda, Verona and Venice, all in one tour!

This tour will offer you the chance to visit the Dolomite mountains around Bolzano, the beauty of lake Garda and cities full of culture and history like Verona, Vicenza and Padova; and last but not least, the fascinating city of Venice.

You will discover the rich landscape as you ride through South Tyrol's vineyards and along the Àdige to Trentino. You visit Lago di Garda on your way to Veneto and the Po Valley. Famous cities such as Verona, Vicenza and Venice are either your ultimate destinations or located on the way. These ingredients combine to make this an extremely remarkable bike tour.

You will take a boat journey on Lago di Garda and have a chance to have a refreshing swim, and the thermal springs of Abano will soak your weary muscles.

There are light hilly bits with short uphill sections. As a whole it is an easy to manage itinerary, riding on secondary streets with low traffic or on paved bike paths.

Fast Facts

- Lovely accommodations, luggage transport
- Buffet breakfasts, 7 dinners (1 in Venice)
- Guided visits of Verona and Venice, Lake Garda ferry cruise, Villa Valmarana entrance fee, wine tasting
- Guide services, Support van

E-Bike Info:

- E-bike rental: \$350
- Limited supplies available, so reservations recommended
- Kalkhoff Agattu and Bosch Active Line-models available



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Day 1 Bolzano

Individual arrival. A bilingual city, Bolzano is a well known mountain resort town for many Europeans. Nestled in the mountains, it has all of the ingredients to make the start of this journey an unforgettable adventure. Bolzano is rich in history and culture and is a perfect connection between the Italian and the German world.

Day 2 Bolzano - Trento 65/70 km

Today you will ride mostly along the Adige River, through orchards and vineyards passing the villages of Ora, Egna and Salorno. There is an extensive trail by the dam that then leads to Trento. You can shorten the stage by taking the train in several train stations along the way.

Day 3 Trento - Desenzano/Peschiera 50 km + ferry

The river Adige will take you to Rovereto, famous for its Museum of Modern and Contemporary art, and Mori. After a short ascent to Passo di San Giovanni, you will enjoy a superb view over Lake Garda and the little town of Torbole. Then in Riva del Garda you will take a ferry to reach the southern part of the lake.

Day 4 Desenzano/Peschiera - Verona 35/60 km

Today you head to Verona; After crossing the hilly landscape surrounding Lake Garda you cross the Adige river into one of the most important and beautiful cities of the Veneto region. Worth visiting are the Roman Arena, the Church of San Zeno and Juliet's House.

Day 5 Verona - Vicenza 40/75 km

At first, the route starts out flat and then heads through the Monti Berici, a hilly region just south of Vicenza, with a wonderful view of the city. The old city centre is filled with beautiful private palaces and public buildings by Andrea Palladio, the famous 16th C. a world renowned architect. It may be worth it to get in early and explore by bike. This stage can be reduced by taking a train from Verona to San Bonifacio (approx. 30 km).

Day 6 Vicenza - Padova 45 km

Cycling out of Vicenza, along the cycle path of the river Bacchiglione, you can admire the Palladian masterpiece Villa La Rotonda. Then, past the hamlet of Montegalda, you will head towards the Euganean Hills. The route will continue to the enchanting city of Padova with its famous Giotto's Chapel and one of the biggest squares of Europe "Prato della Valle".

Day 7 Padova - Mestre/Venice 40 km

The tour continues easily through the flat Veneto. From here, along the Piovego Canal, you will reach Stra and will follow the Brenta Canal, overlooked by the countryside villas of the ancient Venetian nobility (Villa Pisani, Villa Malcontenta, Villa Widmann) until you reach Mestre, Venice's mainland. Mestre is just a 30 minute train ride away from the hustle and bustle of Venice.

Day 8 Mestre/Venice

Tour ends after breakfast.



What to Expect

What will the weather be like?

The daytime temperature will be around 22 to mid-30's degrees C (70's to 90's F), with very little rainfall. It is the hottest in July and August, while other months have a nice breeze along the sea. We do not offer this trip during this time.

How many hours of cycling a day?

Be prepared to be active between 4 to 6 hours daily. This is a fully supported tour, so you can choose to opt out and take the support van at any point throughout the journey.

What are the bikes like?

27 speed hybrid Rapid Fire Deore Shimano gears with Gel saddles, aluminum frame, puncture resistant 28" tires, side saddle bags, bike computer, lock, repair kit and handlebar bag. You can bring your own pedals to attach.

How fit do I need to be?

The fitter the better, so you will enjoy the rides each day. There are some hills and some level terrain.

What is the food like?

We have included a buffet breakfast each day and 7 dinners. Most of the hotels offer some cheeses, fruits, meats and yogurts. For lunch, you can stop in a local restaurant for a full meal or mid-day snack.

What are the hotels like?

They are chosen for their charm and location. Properties are charming B&Bs and family owned hotels, well located in the towns. All the rooms have private facilities.

Getting There

The best way to organize flights ideally would be to fly into Innsbruck, and out of Venice.

Into Innsbruck: Bus line F from the airport to Innsbruck HBF railway station departs every 15 minutes (the journey takes about 18 minutes). Trains for Bolzano depart from 05.41 to 19.26 every 60/90 minutes, the journey takes about 2.5 hours (www.innsbruck-airport.com).

Alternatively, if you fly into Venice: A "Fly Bus" shuttle service departs every 25/30 minutes from the airport to Venice-Mestre railway station. The transfer takes about 17 minutes and the ticket costs € 3.00

Then you can take a train to Bolzano, changing en route. Journey takes about 4 hours. www.trenitalia.com

Private transfers available from Mestre to Bolzano 75€ per person.



Good To Know

Extra night in Bolzano from \$135 per person
Extra night in Mestre from \$135 per person
Extra night in Venice from \$175 per person
Helmet rental (to be paid locally) 15 €

Local hotel taxes (1 - 2.50€ per person / night)

If these dates do not work for you, this itinerary can be organized on a self-guided basis. There would be no guide or support, but hotels pre-booked, luggage transferred, route notes and maps provided.

How to book your holiday

- Contact our office to make sure there is space available. One of our travel planners will walk you through the entire process.
- Download the reservation form from our site and send in completed form by fax or email. Once this is done, your space is confirmed and a pre-departure packet will be sent.
- A deposit is required immediately, and final payment is due 60 days prior to the trip departure. Terms & conditions are outlined in our Reservation Form.
- Plan your air travel as soon as possible.
- We encourage you to purchase travel insurance, either through us or a travel insurance provider directly.
- Ensure you are in proper health for the trip chosen. Contact us, for more information on vaccinations, inoculations, and fitness requirements.