

Self-Guided Bike tour

Tour description

Day 1	
Arrive Bolzano	
Day 2	30 km
To Brunico-Dobbiaco	
Day 3	45/65 km
To Pieve di Cadore	
Day 4	45/65 km
To Belluno	
Day 5	60 km
To Valdobbiadene	
Day 6	65 km
To Treviso	
Day 7	45 kms
To Mestre-Venice	
Day 8	
Tour ends	

Tour Details

Sunday departures:
April 28 to September 29

Cost: \$1595 per person

High season supplement add: \$295

(June 1 to September 7)

Single Supplement: \$450

Bike rental: \$195

Length: 8 days / 7 nights

Grade: Moderate

Starts: Bolzano

Ends: Mestre/Venice

Italy



Dynamic Dolomites to the Sea

Italy's dramatic rocky mountains, the Dolomites, offer some of the best mountain scenery in Europe. Between these jagged, towering groups of mountains are gentle grassy meadows filled with wildflowers and Bavarian alpine towns. The bold light, gray cliffs and spires, flecked with snow over green meadows under a blue sky, offer a powerful, unique, and memorable experience.

Cycling mostly downhill to reach Venice, you will enjoy the organized bike trails or quiet country roads with little traffic. Combine the Dolomites with the green vineyards of Prosecco wines and you have a wonderful combination. Then leaving the best for last, you reach romantic Venice. This cycling tour has something for everyone, great food, fabulous wines, mountains, art, culture and history.

Fast Facts

- Charming accommodations with breakfast included
- Luggage transport, route notes and maps
- Transfer from Bolzano to Brunico for tour start

E-Bike Info:

- E-bike rental: \$375
- Limited supply, reservations required upon booking
- Kalkhoff Agattu and BionX models available



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Day 1 Bolzano

Arrive on your own to Bolzano to the first hotel. This capital city of South Tyrol has a rich history and dotted with pastel-painted town houses and is surrounded by lush forested green hills.

Day 2 Bolzano - Brunico - Dobbiaco 30 km

After breakfast there is a private transfer from Bolzano to the start of your adventure in Brunico, a lively town. Then mount your bike and ride on the trail along the river Rienz to Dobbiaco/San Candido. Now you are very close to the Austrian border where you can explore this typical mountain village.

Day 3 Dobbiaco - Pieve di Cadore 45 or 65 km

Leaving Dobbiaco and the puster Valley you take the bike path along the Landro Valley where the scenery is absolutely spectacular with its soaring Three Peaks of Lavaredo. Going downhill, you reach Cortina d'Ampezzo, one of our favourite places in the mountains and finally to Pieve di Cadore, birthplace of Titian, one of the great masters of the Italian Renaissance.

Day 4 Pieve di Cadore - Belluno 45 or 65 km

Today you'll follow the river Piave, the "sacred river", due to the battles fought in the area during the First World War. On the last leg of the Long Way of the Dolomites you'll cycle on secondary roads with some ascents and descents coming to Longarone. Finally you'll reach your destination of Belluno.

Day 5 Belluno - Valdobbiadene 60 km

From Belluno you'll leave the Piave valley and cross the Dolomiti Bellunesi National Park pedalling along a slightly hillier region. From Cesiomaggiore, where you can visit the historic museum of the bicycle. You'll continue to Busche and then along the river Piave you'll reach Valdobbiadene. Known for its Prosecco, the steep slopes of the hills leave you wondering how they manage the vineyards. For the most part, it has almost always been left in the hands of small growers. If you like to go for a wine tasting, today is your day!

Day 6 Valdobbiadene-Treviso 65 km

From Valdobbiadene you cross the Piave River and enter the flat Po valley and then will ride uphill to Asolo, one of the most beautiful hamlets of Italy. On this ride you will be awed by some of most luxurious Palladian Villas. Then onto Treviso, a historic town with a beguiling charm all its own: Renaissance squares, palaces, richly frescoed churches and streets threaded with ancient waterways, weeping willows and water mills.

Day 7 Treviso-Mestre/Venice 45 km

Leaving Treviso behind you follow the trail beside the River Sile up to Casale. At the end of the trip Venice awaits you for an evening among canals and narrow streets; accommodation is in Mestre. With the world's most artistic masterpieces per square kilometre, you have ample opportunity to explore this fascinating city. Venice is best when the day tourists leave and the locals come out to enjoy this vibrant and romantic city.

Day 8 Mestre/Venice

Depart after breakfast.



What to Expect

What will the weather be like?

The daytime temperature will be around 22 to high 20's's degrees C (70's to 80's F), with very little rainfall. It is the hottest in July and August when the locals come out to the mountains to cool off.

How many hours of cycling a day?

Be prepared to ride between 4 to 6 hours daily. This is not a supported tour, so you must ride the route once you set out.

What are the bikes like?

27 speed hybrid (or mtn bike style) 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. Most of the time you are going downhill, daily elevations do not surpass 450m (except the day to Valdobbiadene 760m).

What is the food like?

We have included a buffet breakfast each day. 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. For dinner, our notes will offer some suggestions close by.

What are the hotels like?

They are chosen for their charm and location. Properties are 3 and 4* hotels with private facilities.



Extra Services

You can choose to stay in Venice instead of Mestre with a supplement. Please note that in Venice (apart from Piazzale Roma and train station Santa Lucia) it is forbidden to cycle and also to push your bike by hand. Pedestrian traffic only.

Train transfer from Calalzo to Belluno not included in trip price (approx. 1 hr/ 8€ + bike)

Italian hotel taxes must be paid locally, (1 to 2€) per person/night.

Extra nights in Bolzano \$120 per person
Extra night in Mestre \$120 per person
Extra night in Venice from \$175 per person

Getting There

The best way to access Bolzano is from Venice Airport or Innsbruck, Austria. Then connect to a train or a local bus to Bolzano.

The tour ends in Venice or Meastre (a suburb of Venice) with easy access to the airport or train station.

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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.