

Cycling from the Dolomites to Venice

An 8- day bike tour

Code tour: ITTREVEN01C



This cycling tour takes you from the Dolomites to Venice, from the mountains to the sea, passing famous Italian towns.

From the north east of the Dolomites, you cycle through the beautiful Val di Landro (Höhlenstein Valley). Having a great view of the famous Tre Cime (Drei Zinnen / Three Peaks). You stay in the Olympic town of Cortina d' Ampezzo, a favorite holiday destination. Following the old Dolomite railway track, you arrive to Pieve di Cadore, the birth town of the painter Titian. You pedal through the valley, which is famous for its ice cream and you will reach Ponte nelle Alpi ('Bridge in the Alps '). Your overnight stay will be in Belluno, in the region Veneto, nestling at the foot of the Dolomites. The cathedral of San Martino dominates the main square with its palaces. Taste the "pastin", a mixture of pork and beef mixed mostly served with the polenta. The route continues through an idyllic landscape with typical small Italian villages. The tour takes you on to Bassano del Grappa, like the name indicates it is the hometown of grappa. The Poli Grappa museum tells you the history of grappa making and here you can taste some of the excellent grappas. Palladio made the wooden bridge in the 16th century. Now the countryside starts to level out. You cycle through the area of Palladio's villas like the stunning Villa di Maser. After a short visit to the town of Asolo you carry on to Treviso, the town of small streets, coloured houses alongside the canals and the inviting square piazza dei Signori, where the old town palaces are to be found. Following the River Sile, you finally reach

Mestre/Venice, one of the most visited towns in Italy. In the romantic town of Venice, there is so much to see, to experience that it is worth an extra overnight.

Highlights and places of interest along the route

- The old Dolomites railway track
- The Dolomites with the fantastic view of the 'Tre Cime' (Drei Zinnen/Three Peak)
- Lake of Dobbiaco (Toblach) and Lake Landro
- Cortina d'Ampezzo, the pearl of the Dolomites
- Pieve di Cadore, the birth town of the painter Titian
- Belluno
- Feltre
- Bassano del Grappa
- Asolo and Treviso
- The Lagoon city of Venice

Level: 2,5

On the first two days, you mainly follow the old Dolomites railway track. From the third day the terrain is some hilly with slight climbs and descents, cycling along quite side roads until, on the last day, you reach the plains. The tour is suitable for children from the age of 14.

Daily distances between 30 km / 18 miles and 75 km/ 46,5 mi

Total km. about 300-305 km /186-190 miles.

Period:

Arrival every Wednesday and Saturday from 04/05 until 28/09/2024 (last available date).

No arrivals possible in the week from 10/08 until 17/08/2024

On request with a minimum of 5 pax is another starting date possible.

Participants: minimum two persons (solo traveller on request)

Tour in short

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

Day 2 Hochpustertal - Cortina d'Ampezzo (30-35 km / 18-22 miles)

Day 3 Cortina d'Ampezzo- Belluno (75 km / 46,5 miles)

Day 4 Belluno - Feltre (40 km / 25 miles)

Day 5 Feltre - Bassano del Grappa (55 km / 34 miles)

Day 6 Bassano del Grappa - Treviso (55 km / 34 miles)

Day 7 Treviso - Venice Mainland/Mestre (45 km/ 27,9 miles)

Day 8 End of tour

Daily program

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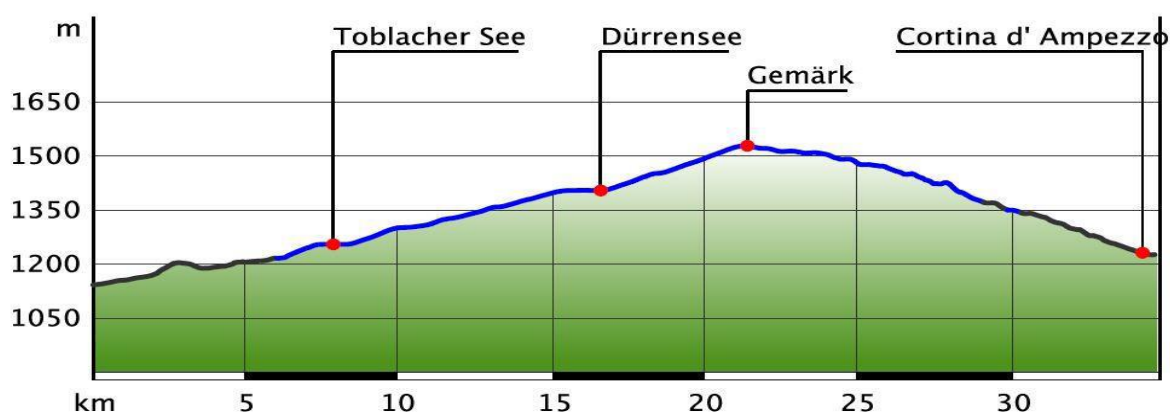
Arrival at the hotel in the Alta Pusteria. Free unguarded public car park near the hotel. At the end of the day, if you rented bikes, bike-fitting and handing over of the tour documents.

Day 2 Hochpustertal - Cortina d'Ampezzo

You start on the bike path into la Val di Landro (Höhlenstein Valley), past the Lake of Dobbiaco (Toblach) and the war cemetery. This area was a front during the I World War. You carry on past Lake of Landro (Dürrensee; on the left you can see the famous Tre Cime (Drei Zinnen); the cycle path ascends slightly before you get to the border of the provinces of Belluno and South Tyrol, where you enter the province of Belluno. From here, you cycle down into the valley, which opens up before heading south, bringing you to Cortina.

Distance: about 30-35 km / 18-22 miles

Ascent/ descent: + 400m - 300m



Day 3 Cortina d'Ampezzo- Belluno

Today the route is slightly descending. Cycling along the old railway track you will see Mount Sorapis on the left, while on your right are the peaks of the Cinque Torri (Five Towers). After San Vito you continue south through the Boite Valley towards Pieve/Calalzo di Cadore. From here you follow the new cycle path till Longarone. This village was destroyed in the 1963, when a landslide from Mt Toc forced 50 million cubic metres of water over the top of the Vajont Dam. Longarone lay in the immediate path of the wave of mud and water, which swept into the valley below. From Longarone you cycle slightly uphill until you reach Belluno.

Distance: about 75 km / 46,5 miles

Ascent/ descent: +30m -800m



Day 4 Belluno - Feltre

After breakfast, you leave Belluno, the small capital town of this province. From here, the tour continues along tree-lined lanes and hilly landscapes with astonishing views. You cross small and characteristic villages. In the North, you will have a nice view of the southern part of the Dolomites. Today's ride cycling ends in Feltre.

Distance: about 40 km / 25 miles



Day 5 Feltre - Bassano del Grappa

Shortly after Feltre the route passes Lake Corlo and then descends to Brenta Valley. Where the river Brenta reaches the plains lies the town of Bassano del Grappa. The name of the town comes from Monte Grappa. You may enjoy a well-earned 'grappa' upon your arrival here. There are many places of interest to visit in the town such as the church of San Francesco, the 'museo civico' (museum) or Piazza della Libertà.

Distance: about 55 km / 34 miles



Day 6 Bassano del Grappa - Treviso

On leaving the Dolomitic Alps, you occasionally come across a villa designed by the renowned architect Palladio. The nice small town of Asolo is ideal for a rest before continuing along the plains to the town of Treviso, known for its waterways. Treviso is also a centre of Italian fashion and along the canal banks there are many wonderful houses and shops to admire.

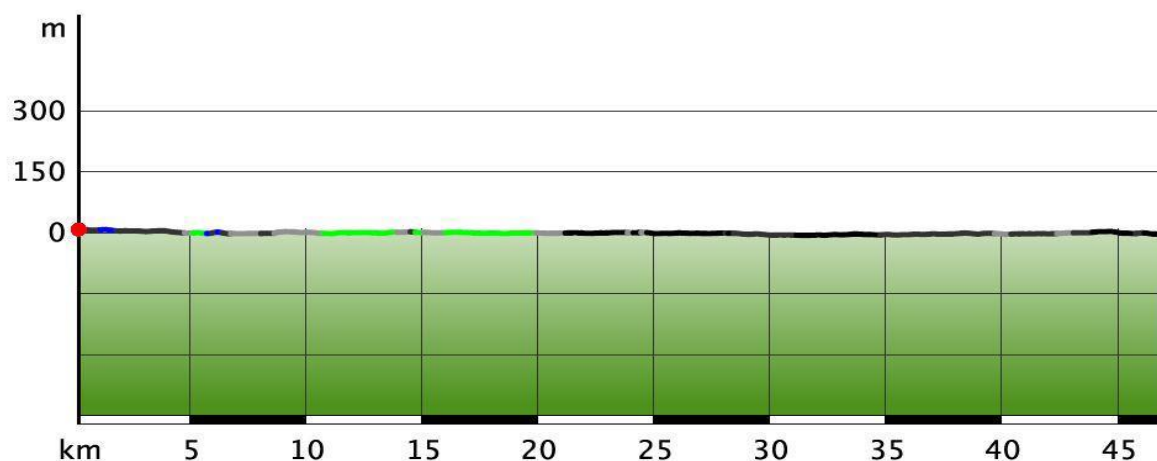
Distance: about 55 km / 34 miles



Day 7 Treviso - Venice Mainland/Mestre

Following the River Sile, you cycle towards the Adriatic Sea straight to Venice (Mainland / Quarto D'Altino), from where you can easily visit by bus or by train the impressive lagoon town of Venice. Venice is often referred to as 'La Serenissima', from the Venetian name of the former republic: 'the Most Serene Republic of Venice'.

Distance: about 45 km/ 27,9 miles



Day 8 Departure after breakfast

Of course it is possible book extra nights to visit Venice.

Hotels: *** and **** star hotels

Prices per person 2024:

	Euro
Season 1 In double room arrival 04/05 and on 28/09	€ 749,00
Season 2 In double room from 05/05 to 14/06 and from 14/09 - 27/09	€ 829,00
Season 3 In double room from 15/06 to 13/09	€ 894,00
Single room supplement	€ 229,00
Bike rental (21 gears- male and female model)	€ 99,00
Top bike rental (more performance- unisex)	€ 169,00
Ebike rental (unisex - 500W battery)	€ 249,00
Extra night in Villabassa/Dobbiaco	
p.p. in double room (season 1+2)	€ 89,00
p.p. in double room (season 3)	€ 95,00
Single room supplement	€ 29,00
Extra night at the Mainland Mestre (Venice)	
p.p. in double room	89,00
Single room supplement	29,00

In the tour is included:

- 7 nights with breakfast buffet or full breakfast in hotels: 3***and **** category
- Videobriefing
- Tour information
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Navigation App and route notes in English, Italian or German
- Detailed documents (maps, places of interest, important telephone numbers)
- Telephone service hotline (in Italian, English or German)

Excluded:

- Tourist taxes, to pay on site
- Insurance: we advise to take a good insurance for cancellation and medical issues
- Everything not mentioned under 'Included in the tour price

How to reach the starting point:

Start / End: Dobbiaco (Toblach) or Villabassa (Niederdorf) / Mestre-Venezia

Return transfer: every Wednesday and Saturday by shuttle bus from Mestre to Dobbiaco.
Price € 79,00 p.p. + € 39,00 if you have your own bike (To be booked together with tour reservation and payment on booking (minimo 2 persone)

Alternative the Corina Express with daily departures form Mestre Station and Venice airport to Cortina d'Ampezzo and /or Dobbiaco (to be booked in advance on website www.cortinaexpress.it)



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