






FROM THE DOLOMITES TO VENICE WITH THE GRAVELBIKE

 Self-guided tour

 Gravel bike

 268-320 km

 Medium

Duration: 6 days / 5 nights



DESCRIPTION

This bike tour, specially created for gravel bikes, is extremely varied. The starting point is the picturesque Alta Pusteria, from where you will bike to the heart of the „pale mountains“, the Dolomites with their world-famous landmark, the UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site of the Three Peaks. Their foothills will accompany you until the second last stage. Then you leave the mountains behind and cycle towards the sea. The arrival in the lagoon city of Venice, also known as the Serenissima, is getting closer and closer. The first part of the tour is also the most challenging. There are some longer climbs to master. But you will always be rewarded by an unforgettable panorama. Should your legs not be up to it, there is always an easier alternative route.

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DETAILED ROUTES

📍 Day 1: Alta Pusteria (Villabassa or Dobbiaco)

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

📍 Day 2: Alta Pusteria – Prato Piazza – Cortina d’Ampezzo

(approx. 45 - 55 km, approx. 1.000 Hm) / (approx. 30-35 km; approx. 350 Hm)

The more challenging variant first takes you into the Braies Valley. Here you can make a detour to the idyllic Lago di Braies Lake. The stage takes you to the high plateau of Prato Piazza, with the Dürrenstein and the Hohe Gaisl towering majestically above. The route then descends along the old military road into the Höhlenstein Valley and along the old railway line „Ferrovia delle Dolomiti“ over the Cimabanche Pass to the Olympic town of Cortina d’Ampezzo. The easier variant leads directly along the railway track through the Höhlenstein Valley to Cortina d’Ampezzo.

📍 Day 3: Cortina d’Ampezzo – Belluno

(approx. 80 km, 970 Hm) / (approx. 75km, approx. 150 Hm)

For the more challenging variant, first follow the „Lunga Via delle Dolomiti“ cycle path along the former railway line. On the left, the view falls on the Sorapis mountain range and on the right on the rock formation of the Cinque Torri. After a steep climb, you reach Zoppè di Cadore, the highest municipality in the municipality of Belluno. From there you continue to Longarone. Longarone was completely destroyed in 1963 by a flood wave caused by a rock fall into the reservoir. Within a very short time, the village was rebuilt. You cycle past the Ponte nelle Alpi to the stage destination Belluno.

The easier variant leads you along the cycle path to Pieve di Cadore, Longarone and then to Belluno.

📍 Day 4: Belluno – Pieve di Soligo / Susegana

(approx. 85 km, approx. 1200 Hm) / (approx. 60km, approx. 300 Hm)

On the more challenging variant, you will reach the well-known high plateau of Nevegal after a long climb right at the beginning. You will follow in the footsteps of the Giro d’Italia - in 2011 it led from Belluno up to Nevegal. From there you can see Santa Croce and Lake Morto. Along the ridge you can enjoy an impressive 360° panorama. To the north you can still see the Dolomites and if the visibility is good, you can already make out the blue Adriatic Sea to the south. Surrounded by vineyards, you cycle further south through the Prosecco region. A highlight of today’s stage is the Molinetta della Croda, an old water mill from the 17th century.

Then cycle on to the stage destination Pieve di Soligo/ Susegana. The best way to end the evening is with a glass of good wine. The easier option is to stay in the valley and cycle through hilly terrain, first past Lago di Santa Croce and then through the Prosecco region to the stage destination.

📍 Day 5: Pieve di Soligo/ Susegana – Venice mainland/ Mestre

(approx. 98 km, 0 Hm)

There is only one option for this stage. The route takes you along the Piave. You have almost left the mountains behind you and you proceed towards Ponte della Priula. On the way to the lagoon, you will pass by Noventa di Piave, one of the favourite places for cyclist to take a break, as it is rich of fashion and sports outlets. A Continue along the cycle path towards the Adriatic Sea to Venice mainland/Mestre. The last overnight stay is on the mainland in Mestre. In case of bad weather, there is a possibility of shortcut by train from San Donà di Piave to Mestre (ticket not included).

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Day 6: Venice/Mestre

Individual departure or possibility to extend your stay.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Classification:** Self-guided tour
- **Duration:** 6 days / 5 nights
- **Distance:** ca. 268-320 km
- **Starting point:** Toblach
- **Arrival:**

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/Forтеzza. Change the train to the valley 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 Treviso and Venice. We can organise transfers from the airport to the starting point of the cycle tour on request.

- **Accommodation:**

Hotels 3** and 4*** category

Attention: Tourist tax – if requested – has to be paid on the spot.

- **Parking:**

free and unguarded parking facilities for the duration of the bicycle tour at a nearby public parking area.

- **Rental bikes:**

Gravelbike Bianchi Impulso Allroad Alu – Shimano GRX (limited availability) or similar model

- **Transfer:**

every Sunday from Venice to the Hochpustertal- Alta Pusteria (Toblach/Villabassa) at a price of € 79,00 per person + € 39,00 per own bike (reservation and payment upon booking).

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Accommodation in hotels 3** and 4*** category
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- Videobriefing
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Well planned routes

NON 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

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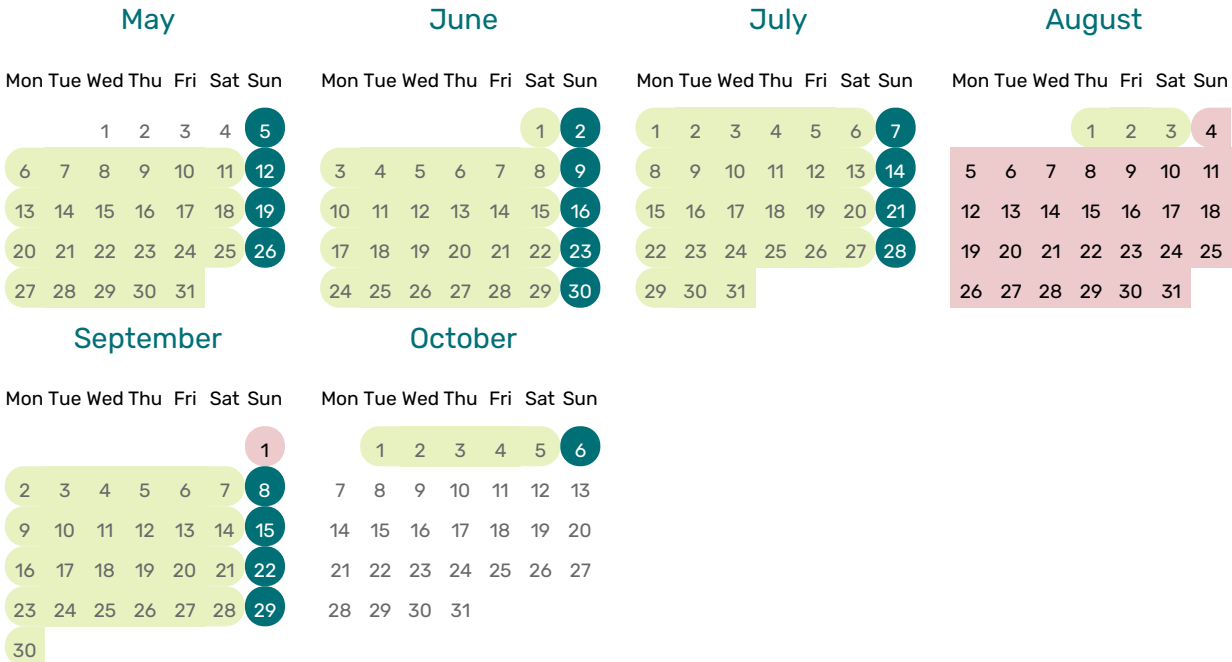
- Detailed documents (maps, route description, places to visit, important telephone numbers)
- Telephone service hotline for the entire tour
- Navigation App

- Rental bikes and Travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under the item „Included services“

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STARTING DATES

Available - arrival possible
Not Available
Available for groups from 6 persons and on request



PRICES

Standard

Package price in a double room	from 05/05/2024 to 06/10/2024	808 €
Package price in a double room	from 19/05/2024 to 22/09/2024	649 €
Package price high season	from 05/05/2024 to 06/10/2024	808 €
Single room surcharge		209 €

Additional services

own bike		0 €
Gravelbike		190 €
E-Mountainbike		199 €
Mountain Bike		139 €

Additional nights

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