

## **ALPE ADRIA, VILLACH - TRIESTE**





### **DESCRIPTION**

The starting point of this bike tour is Villach, situated on the edge of the Klagenfurt basin, where the rivers Drau and Gail flow together. Soon, however, it is time to say goodbye to Austria, before the cycling tour continues in Italy. The Friuli-Venezia Giulia region not only offers a variety of landscapes, but also invites you on a journey through the cultural diversity of the region. This mix of cultures is also reflected in the kitchen: Alpine-Austrian, Slovenian and Venetian influences characterise the gastronomic offer of the region. Leaving the peaks of the Carnic Alps far behind, you will cycle towards the sea on the southern side of the Alps. In front of you the Adriatic coast will stretch with miles of sandy beaches. The tour from Villach to Trieste is an easy tour. It goes along bike paths or very quiet side roads, through small villages and picturesque landscape.

### **DETAILED ROUTES**

### P Day 1: Villach

Individual arrival at the starting-hotel in Villach. Parking place close to the hotel available.

### **♀** Day 2: Villach – Tarvisio/Camporosso

(approx. 40 km)

Following the river Gail, you leave Villach behind you and also say goodbye to Austria. In the three-nation triangle of Italy-Austria-Slovenia the valley "Kanaltal" is extending, whose centre is the Italian border town of Tarvisio. Here Austrians, Slovenes, Friulians and Italians have been living together for hundreds of years, and all three major European language families – Germans, Romans and Slavs –meet here directly.

# Pay 3: Tarvisio/Camporosso – Tolmezzo/Venzone

(approx. 55 km)

Tarvisio, a small town surrounded by wide valleys and wood, in a modern garb, with an old soul and full of traditions, is today the starting point of your cycle tour. It is not only one of the most important mountain resorts of Friuli-Venezia Giulia, but also one of the most known winter sport centre in the region. Continuing through the valley of "Kanaltal" you can admire the beauties of the Friulian Alpine from the saddle, with intanct, untouched nature and vast, intact forests.

## **♀** Day 4: Tolmezzo/Venzone – Udine

(approx. 60 km)

The little city of Gemona del Friuli which is located on the southern exit of the valley "Kanaltal" and on the foothills of the Julian Alps is one of the most beautiful historic towns of the region. The townscape is characterised by the majestic cathedral "Santa Maria Assunta" which is certainly worth a visit. The wine determines today's stage. Hills full of grapevines line your path and invite you to taste some good wines. The Venetian influenced Udine exudes calm and prudence. Enjoy a cup of coffee on the "Piazza" or stroll through the city centre and admire important Gothic and Renaissance buildings.

# **♀** Day 5: Udine – Grado

(approx. 55 km)

Accompanied by the breeze of the Scirocco, you glide past reed inlets and canals and reach Grado, a historic fishing town and one of the most popular seaside resorts on the Adriatic.

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You are spoiled for choice: either an exciting day of sightseeing in Roman built Aquileia or a relaxing day by the sea: Today you have the opportunity to discover the secrets of the Roman city of Aquileia, the so-called "Second Rome"; Roman ruined cities, ancient churches and secluded landscapes on the edge of the lagoon await you. Or would you rather enjoy the warm sunbeams in the deck chair on one of the miles of sandy beaches?

# P Day 7: Grado - Trieste

(approx. 40 km + train ride or 70 km)

The rough karst accompanies you through the hinterland on the way to the Adriatic Sea. Following a breathtakingly beautiful coastal area, you cycle to your destination. Miramare Palace invites you for a last visit before you enter the former Habsburg city of Trieste. The old port and commercial city is a worthy conclusion of

this bike trip. If you want, you can shorten the last part of this stage from Monfalcone to Trieste by train (ticket not included in the price).

# P Day 8: Triest

Individual departure from Triest/Trieste or possibility to extend your stay on the Adriatic Sea.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

• Classification: Self-guided tour

• Duration: 8 days / 7 nights

Distance: ca. 250-280 kmStarting point: Villach

• Arrival:

By car: Villach is easily accessible on the motorways A2, A10 or A11 (depending on the point of origin).

By train: Good train connections to Villach. Timetable on: www.deutschebahn.de, www.oebb.at, www.trenitalia.com

By plane: Airport Klagenfurt, Salzburg or Ljubljana. There are good train connections from all these cities to your starting point.

### • Accomodation:

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Hotels 3***, partly 4**** category.

Attention: Tourist tax – if requested – has to be paid on the spot!
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### • Parking:

Depending on the first hotel, unattended parking facilities are available, either directly at your hotel or nearby (for the first night). Public parking garage. Reservation of the parking area/parking garage not possible; payable on the spot. Reservation of the parking area/parking garage not possible; payable on spot. In alternative unguarded free parking places near the city center.

### • Rental bikes:

- 21-gears women's or men's bicycle
- TOP bike (unisex model man model on request)
- E-bike (UNISEX bike, 500 W battery, range up tp 100 km)

#### • Transfer:

on request return transfer from Trieste to Villach by shuttle bus every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, € 85.00 per person + € 39.00 per own bike, reservation and payment upon booking.

Alternative: train connections on the line Trieste-Udine and Udine-Villach. Timetables: www.oebb.at, www.trenitalia.com.

### **INCLUDED SERVICES**

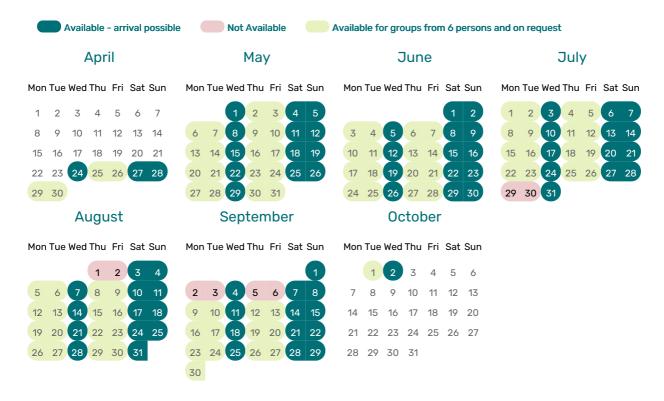
- Accommodation in hotels 3\*\*\*, partly 4\*\*\*\* category
- · Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- Videobriefing
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Well planned routes

### **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

- Detailed documents (maps, route description, places to visit, important telephone numbers)
- Navigation APP
- Telephone service hotline for the entire tour
- Rental bikes and Travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under the item "Included services"

#### STARTING DATES



### **PRICES**

Standard		
Package price in a double room	Arrive on 24/04/2024 and 02/10/2024	749 €
Package price in a double room	from 27/04/2024 to 29/09/2024	819 €
Package price high season	from 16/06/2024 to 08/09/2024	859 €
Additional services		
rental bike 21-gear (men)		99 €
own bike		0€
rental bike 21-gear (women)		99 €
rental bike TOP (men)		169 €
electric bike rental		249 €
TOP bike (unisex)		169 €

Additional nights	
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