

AROUND THE DOLOMITES



LEISURE ROUND TOUR AT THE FOOD OF UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE





DESCRIPTION

The Dolomites are your constant companion during this round trip with the e-bike or trekking bike (for sporty cyclists) at the foot of the legendary "PALE MOUNTAINS", on the list of UNESCO world heritage due to their "unique monumental beauty". Although you always have an eye on the Dolomites, you cycle comfortably at their feet along cycle paths and quiet side roads. Start point of this tour is the Pustertal, demarcating the Dolomites towards the North. Then you continue along the Eisack- and Etsch valleys, forming the west border, passing South Tyrol's capital Bolzano and reaching Trento. On the southern part of the Dolomites you will cycle through the Valsugana valley to Feltre. The former Dolomites railway track will lead you into the direction of the Olympic town Cortina d'Ampezzo. Finally you will greet the famous Drei Zinnen (Three Peaks) from the Höhlensteintal and you turn back to Hochpustertal. This cycling tour has been designed especially for e-bikers. Most of the route follows cycling paths, sometimes quiet side roads. For sporty cyclists this route can be done also with a trekking bike.

DETAILED ROUTES

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

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

🕈 Day 2: Hochpustertal – Rio di Pusteria

(approx. 55 km)

On the first section of the day, the "Pustertal Cycle Path" gives you the direction. The river Rienz leads you to the Michael-Pacher town of Bruneck, which invites you for a first rest and a stroll. Back in the saddle, you roll through the ruins of the Mühlbacher Klause and your destination for today's stage, Rio di Pusteria.

Day 3: Rio di Pusteria – Bolzano

(approx. 55 km)

Today, shortly before Brixen, you cycle past the monastery complex of Neustift or the Franzensfeste fortress, both of which invite you to visit. In Bressanone, it is worth taking a walk through the well-kept old town with its arcades and cathedral. From afar you are greeted by the Säben monastery, which stands high above Klausen and you cycle along the Eisack river to Waidbruck, where the view of the Trostburg castle opens up to you. Here the valley narrows and leads you into the Bolzano basin and your destination today, the provincial capital of Bolzano, the city where two cultures meet. There are numerous possibilities for spending the afternoon: a leisurely stroll under the arcades of Bolzano or on the meadows of the valley, a visit to "Ötzi", the "oldest Tyrolean" in the archaeological museum or simply enjoying a cappuccino in one of the numerous cafés on Waltherplatz.

• Day 4: Bolzano – Trento

(approx. 65 km)

Today you follow the Etsch river and leave South Tyrol at the Salurner Klause, the border between Germanspeaking South Tyrol and Italian-speaking Trentino. South Tyrol and the Italian-speaking Trentino. Fruit trees and grapevines line your path to the former former bishop's town of Trento, which will delight you with its inviting old town and Buonconsiglio Castle.

Day 5: Trento/Caldonazzo – Feltre

(approx. 95 km or approx. 70 km + 25 km by train - ticket not incl.)

You cycle past Lake Caldonazzo, which also invites you to stay for a while. The first section to Caldonazzo is relatively steep and can also be shortened by train. The trail continues through the impressive Valsugana valley to Feltre, a small town on the former "Via Claudia Augusta", an important Roman road from Aquileia to Augsburg. Day 6: Feltre – Pieve di Cadore

(approx. 75 km)

Through leafy forest avenues you reach Belluno, the small capital of the province of the same name. Today's route is lined with picturesque little villages that invite you to stop for a while. In the north, your gaze falls back to the mighty southern Dolomites, your companions on your first stages. You continue your way north past Longarone. This village was rebuilt in a very short time after it was flooded by a tidal wave in 1963 following a rock fall at the former Vajont dam. The newly built cycle path leads from Longarone to Pieve di Cadore, today's stage destination.

Day 7: Pieve di Cadore - Hochpustertal

(approx. 65 km)

Pure nature, that is the motto for today. The most important and largest stopover of the railway was the famous winter sports and Olympic town of Cortina d'Ampezzo, where you will also cycle past today - surrounded by some of the most famous Dolomite peaks. Continue along the route of the Dolomite railway to the provincial border of the province of Belluno and finally return to South Tyrol. Enjoy the panoramic view of the the rock formation of the "Three Peaks".

Q Day 8: Departure

Individual departure or possibility to extend your stay.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Classification: Self-guided tour
- Duration: 8 days / 7 nights
- Distance: ca. 402-402 km
- Starting point: Toblach
- Arrival:

By car: on the Brenner/Brennero motorway (A22) to Brixen/Bressanone – take the exit "Franzensfeste-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/Fortezza. 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, Venice Marco Polo, Trieste Ronchi dei Legionari and Innsbruck.

• Accomodation:

Hotels 3*** 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:
 - 21-gears women's or men's bicycle
 - Rental bike TOP (unisex model male model on request)
 - E-bike (unisex bike, 500 W battery, range up to 100 km)
- Transfer:

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Accommodation in hotels 3*** category
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- Videobriefing
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Well planned routes
- Detailed documents (maps, route description, places to visit, important telephone numbers)

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
- Rental bikes and travel insurance
- · All not expressly mentioned under the item

CYCLE AROUND THE DOLOMITES

- Navigation APP
- Telephone service hotline for the entire tour

"Included services"

STARTING DATES



PRICES

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Standard		
Package price in a double room	from 05/05/2024 to 29/09/2024	819 €
Package price high season	from 16/06/2024 to 08/09/2024	895€
Single room surcharge		229€
Additional services		
own bike		0€
rental bike 21-gear (women)		99€
rental bike 21-gear (men)		99€
rental electric bike		249€
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