

 self-guided tour

 Winter tour

 71-213 km

 Medium

Duration: 8 days / 7 nights

DESCRIPTION

The Pustertaler Ski Marathon was held for the first time in 1976 and is thus the oldest cross-country skiing event in South Tyrol! The 48th Pustertal Ski Marathon will take place in January 2024. For the athletes it is one of the most important cross-country races in Italy. On Saturday, 13.01.2024 the traditional Pustertal Ski Marathon in classic style will take place. Participants can choose between the distances of 62 km and 30 km. The start of the long distance is in Sesto. The short distance starts in the Nordic Arena of Dobbiaco. The finish of both races is in Villabassa. On Sunday, 14.01.2024, the „Prato Piazza Mountain Challenge“, also in classic technique over 30 km with 1,000 metres of altitude difference, is on the programme. The route leads from Villabassa into the Höhlensteintal valley to Carbonin. The finish is on the Prato Piazza.

DETAILED ROUTES

DAY 1: Arrival at Hochpustertal (Dobbiaco)

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

DAY 2: Dobbiaco – Sesto (approx. 15 – 45 km)

The perfectly groomed trail leads across meadows, fields and through snow-covered winter forests, starting from the Alta Pusteria via San Candido to the mountaineering village of Sesto. Particularly well trained cross-country skiers can extend the tour by taking a detour across the Austrian border to Sillian, if the snow conditions are good. The return journey is possible by public transport.

DAY 3: Dobbiaco – Valle di Landro/Cortina d'Ampezzo (approx. 10 – 60 km)

Starting from the cross-country skiing center Nordic Arena, where the world's best cross-country skiers every year compete for important World Cup points on the challenging circular trails, you can glide on the line of the former Dolomites railway into the Landro Valley. You can decide whether you like to stop for apple strudel and coffee already at the lake of Dobbiaco, continue to the "Three Peaks View" and take a look at the symbol of the Dolomites, or even go on through several tunnels and over an old railway bridge the "Queen the Dolomites", Cortina d'Ampezzo. The return trip is possible by public transport.

DAY 4: Circular trail Prato Piazza (one lap approx. 6 km) and snow shoe hiking to the Strudelkopf (Monte Specie)

Today's cross-country day is dedicated to the exploration of the well-known high plateau. At the foot of the Croda Rossa and the Picco Vallandro, you can trace your tracks in the snow on the circular trail. There is also the option of taking a snowshoe hike to the Monte Specie. If the air is clear, you can enjoy an unforgettable panoramic view of the Dolomites of Sesto and Ampezzo from there.

DAY 5: Val Casies (approx. 10 – 40 km)

In the morning, follow the trail to Villabassa and on to Monguelfo and then into the Val Casies. You ski on the wide, sunny valley floor through dreamy winter landscapes and past picturesque farmhouses. Several restaurants along the route invite you to stop for a refreshment. Depending on your motivation, you can go back to Monguelfo and from there across the fields to Villabassa or Dobbiaco. Otherwise it is possible to shorten the stage using public transport.

DAY 6: Preparation for the race

You will explore the race course today and warm up for tomorrow's or the day after tomorrow's race. The skis can be tested and a professional ski waxing service will take place in the afternoon in Villabassa. The start number distribution will also take place on this day.

DAY 7: Race or rest day

The Pustertaler Ski Marathon is taking place. If you do not take part in the race until tomorrow, you can take a leisurely rest day today or explore the Pustertal valley on cross-country skis. Start number distribution for those who are racing on Sunday and have not yet picked them up the day before. The award ceremony will take place after the races.

DAY 8: Race and departure

If you do the race on the Prato Piazza, you will have the race start on that day. The award ceremony will take place after the races.

Individual departure or possibility of extension.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Classification:** self-guided tour
- **Duration:** 8 days / 7 nights
- **Distance:** ca. 71-213 km
- **Starting point:** Toblach
- **Arrival:**

By car: via the Brenner freeway (A22) to Brixen - exit Franzensfeste / Pustertal - through the Pustertal (state road SS49) to Niederdorf or Toblach, depending on the hotel you arrive at, or via the Felbertauern road to Lienz in East Tyrol and further to Italy in Hohepustertal (Niederdorf or Toblach, depending on the arrival hotel).

By train: to Innsbruck via the Brenner Pass to Franzensfeste or from Verona via Bolzano to Franzensfeste. From here to Hohepustertal (direction Innichen - Lienz). Railroad station Niederdorf or Toblach, depending on the starting hotel.

By plane: low cost flights to Treviso or Venice Marco Polo airport. On request we organize transfers from the airport to the starting point of the tour.

- **Accommodation:**

Hotels 3** or 4*** category

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

- **Parking:**

free unguarded parking on a nearby public parking lot for the duration of the cross country skiing trip.

- **Transfer:**

from Venice to Dobbiaco at the price of € 320,00 per bus (up to 8 persons). From Verona to Dobbiaco at the price of € 350,00 per bus (up to 8 persons). (Reservation and payment required at time of booking)

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Accommodation in hotels 3** or 4*** category
- Half board
- Information meeting on the evening of arrival
- Race number, registration, race package
- Waxing service for the skis
- Transfer/shuttle to/from the race
- Pre-race support by Team Robinson
- Telephone service hotline for the duration of the cross-country trip

NON INCLUDED SERVICES

- Arrival at the starting point of the tour
- Return journey at the end of the tour
- Drinks, tourist tax and all extras
- Lunch
- Not mentioned entries
- Travel insurance
- Everything not explicitly mentioned under „Included services“

STARTING DATES

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

January

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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PRICES

Standard

Package price in a double room with half board	Arrive 07/01/2024	1.600 €
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Package price high season	Arrive 07/01/2024	1.600 €
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Charme

Package price in a double room with half board	Arrive 07/01/2024	2.100 €
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