





## ITALY – AUSTRIA – SLOVENIA

 Self-guided tour

 Bike tour

 315-360 km

●●○ Medium

Duration: 8 days / 7 nights

14 years and older



## DESCRIPTION

Take in three countries in one week by bike. Italy, Austria and Slovenia will present their best features to you. You will witness varying and unique mountain ranges; untouched natural landscapes; crystal clear lakes; soft wine lands embedded against the hillsides and above all, extraordinary sought out stages provide the ideal backdrop for a bike holiday. Starting from the northeastern Dolomites, the first part of the route runs along the river Drau through the valley of the same name and then on through the Gailtal valley on leisurely cycle paths. After a short detour to the Italian border town of Tarvisio you cycle on to Slovenia. At the fairy-tale Lake Bled, you will be at the foot of the Julian Alps. After a transfer to the south side of the Alps, you will return to Italy in the region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia and in the famous wine region "Collio". The former capital of the Lombards, Cividale del Friuli, is worth a visit. Afterwards, a spectacular end to the cycle tour on the Adriatic awaits you. On the last day you cycle along the sea to the former Habsburg port of Trieste. The tour to Trieste is a varied tour; the last two stages are a bit hilly. The tour goes along bike paths or very quiet side roads, through small villages and picturesque landscape.

## DETAILED ROUTES

### 📍 Day 1: Alta Pusteria (Dobbiaco/Villabassa or Sillian)

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

### 📍 Day 2: Hochpustertal/Sillian – Oberdrauburg/Kötschach Mauthen

(approx. 70 – 75 km from Hochpustertal, approx. 60 – 65 km from Sillian)

Starting at the watershed of the rivers Drau and Rienz on the Toblacher Sattel, you ride alongside the Drau through South Tyrol and on to East Tyrol and the town of Lienz. The impressive mountains of the Dolomites line the route.

### 📍 Day 3: Oberdrauburg/Kötschach Mauthen – Feistritz an der Gail/Tarvis

(transfer to the Gailbergpass + approx. 65 km)

After a short transfer by minibus to the Gailbergpass (about 7 km / 350 m sea level difference), a comfortable descent to Kötschach-Mauthen awaits you. On the Gailtal cycle path at the foot of the Carnic Ridge you cycle comfortably past Hermagor. Before you reach your stage finish Feistritz an der Gail, the Pressegger See invites all gourmets to a relaxing break./Tarvis

### 📍 Day 4: Feistritz an der Gail – Bled

(approx. 55 – 65 km)

Along your way to Bled, you reach the Italian border and then continue on the cycle path. You travel past the famous ski area of Kranjska Gora, through the wonderful and mostly unknown countryside of Slovenia. It is also possible to shorten the trip by approx. 10 km using the train. You spend the night at the romantic Lake Bled. Instead of the next stage (Bled – Cividale) you can also choose to spend two nights in Bled (see amended route programme further down).

### 📍 Day 5: Bled – Cividale del Friuli

(train ride + approx. 50 km)

After the transfer by train, you will reach the Soca valley, popular with canoeists and adventurers. In Kobarid you will get a historical review of the decisive battles of the First World War, which led to a preliminary decision. At the next stop especially the lovers of good food and wine will get their money's worth. At the end of the day, the historic city of Cividale del Friuli invites you on a tour, eg. the Devil's Bridge. Goths, Lombards and Franks have shaped this city.

### 📍 Day 6: Cividale del Friuli – Gradisca d'Isonzo

(approx. 35 km – longer option through Udine approx. 65 km)

On the way through the Collio Goriziano, centre of the Friuli wine growing region, there are many wine cellars to stop at and taste the excellent wines. After tackling a few hills, you come to Gradisca d'Isonzo, where you spend the night. There is a possibility to choose a longer tour option passing through Udine, probably the most important town in the Friuli region, which is well worth a visit.

### 📍 Day 7: Gradisca d'Isonzo – Trieste

(approx. 40 km)

The karst accompanies you on the way to the Adriatic Sea and the castles Duino and Miramare invite you for a last visit before you enter the former Habsburg town of Trieste.

## Day 8: Triest

Individual departur from Trieste or possibility to extend your stay.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Classification:** Self-guided tour
- **Duration:** 8 days / 7 nights
- **Distance:** ca. 315-360 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 Villabassa, Dobbiaco or Sillian, 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 Sillian, Dobbiaco or 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 Villabassa, Dobbiaco or Sillian depending on the location of your hotel. Timetable available on: [www.deutschebahn.de](http://www.deutschebahn.de), [www.oebb.at](http://www.oebb.at), [www.trenitalia.com](http://www.trenitalia.com).

**By plane:** low cost flights are available to Treviso, Venice Marco Polo, Trieste Ronchi dei Legionari and Innsbruck.

- **Accommodation:**

Inns and hotels 3\*\*, *partly* 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:**

- 21-gears women's or men's bicycle
- Rental bike TOP (Unisex modell – men modell on request)
- E-bike (unisex bike, 500 W battery; range up to 100 km)

- **Transfer:**

Return transfer every Wednesday and Saturday from Trieste to Hochpustertal (Toblach/Dobbiaco or Niederdorf/Villabassa) at a price of € 96.00 per person + € 39,00 for each own bike (reservation and payment upon booking).

Alternative: SAF – Bus from Trieste (daily at approx. 06.40 a.m.) to San Candido/Innichen (no bicycle transport possible; duration: approximately 5 hours) – Timetable and details on [www.autostazionetrieste.it](http://www.autostazionetrieste.it).

## INCLUDED SERVICES

- Accommodation in inns and hotels 3\*\*, *partly* 4\*\*\* category
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast

## NON INCLUDED SERVICES

- Arrival to the starting point of the tour
- Departure at the end of the tour
- Drinks, tourist tax and all extras

- Videobriefing
  - Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
  - Transfer by minibus from Oberdrauburg to the Gailberg Pass
  - Transfer by train from Bled to Most na Soci/Kanal ob Soci (option with 2 nights in Bled)
  - Well planned routes
  - Detailed documents (maps, route description, places to visit, important telephone numbers)
  - Navigation APP
  - Telephone service hotline for the entire tour
- Lunch, Dinner
  - Not mentioned entries
  - Rental bikes and travel insurance
  - All not expressly mentioned under the item „Included services“

# SPORT - - DOLOMITES - TRIESTE

## STARTING DATES

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

### May

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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27	28	29	30	31		

### September

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### June

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### July

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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### August

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## PRICES

### Standard

Package price in a double room	Arrive on 11/05/2024 and 28/09/2024	769 €
Package price in a double room	from 15/05/2024 to 27/09/2024	814 €
Package price high season	from 25/05/2024 to 14/09/2024	899 €
Single room surcharge		199 €

### Additional nights

See ebsite