

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.

During the period of the Villacher Kirchtag no arrival and overnight in Villach possible; alternatively arrival and overnight in Spittal a.d. Drau - train ticket Spittal a.d. Drau - Villach incl.

Pay 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.

◆ Day 3: Tarvisio/Camporosso – Tolmezzo/Venzone (aggreent 55 law)

(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.

Pay 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.

P 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.

P Day 6: Day off at sea or cultural day in Aquileia

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).

Oay 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 km

• Starting 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 to 100 km)

It is possible to add a rental bike disclaimer to your booking. Price is € 24.00 per trekking bike and € 49.00 per TOP bike/ e-bike /mountain bike. For more information we recommend to rewiew our Terms and Conditions.

• 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

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
- · 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"

STARTING DATES



PRICES

Standard		
Package price in a double room	Arrive on 22/04/2025 and 01/10/2025	799 €
Package price in a double room	from 23/04/2025 to 30/09/2025	899 €
Package price high season	from 14/06/2025 to 07/09/2025	929 €
Additional services		
Rental bike 21-gear (men) 8,7		99 €
Rental bike 21-gear (women) 8,7		99 €
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Rental bike TOP (men) 8,7		169 €
Rental electric bike 8,7		269€
TOP bike (unisex) 8,7		169 €

Additional nights	
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