






FROM THE CITY OF MOZART TO THE FISHING VILLAGE GRADO

 Self-guided tour

 Bike tour

 345-410 km

 Medium

Duration: 11 days / 10 nights

16 years and older



DESCRIPTION

In a week across the Alps to the Adriatic Sea - that sounds like hard work! It is not quite as exhausting, if you choose the Alpe Adria cycle route. On the well marked paths the crossing of the Alps is also feasible for pleasure cyclists, because the ascent to the main ridge of the Alps is divided into two daily stages, the last one will be done by using the train. On your journey you will pass the idyllic Salzach valley, Bad Gastein, the impressive high mountain landscape of the Hohe Tauern, the sunny Trautal and the wildly rugged canal valley. Cycling on the Via Julia Augusta you pass Palmanova and Aquileia and get to the fishing village of Grado. The tour runs along bike paths or very quiet side roads, through small villages and picturesque landscape. The section over the Pass Lueg can also be bypassed by train..

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DETAILED ROUTES

Day 1: Salzburg

Individual arrival at the starting hotel in Salzburg. A bicycle trip could not start more impressively than in Salzburg, the city of Mozart. You are surrounded by so many Baroque monuments in this beautiful old town. Take some delicious Mozartkugeln (typical Austrian confectionary) on your journey to the sea.

Day 3: Salzburg - Golling (approx. 35 km)

With a view of the fortress Hohensalzburg you leave the city. In the distance the mountains are already visible. The first section takes you along the Salzach. On the way you will pass the former summer residence of the Salzburger Bishops, Hellbrunn palace. For more than 400 years, the extraordinary water games have been a delight for young and old. On the Tauern cycle path, the journey continues in the direction of Hallein, known for its crooked townhouses and above all for the white gold - salt. Another highlight is the waterfall in Golling.

Day 3: Golling - St. Johann (approx. 35 km)

From Golling the route leads up to the Pass Lueg-Höhe. At 552 m, the pass is one of the lowest, nevertheless it offers a wonderful view on the Hagen and Tennen mountains. A worthwhile excursion leads to the „Salzachöfen“. Getting into the gorge and coming back takes about half an hour. On the horizon you can already see the fortress Hohenwerfen, which is famous for its impressive bird of prey show. You keep cycling along the Salzach river up to your overnight accommodation.

Day 4: St. Johann - Bad Gastein/Mallnitz (approx. 55 km)

The journey continues through the tranquil Gastein valley. Until the 20th century, it was only accessible along mountain paths and narrow roads. Framed by the peaks of the Hohe Tauern, you cycle along the Gasteiner Ache (river). Passing Dorfgastein and Bad Hofgastein you reach the famous health resort Bad Gastein. The "Montecarlo of the Alps", as the place is often called, is known for its many splendid hotels from the „Belle Époque“. The main attraction here is the Gastein waterfall, which has been the focal point of many artists and poets.

Day 5: Bad Gastein/Mallnitz - Spittal a. Drau (approx. 40 km + train)

Today you cycle along the river Möll through the impressive mountain landscapes. This section of the cycle path is also known as the „Glocknerradweg“. It goes mostly slightly downhill and leads through the Hohe Tauern National Park up to Möllbrücke. From there the Drau cycle path leads to Spittal, famous for its Renaissance castle of Porcia.

Day 6: Spittal a. Drau - Villach (approx. 35 km)

Today stage follows the flow of the Drau river and ends in the second largest city in Carinthia. Villach is not only famous for its Carnival, but also known for its „Villacher Kirchtag“ (folklore festival). In addition, numerous places of interest await you. If you still have enough time, we recommend you to take a swim in one of the lakes around the city.

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📍 Day 7: 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 8: Tarvisio/Camporosso - Venzone/Moggio/Tolmezzo

(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 9: Venzone/Moggio/Tolmezzo - 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 10: Udine - Grado

(approx. 55 km)

Accompanied by the breeze of the Scirocco you pass through reed landscapes and water canals and arrive to Grado, a historic city of fishers and one of the most popular beach resorts on the Adriatic sea. Along the way the city of Palmanova - UNESCO World Heritage Site- and the extensive excavation areas of the ancient city of Aquileia await your visit

📍 Day 11: Grado

Individual departure from Grado or possibility to extend your stay on the Adriatic Sea.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Classification:** Self-guided tour
- **Duration:** 11 days / 10 nights
- **Distance:** ca. 345-410 km
- **Starting point:** Salzburg
- **Arrival:**

By car: Salzburg is well connected to international motorways, and this makes the city easy to reach. If you reach the City of Mozart from Austria, take the A1 or A10 Motorway, or drive in from Germany on the A8.

By train: by offering numerous domestic as well as international connections, Salzburg Main Station is the most important rail hub in Western Austria. And since it lies right on the border with Germany, the station is administered jointly by Austrian Railways (ÖBB) and the German Rail (DB). Timetables on: www.deutschebahn.de, www.oebb.at, www.trenitalia.com.

By plane: Salzburg W. A. Mozart Airport is the second-largest airport in Austria and is served by several different airlines. Furthermore, the major international airports in Vienna and Munich are only about 2 to 3 hours away using public transportation.

- **Accommodation:**

Guesthouses and hotels 3*** and 4**** category.

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

- **Parking:**

We suggest the public parking at the train station or at the airport - reservation not possible.

- **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/ per trekking bike and € 49/ per TOP bike/ e-bike /mountain bike. For more information we recommend to review our Terms and Conditions

- **Transfer:**

Return transfer every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from Grado to Salzburg by shuttle bus - € 175.00 per person + € 39.00 per own bike (reservation required, payment upon booking).

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Accommodation in guesthouses and hotels 3*** and 4**** category
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- Personal tour information
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel

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

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- Train ride Bockstein – Mallnitz bicycle included
- Well planned routes
- 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“

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STARTING DATES

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

July							August							September							October						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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PRICES

Standard

Package price in a double room	Arrive 02/10/2025	1.399 €
Package price in a double room	from 04/09/2025 to 25/09/2025	1.569 €
Package price high season	from 17/07/2025 to 28/08/2025	1.649 €

Additional services

own bike	0 €
Electric bike 11,10	279 €
Rental bike 21-gear (women) 11,10	119 €
Rental bike 21-gear (men) 11,10	119 €
Rental bike TOP (men) 11,10	195 €
Rental bike TOP (unisex) 11,10	195 €

Additional nights

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