VILLACH - TRIESTE GRAVELBIKE

Self-guided tour

Gravel bike

280-280 km

Medium

Duration: 6 days / 5 nights

DESCRIPTION

The starting point of this gravel 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. On the last day you cycle to the former Habsburg port city of Trieste. This tour goes along cycle paths or or very quiet side roads, through small villages and picturesque landscapes. On the first stages you will cycle mainly on asphalt, while the last stages alternate between asphalt and beautiful gravel paths!

DETAILED ROUTES

Day 1: Villach

Individual arrival at the starting-hotel in Villach.

Day 2: Villach – Malborghetto and surroundings

(approx. 50 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: Malborghetto and surroundings - Cividale del Friuli

(approx. 79 km)

From Pontebba you continue along the world-famous Alpe-Adria cycle path to Gemona del Friuli. From there, the the landscape opens up. The route leads through forests, charming Italian villages and hills. You cycle towards Cividale, a UNESCO World Heritage town characterised by medieval architecture and the picturesque Natisone river. A particular highlight is the Devil's Bridge, an old bridge with a fascinating history.

Day 4: Cividale del Friuli - Vipava and surroundings

(approx. 74 km)

This stage offers a mixture of Italian and Slovenian landscapes. You cross the enchanting Slovenian wine region with his vineyards and orchards. The town of Vipava lies in a beautiful valley surrounded by the Julian Alps and is known for its local wines and warm hospitality. It is therefore an ideal stopover to experience the charm of Slovenia.

Day 5: Vipava - Trieste

(approx. 65 km)

The last stage takes you through the picturesque Slovenian countryside before you reach the city of Trieste in Italy. You will cycle along quiet roads with beautiful sea views, and the charming coastal villages convey a Mediterranean atmosphere. Once in Trieste, you will be amazed by the city's historic architecture, picturesque waterfront and mix of Italian and Slovenian culture. This makes it the perfect destination to end your gravel tour.

Day 6: Triest

Individual departure or possibility to extend your stay.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Classification:** Self-guided tour
- **Duration:** 6 days / 5 nights
- **Distance:** ca. 280-280 km
- **Starting point:** Villach
- **Arrival:**

  ***Eco-friendly option* by train:** Good train connections to Villach. Timetable on: www.deutschebahn.de, www.oebb.at, www.trenitalia.com

  By car: Villach is easily accessible on the motorways A2, A10 or A11 (depending on the point of origin).

  By plane: Airport Klagenfurt, Salzburg or Ljubljana. There are good train connections from all these cities to your starting point.

- **Accomodation:**

  Hotels 3***, partly 4**** category

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

- **Parking:**

  Depending on the first hotel, unattended parking facilities are available, either directly at your hotel or nearby (for the first night). Reservation of the parking area/parking garage not possible; payable on spot. In alternative unguarded free parking places near the city center.

- **Rental bikes:**

  Gravelbike Bianchi Impulso Allroad Alu - Shimano GRX (limited availability) or similar model.

  It is possible to add a rental bike disclaimer to your booking. Price is € 49/ per gravel bike / mountain bike. For more information we recommend to rewiew our Terms and Conditions.

- **Transfer:**

  Every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday return transfer by shuttle bus from Triest to Villach €85,00 € per person + € 45,00 per own bike, reservation and payment upon booking.

  Eco-friendly 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

• Videobriefing

• 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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- 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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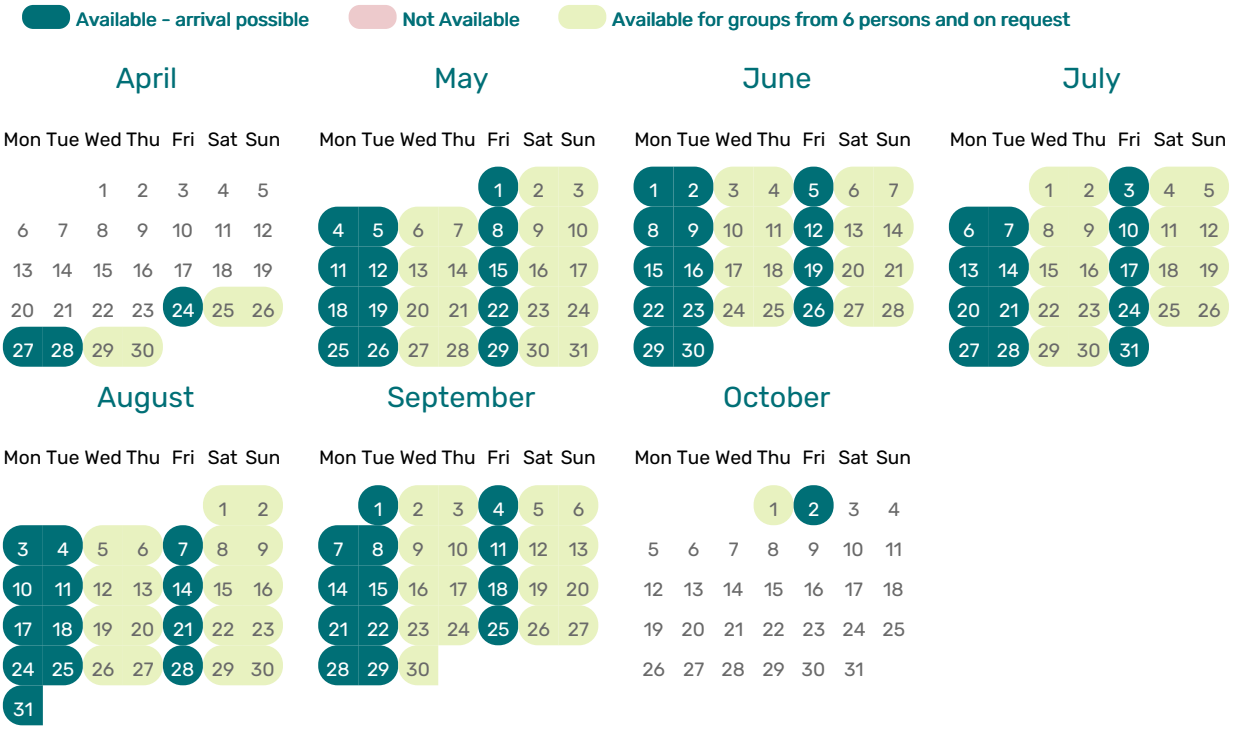
STARTING DATES



PRICES

Standard		
Package price in a double room	Arrive on 24/04/2026 and 02/10/2026	619 €
Package price in a double room	from 27/04/2026 to 29/09/2026	719 €
Package price high season	from 15/06/2026 to 07/09/2026	789 €

Additional services	
own bike	0 €
Gravelbike 6,5	200 €
Electric Mountainbike 6,5	229 €
Mountain Bike 6,5	169 €

Additional nights
See ebsite