WITH THE BIKE FROM VENICE TO ISTRIA

Selfguided tour

Bike tour

250-410 km

Easy

Duration: 8 days / 7 nights

14 years and older

DESCRIPTION

The starting point of this cycle tour is “la Serenissima”, Venice, the lagoon city on the shores of the Adriatic Sea. Cycling past the beaches of the classical holiday resorts of Jesolo and Caorle on the Adriatic Sea to Trieste, the former Habsburg seaport seated at the foothills of the Karst / Carso. Finish with a trip down the beautiful Croatian peninsula of Istria. An opportunity always presents itself to take a refreshing swim in the sea. Due to this fact, you should never forget to pack your swim gear. Besides these beaches, the inland regions of the Friuli Venezia Giulia offer countless sites with very special charm waiting to be discovered; Mediaeval fortress towns, Roman archaeological excavations, typical Italian Piazzas and buildings embossed with Venetian influences causing the visitor to forget time and space. While on the one side, the Adriatic stretches calmly and silently, the Julian Alps rise majestically to the north. The return journey to Venice can be done by boat. The cycle trip to Istria is flat until shortly before Trieste, then it continues slight hilly until Porec. The tour is suitable for children from the age of 14.

DETAILED ROUTES

Day 1: Venice mainland/Mestre

Individual arrival at the hotel on the mainland of Venice. The “Serenissima” with all its splendid buildings invites to a primary inspection. The city of Venice has a well organised and easily accessible public transport system, there is a bus or train stop near to the hotel.

Day 2: Venice mainland/Mestre – Jesolo/Caorle
(approx. 30 - 35 km or approx. 75 km)

Today you have two possibilities: you should cycle along the dam and the lagoon to Venice, or you should cycle through the back-country following the river of Sile to reach Jesolo/Caorle. The first few kilometres in the lagoon city are carried out by bicycle. Then you take a ferry across to Punta Sabbioni (ticket not included in the “package-price”). On the endless beaches at Litorale di Cavallino, a spit of land in the north of the lagoon, the route is lined by numerous fishing boats and souvenir stalls. Before you leave Venice through the “backdoor”, the opportunity exists for an excursion to the lighthouse at the outmost end of the island for a last view of the lagoon city and the surrounding islands. On the way to Jesolo one can hardly resist the opportunity to have a refreshing dip into the cool wet. You spend the night in Jesolo or Caorle.

If you choose the alternative through the hinterland you cycle along the river Sile. This natural river carries always a constant amount of water and flows quietly; that’s why its name is derived from the Latin word “silet” what means “keep silent”. Passing the ruins of Torre Caligo, a tower from the Middle Age which is situated near the homonymous canal “Caligo”, you reach directly Jesolo. If you will spend the night in Caorle you continue cycling along.

Day 3: Jesolo/Caorle – Concordia Sagittaria/Portogruaro
(approx. 30 - 35 km)

Along the coast and once you have passed the last fishermen’s cottages, you reach Caorle, a wonderful, small seaside resort with a historical centre. On reaching this destination, it signifies leaving the sea for a while as the direction is dictated by the mainland in the direction of the Julian Alps on the horizon. During the spring period of the Venetian Republic, it was convenient for the interior to encompass Portogruaro as a very important River harbour in the “Serenissima”. Even today there are those in Portogruaro who regard their city as the most Venetian. They are not entirely incorrect when you look at the Venetian embellishments of the magnificent buildings and places.

Day 4: Concordia Sagittaria/Portogruaro – Grado/Aquileia
(approx. 65 km + boat from Marano Lagunare or approx. 45 km, if the first part is additionally shortened by a train ride to Latisana; approx. 85 km without boat)

Besides the beaches of the Adriatic, there is a lot to discover; ruins of former Roman cities, ancient churches and lonely landscapes on the edge of the lagoon. From Marano Lagunare you take the boat until short before Aquileia, once a large city of the Roman Empire, excavations of the Roman city can be seen in the open-air-site and in two museums.

Day 5: Grado/Aquileia – Trieste
(approx. 40 - 80 km; short variant by using the train; ticket not included)

Today’s stage continues through the hinterland of Trieste, soaked in a meagre barren landscape of rocky caverns before returning to the sea and a coastline of unique beauty. Where the elevated plateaus plunge into the deep

blue water and the white precipices stand upright jutting towards the heavens; and then the coastal road follows through suggestive resorts like Duino, Sistiana, Miramare, and Barcola. You should take time to visit the romantic castle of Miramare above the Bay of Grignano situated in the middle of a beautiful park in which a multiplicity of more the 2000 plants prosper. Above the Gulf of Trieste, entrenched is a city bearing the same name, once a harbour metropolis of the Habsburgs Empire and where you will be spending the night.

Day 6: Trieste – Piran/Portorož
(approx. 35 km + ferry Trieste-Muggia* or approx. 65 km, depending on the chosen variant)

Only after a few kilometres today, you leave Italy. In Slovenia, the route continues predominantly on cycle paths through well-known seaside resorts like Koper (Capodistria) and Izola (Isola d' Istria), to Piran (Pirano) or to Portorož (Portorose), a spa resort on the Slovenian Riviera. There is a little bit longer alternative of this stage which passes along the valley "Rosandra" in the back country.

*Tickets not included.

Day 7: Piran/Portorož – Poreč
(approx. 70 km)

Cycling past the salt gardens of Secovlje where on enormous surfaces and through natural evaporation, sea salt is recovered, you cross over the border into Croatia. For a distance, the route goes through the Croatian part of Istria, the largest peninsula on the Adriatic with its slightly hilly terrain on the way to Porec, the most important coastal city on the west coast of Istria. It is certainly worth a visit to Euphrasian-Basilica which has been taken up by UNESCO as a World Cultural Heritage Site.

Day 8: Poreč

Individual departure from Porec or possibility to extend your stay.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Classification:** Selfguided tour
- **Duration:** 8 days / 7 nights
- **Distance:** ca. 250-410 km
- **Starting point:** Venedig
- **Arrival:**

  By car: Take the Brenner Highway (A22) from Innsbruck to Verona and continue to Venice mainland/Mestre or drive from Villach over the border crossing point Arnoldstein to Udine and continue to Venice mainland.
  By train: Take a train to the main station in Mestre and either a bus or a taxi to the hotel. Timetable available on: www.deutschebahn.de, www.oebb.at, www.trenitalia.com
  By plane: Low cost flights are available to Sant'Angelo airport in Treviso, to Ronchi dei Legionari airport in Trieste or to Marco Polo airport in Venice which offer an airport shuttle (Venice and Treviso) to and from Venice mainland/Mestre.

- **Accomodation:**

  Hotels 3*** and 4**** category.
  Attention: Tourist tax – if requested – has to be paid on the spot!

- **Parking:**

  Depending on the start hotel, parking facilities are available. Some hotels may require an obligatory fee payable on the day of arrival (reservation not possible).

- **Rental bikes:**

  • 21-gears women's or men's bicycle
  • TOP bike (unisex model, male 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:**

  A ferry boat leaves Poreč every Thursday and Saturday. For the return transfer by ferry there is a limited availability for bikes (max. 4 - e-bikes upon request). It is not allowed to take e-bikes on board.
  It is necessary to book and fully prepay the ferry transfer at the moment of the tour booking. The cost for the boat is subject to payment on confirmation of the travel booking, as the ferry has to be paid in full. Following details are needed for the ferry ticket: first name, surname, date of birth, nationality, official document (passport or ID), document number and validity date. Transfer from the harbour in Venice to the first hotel: the transfer can be booked during the briefing before the tour start and has to be paid directly to the driver on arrival at the ferry terminal San Basilio.

  If the ship is not navigating to return from Poreč to Venice, we can manage a transfer in a minibus at a price of € 95,00 per person + € 45.00 per own bike (min. 4 persons).

  Transfer from Poreč to Triest with public transport: www.crnja-tours.hr/vozni-red-autobusa/, or www.flixbus.com.

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INCLUDED SERVICES

- Accomodation in hotels 3*** and 4**** category
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- Videobriefing
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Ship transfer on Day 4
- Well planned routes
- Detailed documents (maps, route description, places to visit, important telephone numbers)
- Navigation APP
- Telephone service hotline for the entire tour

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
- Train tickets
- Not mentioned entries
- Rental bikes and travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under the item „Included services“

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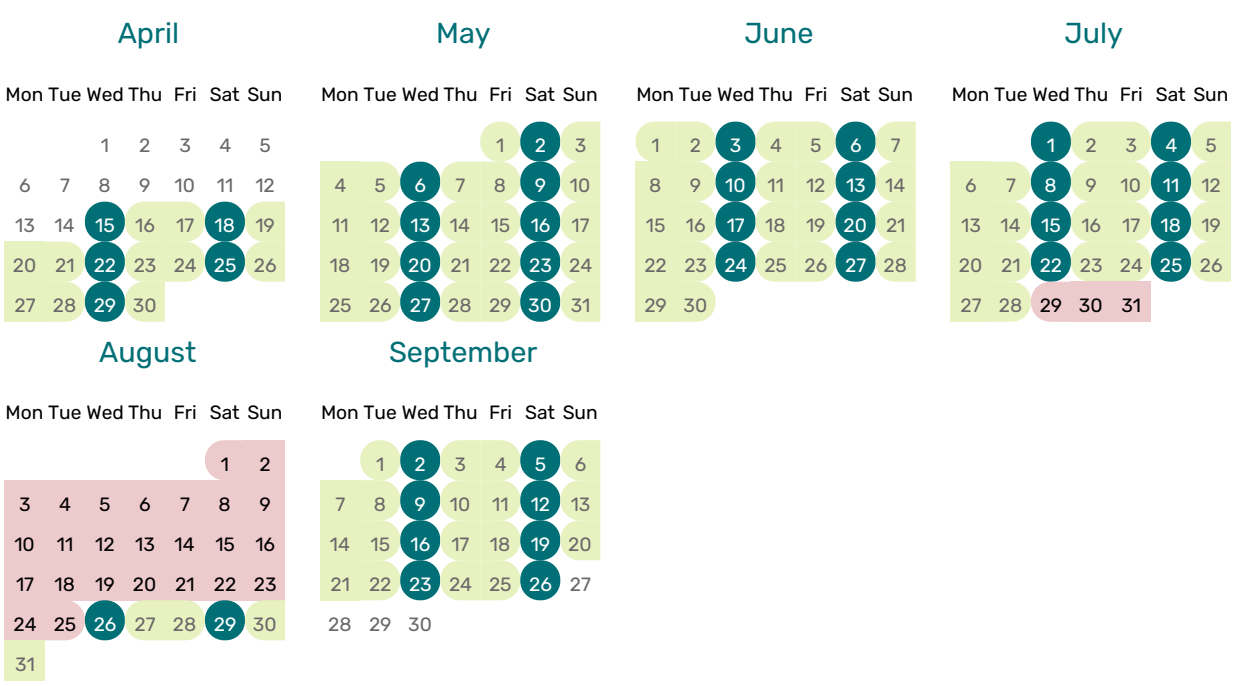
STARTING DATES

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



PRICES

Standard		
Package price in a double room	Arrive on 15/04/2026 and 26/09/2026	849 €
Package price in a double room	from 18/04/2026 to 23/09/2026	929 €
Package price high season	from 23/05/2026 to 09/09/2026	1.029 €
Single room surcharge		239 €

Additional services	
Rental bike 21-gear (men) 8,7	99 €
Rental bike 21-gear (women) 8,7	99 €
own bike	0 €
Rental bike TOP (men) 8,7	169 €
Rental electric bike 8,7	269 €

TOP bike (unisex) 8,7	169 €

Additional nights

See ebsite