






ON THE ROUTE OF THE LANGOBARDS, FRANKS, PATRIARCHES OF AQUILEIA AND THE COUNTS OF GORIZIA

 Self-guided tour

 Bike tour

 235-330 km

●○○ Easy

Duration: 8 days / 7 nights

14 years old and older



DESCRIPTION

The starting point of this cycle tour is the medieval town of the Langobards, Cividale del Friuli/surrounding area. Cividale holds some Langobard treasures such as the famous Tempietto or the Ponte del Diavolo over the river Natisone. Carrying on your trip you will arrive at Gradisca d'Isonzo (Gradišče ob Soči in Slovenian). This little town in the east of Friuli nearby the border area of Slovenia has been the front between Austria and Italy in the First World War, well known for the 12 battles of the Isonzo. The route runs on bicycle paths and alongside roads without traffic from the vineyards of the Collio to the Adriatic Coast. The tour is suitable for children from the age of 14.

DETAILED ROUTES

Day 1: Arrival at Cividale del Friuli/surroundings

Individual arrival at the hotel in Cividale del Friuli/surroundings. The historic center can be explored entirely on foot: admire Piazza del Duomo with its Cathedral, the Lombard Temple, and, just a short distance away, the Celtic Hypogeum.

Don't miss the city's symbol – the famous Devil's Bridge, built in the 15th century to connect the banks of the Natisone River. From this spot, you can enjoy a magnificent view of the surrounding plateau – a place steeped in legends about its construction.

Day 2: Round trip Cividale del Friuli - Udine (approx. 30 km or 60 km for the longer option)

On the first day you have the option of choosing between a shorter and a slightly longer round trip tour. The shorter tour takes you to Prepotto (Prapotno in Slovenian), a small picturesque town with winding alleys and old houses in the province of Udine. The longer route takes you to the university town of Udine. Here, too, the cathedral and the Loggia del Lionello on the ground floor of the town hall invite you to visit.

Day 3: Round trip to Slovenia and Brda (approx. 45 or 65 km)

This day takes you across the border to Slovenia and to the Brda, meeting point of three cultures (Slavic, Romanic and Germanic). The Brda is well known mainly because of the winegrowing but also for its castles and white churches which are situated mostly on hills.

Day 4: Round trip to the castles of the Collio (approx. 40 or 45 km)

The Gorizian hills (Collio in Italian) are well known due to their good wines, but it offers a lot for history lovers too. Today you cycle to the castles of the Collio, among which you can discover the castle Rocca Bernarda. This castle was a fief of the patriarchy of Aquileia and had been given as a present to the city of Cividale. The city left it to the Roman family Capiferro in the 15th century. Afterwards it was sold several times to different owners and finally to the family Perusini. The beautiful castle in the style of the 16th century is situated in the midst of extensive parks, on a hill surrounded by vineyards. Thanks to the dedication and the competence of Gaetano Perusini the cultivation of the "Picolit" grapes started, which have gained worldwide renown over the years.

Day 5: Cividale del Friuli - Cormons - Gradisca d'Isonzo (approx. 35 or 45 km - option via Gorizia)

Today you leave Cividale and cycle to Cormons, the cultural and economic centre of the Gorizia Hills (Collio). The main square of Cormons invites you to take a break and enjoy a glass of wine. Continue to Gradisca d'Isonzo.

Day 6: Round trip to Aquileia (approx. 45 km or 75 km for the longer option)

This bicycle journey takes you to the formerly biggest city of the Roman Empire. Today the remnants of this settlement are still to be seen. Discover the secrets of the Roman city of Aquileia, the so-called "Second Rome"; Roman ruined cities, ancient churches. It is worth visiting the Aquileia Cathedral, which interior has a mosaic pavement from the 4th century.

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Day 7: Gradisca d'Isonzo - Trieste

(approx. 40 km)

On the last day of the cycle holiday Trieste, the former Habsburg city, is waiting for you. On the first part of the route, following a breathtaking coastal route, the Karst Plateau accompanies you along the Adriatic Sea. Before you enter the old seaport and commercial town of Trieste, the Castle of Miramare invites you to a visit. Return by train (ticket included).



Day 8: Departure

Individual departure or possibility to extend your stay.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Classification:** Self-guided tour
- **Duration:** 8 days / 7 nights
- **Distance:** ca. 235-330 km
- **Starting point:** Cividale del Friuli
- **Arrival:**

By car: from the north via the motorway A10 to Villach and further on the A23 to Udine (exit Udine Nord); on the provincial road 54 to Cividale del Friuli; From the west via the A4 – via Milano and Venezia – and further on the A23 to Udine (exit Udine Sud); via San Giovanni al Natisone to Cividale.

By train: good possibilities for arrival to Cormons by train. From there you continue by bus. Timetable available on: www.deutschebahn.de, www.oebb.at, www.trenitalia.com.

By plane: Airport Trieste, Mestre, Ljubljana. From all of the three places there are good bus/train connections to Udine/Cormons.

- **Accommodation:**

Agriturismo or hotel 3*** in Cividale/surroundings; hotel 4****category in Gradisca

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

- **Parking:**

Parking available at the departure hotel, subject to availability; cannot be reserved in advance, payment on site.

- **Rental bikes:**

- 21-gears bike (woman and man model)
- TOP bike (unisex model - male model on request)
- E-bike (unisex model, 500 W battery, range up to 100km)

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 review our Terms and Conditions.

- **Transfer:**

Return transfer by shuttle bus every Tuesday and Sunday from Gradisca to Cividale at a price of € 20.00 per person + € 19.00 per own bike (reservation and payment with the booking).

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Accommodation in agriturismo oder 3****Hotel in Cividale/ surroundings and in hotel 4****category in Gradisca d'Isonzo
- 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

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- Dinner (three course menu)
- Luggage transfer from Cividale/ surroundings to Gradisca d'Isonzo
- Transfer from Trieste to Sagrado by train (bicycle included)
- Videobriefing
- Well planned routes
- Detailed documents (maps, route description, places to visit, important telephone numbers)
- Telephone service hotline for the whole tour
- Navigation app

- Lunch
- 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 07/04/2026 and 06/10/2026	949 €
Package price in a double room	from 12/04/2026 to 04/10/2026	989 €
Package price high season	from 14/06/2026 to 08/09/2026	1.069 €
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 €

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TOP bike (unisex) 8,7

169 €

Additional nights

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