

Cycling Safaris

BOLZANO - VERONA - MESTRE/VENICE TOUR

Self Guided 2018

7 nights/8 days | 280-345 km



This tour will offer you the chance to visit the mountains around Bolzano, the beauty of lake Garda, cities full of culture and history like Verona, Vicenza and Padova and, last but not least, the fascinating Mestre/Venice area.

As a whole it is an easy to manage itinerary, riding on secondary streets with low traffic or paved bike paths. There are light hilly bits with short uphill sections. Trains with bike transportation connect all the cities of the tour, so in case of bad weather, or if you need a day of rest, you can reach your destination by train. A 4-hour ferry cruise through Lake Garda is included.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 Bolzano

Arrival. Bolzano is a famous commercial and tourist centre and also a historical and cultural connection between the Italian and the German world.

Day 2 Bolzano–Trento 65/70 km, Elevation up 370 m

Today you will ride mostly along the Adige River, through orchards, vineyards passing the villages of Ora, Egna and Salorno. The dam pathways lead then to Trento. 3rd DAY Trento–Peschiera (50 km + boat).

Day 3 Trento-Peschiera/Desenzano 50 km + boat, Elevation up 200 m

Always pedalling along the Adige you reach Rovereto and Mori. From here westwards towards Lake Garda. After a short ascent, a refreshing descent will follow and lead you to Torbole and to Riva. The ferry cruise takes you to the southern part of the lake.

Day 4 Peschiera/Desenzano–Verona 35 / 60 km, Elevation up 150 / 330 m

Today you head to Verona. With the Adige crossing it, this is one of the most important and beautiful cities in the Veneto region. Worth visiting are: the roman Arena, the Church of San Zeno and Juliet's House.

Day 5 Verona–Vicenza**75 or 40 km, Elevation up 470 m**

At first, the route starts out flat and then heads through the Monti Berici, a hilly region just south of Vicenza, with a wonderful view of the city. The old city centre is characterized by the beautiful private palaces and public buildings by Andrea Palladio, the famous 16th century architect known all over the world. The ones who consider this stage too long can take a train from several railway stations to shorten the days cycle.

Day 6 Vicenza –Padova**45 km, Elevation up 80 m**

Cycling out of Vicenza you will come across the beautiful Palladian Villa Rotonda. Along the Bacchiglione river, the route will continue to the fascinating city of Padova with its famous Giotto's Chapel and one of the biggest squares of Europe "Prato della Valle".

Day 7 Padova –Mestre / Venice**40 km, Elevation up 0 m**

The tour continues easily through the flat Veneto. You will cycle along the Brenta Canal, overlooked by the countryside villas of the ancient Venetian nobility (Villa Pisani, Malcontenta, Villa Widmann) until you reach Mestre, Venice's mainland.

You can chose to stay the last night in Venice with a price supplement. From Approximately €95 per person sharing in double room and from €155 for single room (incl. breakfast)

Day 8 Mestre

Departure. Transfer back to Bolzano on request when booking the tour.

2018 TOUR DATES

Every Saturday and Sunday from March 24 – October 20

Also every Tuesday and Wednesday from May 15 – September 12

2018 TOUR PRICE

Season 1 €760.00 pps : 24 March – 1 April & 29 Sept – 20 Oct

Season 2 €850.00 pps : 2 April – 18 May & 10 Sept – 28 Sept

Season 3 €885.00 pps : 19 May – 9 Sept

€230.00 single room supplement

Reduction (category A):

€150 for the third/fourth person in the room

Child reduction (not including bike rental):

0-2 years: 90%

3-5 years: 50%

6-8 years: 30%

Prices are based on category A (3-4* hotels) accommodation.

It is possible to book Category B (2-3* hotels). For prices please contact the office.

WHAT THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- 7 nights hotel accommodation in mainly 4* hotels with some 3* hotels
- Breakfast buffet
- 21-speed touring bike
- Route descriptions & maps
- Meeting with the representative
- Luggage transportation
- 4 hours ferry cruise on Lake Garda
- Entrance to Villa Valmarana ai Nani
- Ice cream in the best ice cream parlour in Vicenza
- 7-days hotline service

Half board option (6 dinners) available for the supplement of €170 per person.

You can chose to stay the **last night in Venice** with a price supplement.
Approximately €95 per person sharing in double room and from €155 for single room (incl. breakfast).
Venice price depends on the season, day of the week and distance Hotel-Railway station.

It is possible to arrange a **transfer from Mestre to Bolzana** (bike included) for €65
This is available on Saturday & Sundays (other days possible on request)
Also possible on Tuesday & Wednesdays from 23rd May – 13th September.

Local hotel taxes are not included in the tour price and must be paid on the spot (approx €10-€15).
Train transfers.

Helmets are **not** included in the price, but are available at time of booking for €15.

Helmets need to be booked in advance!

E-bikes are available for a supplement of +€110

TOUR ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation is in 3/4 * Hotels mostly in a central location.
We ensure private facilities and air conditioning.

On request we can book additional accommodation for you:
- €75 per person in double room with breakfast in Mestre, and Bolzano
- €95 in single room with breakfast in Mestre and Bolzano

- Extra nights in Venice/extra night in Venice instead of Mestre are on request.
Venice price depends on the season, day of the week and distance Hotel-Railway station.
Approximately from €95 per person sharing in double room and from €155 for single room (incl. breakfast)

WHAT TO BRING

- Waterproof windbreaker or poncho (recommended in spring time)
- Sunglasses and Hat
- High protection sun cream and after sun cream
- Insect repellent
- Swimming costume
- Casual clothes for evening. You may be grateful for something warm with long sleeves.

Bike hire is included in the tour package.



27-gear unisex Citybike

A unisex frame, ideal for an upright but relaxed riding position.

This is the bike automatically given to ladies and gents unless otherwise specified.



Citybike with men's frame with 21/24 gears

Kalkhoff, Agattu model

Motor: 36 volts, 540W/H Impulse, located centrally.

The high-capacity battery is secured to the seat tube.

Gears: Nexus 8-speed. Range: approx. 90 km (flat terrain, average speed).



Flyer T8.1 Model, Low-entry frame

Panasonic or Bosch batteries of top safety and long life.

Panasonic motor (36 V, 15 AH Capacity, 540 WH available power)

Gears: Nexus 7-speed.. Range: approx 90 km (flat terrain, average speed)

Details:

- Gel saddle
- Shimano Deore 27 gear
- Grip shift gear
- 28" tyre
- Shimano v-brake
- Anti-slip pedal

Also Provided:

- Handlebar bag (female bikes)
- Map rack (on male bikes)
- Back panniers
- Padlock
- Water-bottle
- Helmet (on request)

Level of difficulty

Easy tour

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Transfer back on minivan to Bolzano from Mestre/Venice on Saturday and Sunday. €65 per person, bike included (other days on request).

Also possible on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 23rd May – 13th September. The availability is limited, therefore you need to check when booking the tour.

There are good train connections from Mestre/Venice to Bolzano.

The airport in Bolzano is very small and there are not many international flights landing here.

Therefore, listed are the nearest airports to Bolzano incl. train connections:

- Verona Villafranca Catullo (VRN)

www.aeroporto.verona.it

Every day the Aerobus shuttle service to the station of Verona Porta Nuova leaves every 20 minutes from 6:30 to 23:35 (transfer: about 30 min; ticket: 5 euro). From Verona Porta Nuova you take a train to Bolzano (transfer: 120 min; ticket: from 8 to 20 euro depending on the type of train).

- Innsbruck airport (INN)

www.innsbruck-airport.com Bus line F links the airport to Innsbruck HBF railway station and departs every 15 minutes (transfer: about 20 min). From Innsbruck you take a train to Bolzano (transfer: about 130 min).

- Bergamo Orio al Serio (BGY)

www.sacbo.it The shuttle service Autostradale connects with 6 transfers a day (08:30 - 11:15 - 12:30 - 16:20 - 18:00 - 22:30) the airport to the station of Brescia (transfer: 60 min; ticket: 10 euro; www.autostradale.it). From Brescia you take a train to Bolzano (transfer: 160 min and change in Verona; ticket: from 10 to 20 euro depending on the type of train).
Connections between Mestre/Venice and Bolzano

- Venezia Marco Polo (VCE)

www.veniceairport.it

Every day the Fly Bus shuttle service leaves for Venezia Mestre station every 25-30 minutes from 06:06 to 23:40. (transfer: 20 min; ticket: 3 euro; www.atvo.it). From Venezia Mestre you take a train to Bolzano (transfer: 180 min and change in Verona Porta Nuova; ticket: from 14 to 28 euro depending on the type of train).

- Treviso Canova (TSF)

www.trevisoairport.it The service ATVO offers every day a fine connection between the airport and the station of Venezia-Mestre based on the arrivals and departures of the low-cost flights (transfer: 55 min; ticket: 5 euro; www.atvo.it). From Venezia Mestre you take a train to Bolzano (transfer: 180 min and change in Verona Porta Nuova; ticket: from 14 to 28 euro depending on the type of train).

- Milano Malpensa (MXP)

www.sea-aeroporto.milano.it

The service Malpensa Shuttle leaves every day and every 20 minutes from the airport to the station of Milano Centrale (transfer: 60 min.; ticket 7,50 euro; www.malpensashuttle.it). From Milano you take a train to Bolzano (transfer: 180 min; ticket: approx 30 euro depending on the type of train).

- Milano Linate (LIN)

www.sea-aeroporto.milano.it

Every day the service Starfly Shuttle leaves every 30 minutes to the station of Milano Centrale (transfer: 30 min.; ticket: 4 euro). From Milano you follow the same indications as in the section above 'Milano Malpensa'.