

Cycling Safaris

BOLZANO ~ VERONA ~ MESTRE / VENICE TOUR

Self Guided 2024

7 nights/8 days | 290-355 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 30 m/250 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 250 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 140 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** **35 or 70 km, Elevation up 440m/230m**

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 thermal district** **50 km, Elevation up 30 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 thermal district -Mestre / Venice** **55 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/Venice**

Departure after breakfast. Transfer back to Bolzano on request when booking the tour.
€95 on Saturday & Sunday or Tuesdays between 7th May - 10th September)

This is a level 1, easy Tour

2024 TOUR DATES

Every Saturday & Sunday from 30th March - 12th October
Every Tuesday & Wednesday from 30th April - 4th September

Season 1: 30th March - 19th April & 28th September - 12th October

Season 2: 20th April - 10th May & 7th September - 27th September

Season 3: 11th May - 6th September

2023 TOUR PRICE

Category A (mainly 3-4* hotels):

Season 1: €990 per person sharing
 €1390 single room
 €790 3rd person in triple room

Season 2: €1120 per person sharing
 €1520 single room
 €920 3rd person in triple room

Season 3: €1170 per person sharing
 €1570 single room
 €970 3rd person in triple room

Category B (mainly 2-3* hotels)

€850 per person sharing
€1190 single room
€660 3rd person in triple room

€980 per person sharing
€1320 single room
€790 3rd person in triple room

€1030 per person sharing
€1370 single room
€840 3rd person in triple room

Note that bike hire is separated out & not included in the basic tour price

€115 City bike with water bottle cage, lock and small pannier bag
€165 21 speed touring bike with water bottle cage, lock and a small pannier bag
€275 Electric - bike with water bottle cage, lock and a small pannier bag
€15.00 Helmets; need to be booked in advance (size 54-61 cm)

WHAT THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- 7 nights hotel accommodation in chosen category
- Breakfast buffet
- Digital Route descriptions & maps with GPS tracks
- Luggage transportation
- 4 hours ferry cruise on Lake Garda (bike included)
- Ice cream in the best ice cream parlour in Vicenza
- 7-day hotline service

NB in January 2024 a Venice Municipality Access Fee is expected to enter into force.

This is a charge of between €3 - €10 per day, to be paid on site

Local hotel taxes to be paid on site (Approx €15-€20)

You can chose to stay the **last night in Venice** with a price supplement.

Approximately from €95 per person sharing in double room and from €160 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 Bolzano** (bike included) for €90

This is available on Saturday & Sundays (other days possible on request)

Also possible on Tuesday & Wednesdays from 23rd May - 12th September.

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

Train transfers are not included in the tour price

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

Helmets need to be booked in advance!

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:

- Venice and Bolzana on request

In Mestre:

- €80 CAT B per person in double room / €120 CAT B single rooms with breakfast

-€100 CAT A per person in double room / €150 CAT A single rooms with breakfast

- 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 not included in the tour package.



27-gear unisex Citybike / Touring bike €115

28" wheel

27 speed

Anti-puncture tires

Speedlifter twist T10: quick release to easily adjust the handlebar height

Comfort gel saddle

The only one suitable with children's accessories

Specifically assembled by our mechanics, our touring bikes feature components and accessories that make it reliable and easy to ride, a perfect companion for your bike tour. Furthermore, thanks to the step-through frame, getting on and off your bike is easier.



Standard components

bike bell, side kickstand, cycle computer

front/rear lights, front/rear mudguards

bottle holder, rear rack

Hybrid bike €165

An aluminium male/female frame bike, suitable for gravel, road and touring.



Grip: ergonomic

Handlebar: flat

Saddle: sport comfortable gel

Pedal: flat

28" Wheel

Tire: 700x32 Vittoria Adventure Tech antipuncture tire

Gears: Shimano Deore 27 -speed

Brake: mechanical Disk



E-Bike €275

Bosch motor Active Line Plus

Unisex low-entry frame.

Bosch motor Active Line Plus, located centrally (250 Watt, engine torque 50 Nm).

Bosch battery PowerPack Frame, top safety and long life (36 V - 13,4 Ah capacity - 500 Wh available power).

Range: approx 90 km (flat terrain, average speed).

Grip: ergonomic.

Saddle: Touring Gel.

Pedals: flat.

Gears: Shimano Deore 9-speed.

Brake: mechanical V-brakes.

28" wheel.

Tyre: Schwalbe Marathon Plus, the most puncture resistant tyre.



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

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Transfer back on minivan to Bolzano from Mestre/Venice on Saturday and Sunday.
€95 per person, bike included (other days on request).
Also possible on Tuesdays only from 7th May – 10th 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).
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-aeroportimilano.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-aeroportimilano.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'.