



DESCRIPTION

Starting in the north east Dolomites, the first part of the tour follows the River Drau through the same named valley, and then on through the Gail Valley on comfortable bike paths in Austria. After a short detour to the Italian border town of Tarvis, you continue on to Slovenia. The picturesque Lake Bled at the foot of the Julian Alps is ideal for rest before the transfer to the south side of the Alps to the famous wine area of Collio in the region of Friuli Venezia Giulia. The former capital town of Lombard region, Cividale is well worth a visit. The final stage of the tour takes you through spectacular countryside to the Adria coast. On the last day you ride alongside the sea to the former Habsburg port of Trieste.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE

The tour to Trieste is an easy tour; the last two stages are a bit hilly.

The tour goes along bike paths or very quiet side roads, through small villages and picturesque landscape.

The tour is suitable for children from the age of 14.





A DAY BY DAY ACCOUNT OF THE ROUTE



Day 1: Arrival in Hochpustertal (Niederdorf/Toblach)

Starting point: the north-eastern Dolomites;



Day 2: to Oberdrauburg/Kötschach Mauthen (approx. 69 km)

Alongside the Drau to East Tyrol;



Day 3: to Feistritz an der Gail (approx. 65 km)

Lake Pressegg will invite to a relaxing break;



Day 4: to Bled (approx. 55 - 65 km)

You spend the night at the romantic Lake Bled;



Day 5: to Cividale del Friuli (approx. 50 km)

through the Soca Valley;



Day 6: to Gradisca d'Isonzo (approx. 35 - 63 km)

The Collio Goriziano; longer variant passing at Udine



Day 7: to Trieste (approx. 40 km)

Stop to visit Castel Duino and Miramare;



Day 8: Departure

Trieste - the oldest part of the Habsburg Monarchy;



DETAILED ROUTING

Day 1: Arrival in Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco

Individual arrival at the hotel in Hochpustertal. Free, unguarded public car park near the hotel.

Day 2: Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco - Oberdrauburg/Kötschach Mauthen (approx. 69 km)

Starting at the watershed of the rivers Drau and Rienz on the Toblacher Sattel, you ride alongside the Drau through South Tyrol and on to East Tyrol and the town of Lienz. The impressive mountains of the Dolomites line the route.

Day 3: Oberdrauburg/Kötschach Mauthen – Feistritz an der Gail (approx. 65 km)

After a short transfer to the Gailberg Pass (350 m difference in altitude / 6 km) you then descend to Kötschach-Mauthen. On the bike path of the Gail Valley you cycle comfortably past Hermagor. Before you reach Feistritz Lake Pressegg will invite all epicures to a relaxing break.

Day 4: Feistritz an der Gail – Bled (approx. 55 - 65 km)

Along your way you reach the Italian border and then carry on the cycle path. Now you leave Italy and travel on to Slovenia, past the famous ski area of Kranjska Gora, the bike path passes through the wonderful, and mostly unknown, countryside of Slovenia. You spend the night at the romantic Lake Bled.

Day 5: Bled – Cividale del Friuli (approx. 50 km)

After the transfer over the pass, you encounter the Soca Valley, which is well known to all canoeists and adventure sportsmen. In Kobarid you will get an inside into the battles of the 1st World War. In the evening you taste the excellent cuisine and the wonderful wines of this region. The historical town of Cividale with its many cultures is well worth taking a closer look at.

Day 6: Cividale del Friuli – Gradisca d’Isonzo (approx. 35 km – longer variant trough Udine ca. 63 km)

On the way through the Collio Goriziano, centre of the Friuli wine growing region, there are many wine cellars to stop at and taste the excellent wines. After tackling a few hills, you come to Gradisca, where you spend the night. There is a possibility to choose a longer variant passing at Udine, probably the most important town in the Friuli region, which is well worth a substantial visit.

Day 7: Gradisca d’Isonzo – Trieste (approx. 40 km)

The Karst accompanies you on your way to the Adriatic coast, and before you get to the former Habsburg port of Trieste, it is well worth stopping to look at Castle Duino and Miramare.

Day 8: Departure

Individual departure or possibility to extend your stay.

STARTING DATES 2018

ARRIVAL	Saturday 09/06/2018 Saturday 15/09/2018
MINIMUM PARTICIPANTS	6 persons



GENERAL INFORMATION

- Classification of the cycle-tour: Guided tour
- Duration: 8 days | 7 nights
- Distance: approx. 314-352 km
- Starting point: Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco
- Accommodation in hotels and inns - 3*** and partly 4****star category | Attention: Tourist tax – if requested – has to be paid on the spot.
- Parking: Free unattended parking facilities for the duration of the bicycle tour at a nearby public parking area
- Transfer: **Triest > Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco** | every Saturday (in June, July and August also on Tuesday) | € 69.00 p. p. (bicycle included) | reservation and payment upon booking | minimum 2 persons
Alternative | SAF – Bus from Trieste (daily at approx. 06.40 a.m.) to San Candido/Innichen at the cost of approx. € 19.50 per person (no bicycle transport possible) | Timetable and details on www.autostazi-onetrieste.it.
- Rental bikes: 21-gear women's or men's bicycle
 7-gear unisex bicycle with back pedal
 Electro bike (unisex)
- Arrival:

By car | On the Brenner/Brennero motorway (A22) to Brixen/Bressanone - take the exit Vahrn/Varna, then through the valley Pustertal/Valle Pusteria (SS49) to Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco, depending on the location of your hotel or | Drive along the Felbertauernstraße to Lienz in Eastern Tyrol (Austria) and then further into Italy through the valley Pustertal/Valle Pusteria to Toblach/Dobbiaco or Niederdorf/Villabassa, depending on the location of your hotel.

By train | Take the train from Innsbruck over the Brenner/Brennero to Fortezza/Franzensfeste | Change the train to the valley Pustertal/Valle Pusteria - Lienz | and get off either at Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco depending on the location of your hotel | Timetable available on: www.deutschebahn.de; www.oebb.at; www.trenitalia.com

By plane | Low cost flights are available to "Sant' Angelo - Antonio Canova" airport in Treviso, to "Marco Polo" airport in Venice, "Ronchi dei Legionari" in Trieste or Innsbruck | Upon request, we organise transfers from the airport to the starting point of the cycle tour.

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Accommodation in hotels - 3*** and partly 4****star category
- Bike guide (languages: German, English)
- Dinner
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- Personal tour information
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Transfer by minibus from Oberdrauburg to the Gailberg Pass
- Transfer by train Bled to Most na Soci
- Well planned routes
- Telephone service hotline for during the entire tour

NON INCLUDED SERVICES

- Arrival to the starting point of the tour
- Departure at the end of the tour
- Drinks and all extras
- Lunch
- Not mentioned entries
- Rental bikes
- Travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under the item „Included services“



PRICES 2018

GUIDED TOUR

Package price per person in a double room with half-board	€ 1.129.00
Single room surcharge per person	€ 149.00

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Rental bike € 75.00 Electro bike € 165.00

EXTRA NIGHTS in Villabassa/Dobbiaco (Hotel 3*-category)

Per person and night in a double room with breakfast	€ 53.50
Surcharge single room per night	€ 12.00

EXTRA NIGHTS in Trieste (Hotel 4*-category)

Per person and night in a double room with breakfast	€ 69.00
Surcharge single room per night	€ 35.00