



THE VALLEY OF HOCHPUSTERTAL AT THE FOOT OF THE DOLOMITES

self-guided tour
7 days / nights

   approx. 161 - 203 km



DESCRIPTION

At the foot of the Dolomites you cycle without meeting steep inclines, along well built valley cycle paths, among which are also the classic Dobbiaco – Lienz and the “Drava/Drau bicycle path”. The Lake Toblacher See, the view to the Drei Zinnen (Three Peaks), as well as typical towns valleys will stay in your memory for a long time...

From your hotel in Hochpustertal you leave every day for your bicycle tour. The programme gives you space for an individual organisation of the stages and guarantees fun for all cyclists, equal if athletic ambitious or “pleasure-seeking”. The bicycle tour leads you into side valleys of Hochpustertal to Sesto and Casies and on the old Dolomites railway track from Cortina d’Ampezzo to Dobbiaco.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE

Ideal for families; it runs consistently on valley cycle paths without steep inclines. On the most days there is the possibility to choose independently the desired length of route and to adapt according to this the transfer by minibus or train. In addition for convenience you can take a day of rest. There are more demanding routes for experienced bikers. The overnight stay is intended always in the same hotel in Hochpustertal (Villabassa/Niederdorf or Toblach/Dobbiaco).

A DAY BY DAY ACCOUNT OF THE ROUTE

DAY 1: Arrival in Hochpustertal (Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco)

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

DAY 2: Along the Pustertal cycle path and the river Rienz: Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco – Bruneck/Brunico (approx. 25 - 30 km to Bruneck or 55 - 60 km if going to Sand in Taufers/Campo Tures)

Starting from the highest point in Dobbiaco/Villabassa the cycle path is wriggling along the river „Rienz“ through the villages of the valley to Brunico. Visit castle Bruneck with its Messner Mountain Museum or the open-air museum of Dietenheim. Ambitious cyclists have the possibility to continue the cycling path to the valley Tauferer Ahrntal and to visit castle Taufers. Return transfer from Brunico to your hotel in the afternoon.

DAY 3: The Sexten Valley: From the Sexten Dolomites to Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco (approx. 21 – 26 km)

Option: Sexten – Innichberg – Niederdorf/Toblach (approx. 33 – 38 km)

After a transfer to the valley Fischleintal, the starting point of today's stage, you go on by bike. From aloft some famous peaks of the Dolomites are greeting while you stroll through the Sexten Valley. Out of the Valley you cycle to San Candido (famous Romanic dome!). After refreshment at the source of the river Drau/Drava you return to the hotel.

There is also an option for our ambitious and sporty bikers: Cycle back to the hotel via the Innichberg.

DAY 4: Drava/Drau bicycle path: the classic Toblach/Dobbiaco–Lienz (approx. 50 - 55 km, consistent slightly downwards)

You leave Dobbiaco or Villabassa and arrive to San Candido, before you overstep the nearby Italian-Austrian border right after Prato Drava. Suavely you cycle to Lienz, which is located on the confluence of Isel and Drava. Worth seeing are the Historic Centre and the castle Schloss Bruck. Return transfer to your hotel on the afternoon.

DAY 5: Cycling path along the Dolomites railway track: Cortina d'Ampezzo - Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco (approx. 30-35 km)

Shuttle transport to Cortina. On the unique road, with - especially for cyclists - illuminated tunnels of the erstwhile track, the path leads you from Cortina d'Ampezzo to Cimabanche, the highest point of the tour. Following the cycle path you pass lake Dürrensee, don't forget to look over your shoulder and enjoy the view of the massif of Cristallo. Shortly afterwards you will see the world famous Drei Zinnen. Passing by lake Toblachersee you reach your hotel in Dobbiaco/Villabassa. Ambitious bikers can cycle both ways instead of taking the shuttle in the morning (approx. 60-70 km).

DAY 6: From Gsies Valley to Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco (approx. 25-30 km)

After the breakfast transfer to the starting point of the tour in the Gsies Valley. This valley is characterised by traditional farms and a big calmness and tranquillity... In Monguelfo there is the possibility to visit the castle or you have a break in Villabassa for searching refreshment in the Kneipp facility.

DAY 7: Departure

Individual departure or possibility to extend your stay.

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

- **Classification of the cycle-tour:** Self-guided tour
- **Duration:** 7 days / 6 nights
- **Distance:** Approx. 161 - 203 km
- **Starting point:** Hochpustertal (Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco)

- **Arrival:**

By car: on the Brenner/Brennero motorway (A22) to Brixen/Bressanone – take the exit “Brixen-Pustertal”, 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 Franzensfeste/Forтеzza. 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 Treviso, Venice Marco Polo, Trieste Ronchi dei Legionari and Innsbruck. We can organise your airport transfer to the first hotel (on request and not included in the price).

Shuttle transfer every Saturday (in June, July and August also on Wednesday) from Venice mainland/Mestre to Hochpustertal (Toblach/Dobbiaco or Niederdorf/Villabassa)- € 65.00 per person (bicycle included – reservation and payment upon booking). Minimum 2 persons.

- **Accommodation:** Accommodation in hotel, 3***S or 4**** category
Attention: Tourist tax – if requested – has to be paid on the spot.
- **Parking:** Free and unguarded parking facilities for the duration of the bicycle tour at a nearby public parking area.
- **Rental bikes:**
 - 21-gears women’s or men’s bicycle
 - 7-gears UNISEX bicycle with back pedal
 - E-bike (unisex bike, 500 W battery)

INCLUDED SERVICES; SELF-GUIDED TOUR:

- Accommodation in hotel, 3***S or 4**** category in Villabassa or Dobbiaco
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- 3 course evening meal
- Personal tour information
- All transfers according to the programme, before or after the daily tour (may vary depending on arrival day)
- Well planned routes
- Detailed documents (maps, route description, places to visit, important telephone numbers)
- 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
- Not mentioned entries
- Rental bikes and Travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under the item „Included services“

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STARTING DATES 2019

ARRIVAL

arrival daily
25/05/2019 (first available date) to 21/09/2019 (last available date).

PRICES 2019

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Package price per person in a double room incl. half board, season A*	€ 699.00
Package price per person in a double room incl. half board, season B**	€ 799.00
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 115.00

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Rental bike € 75.00

E-bike € 165.00

Rental GPS by Garmin € 25.00

EXTRA NIGHTS IN VILLABASSA/DOBBIACO (HOTEL 3***-CATEGORY)

Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast in April/May/October	€ 49.00
Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast in June/from 18th August/September	€ 55.00
Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast in July, until 2nd August (incl.)	€ 69.00
Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast from 3rd – 17th August (incl.)	€ 74.00
Surcharge single room, per night	€ 14.00

EXTRA NIGHTS IN VILLABASSA/DOBBIACO (HOTEL 4****-CATEGORY)

Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast in April/May/October	€ 72.00
Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast in June/from 18th August/September	€ 87.00
Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast in July, until 2nd August (incl.)	€ 97.00
Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast from 3rd – 17th August (incl.)	€ 117.00
Surcharge single room, per night	€ 17.00

*Season A: from 25/05/2019 to 07/07/2019 (incl.) and from 25/08/2019 to 21/09/2019 (incl.)

**Season B: from 08/07/2019 to 24/08/2019 (incl.)

We suggest travel insurance.