



ON THE ETSCH CYCLE PATH AND ON THE ANTIQUE VIA CLAUDIA AUGUSTA

self-guided tour
5 days / 4 nights



approx. 125 km



DESCRIPTION

In the west of South Tyrol, the Val Venosta valley stretches from Naturno near Merano to the Passo Resia. Apple orchards and apricot trees on the one side, rough mountain peaks and glaciers on the other side. Val Venosta's most famous inhabitant, Ötzi, lived 5300 years ago, his body was preserved by the ice in the spot where he died, in val Senales. You cycle over the Via Claudia Augusta and partial over the Etsch cycle path to the capital city Bozen.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE

This tour is an easy tour for everyone, where you cross castles, ruins and antique cities. On this tour you have the possibility to take the Vinschgerbahn along the route.

A DAY BY DAY ACCOUNT OF THE ROUTE

DAY 1: Arrival at Bozen/Bolzano

Individual arrival at the hotel in the capital city Bolzano. Bolzano itself has much to offer, the arcades, the lawns by the river, a visit to the Ice Man in the Archaeological Museum or sitting and drinking a coffee in one of the many cafes in the town

DAY 2: Bozen/Bolzano - Mals/Malles- Schlanders/Silandro (approx. 50 km)

At the beginning of your tour, you will cycle through the vast plains of the valley Valdenievole, which is characterized by a lot of agriculture. You will continue through the first Tuscan villages, through olive groves to Vinci, the birthplace of Leonardo. We recommend visiting the museum in the castle since it is home to one of the largest and most original collections of machines and models of the inventor. Then, you will take quiet roads back to Montecatini Terme.

DAY 3: Schlanders/Silandro - Meran/Merano (approx. 40 km)

You follow the Etsch cycle path where you cycle towards Merano. You carry on through the orchards to Laces, Naturno and then to Merano. The Mediterranean climate, that Empress Sissi once favoured, will surprise you. Blossoming parks and promenades, exotic plants, picturesque arcades, and the many Art Nouveau buildings give the town its special charm and flair. While in Merano, don't forget to visit the Botanical Gardens at Schloss Trauttmansdorff.

DAY 4: Meran/Merano - Bozen/Bolzano (approx. 35 km)

Today you can follow the Etsch cycle path alongside the River Etsch or you can follow the Wine Road through the orchards. The famous South Tyrolean apples come from this area. From here you carry on to Lana, Nalles and then to Terlano, which is worth visiting. The oldest winery in South Tyrol which is situated in Andriano lies on the way.

DAY 5: Departure

Individual departure or possibility to extend your stay.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- **Classification of the cycle-tour:** Self-guided tour
- **Duration:** 5 days / 4 nights
- **Distance:** Approx. 125 km
- **Starting point:** Bozen
- **Arrival:**

By car: on the Brenner/Brennero motorway (A22) to Bolzano or over the Felbertauernstraße to Lienz in Eastern Tyrol (Austria) and then further through the valley Pustertal/Val Pusteria on the SS49 and over the Brenner/ Brennero motorway (A22) to Bolzano.

By train: take a train from Innsbruck - Brenner or over Eastern Tyrol (Austria) - the valley Pustertal/Val Pusteria to Bolzano. Timetable available on: www.deutschebahn.de; www.oebb.at; www.trenitalia.com

By plane: nearest airports are Bolzano airport, Innsbruck airport (approx. 83 km), Verona Villafranca airport (approx. 191 km), Treviso airport (approx. 228 km), Venice Marco Polo airport (approx. 313 km).
- **Accommodation:** Hotels or guesthouses 3*** category.
Tourist tax – if requested – has to be paid on the spot.
- **Parking:** Parking facilities at the hotel of your arrival or at a nearby public parking area, approx. € 15.00 per day. Reservation of the parking area/parking garage not possible; payable on the spot.
- **Rental bikes:**

21-gear women's or men's bicycle
7-gear unisex bicycle with back pedal
Electro bike (unisex bike, on request - limited availability)

INCLUDED SERVICES; SELF-GUIDED TOUR:

- Accommodation in 3*** hotels
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- Train journey from Bozen/Bolzano to Mals/Malles
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Well planned routes
- Detailed documents (maps, route description, local attractions, places of interest, important telephone numbers)
- 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, tourist tax and all extras
- Lunch, Dinner (if not booked half board)
- Not mentioned entries
- Rental bikes and Travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under the item „Included services“

STARTING DATES 2019

ARRIVAL	every day from 14/04/2019 to 29/09/2019
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PRICES 2019

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 385,00
Surcharge single room per night	€ 75,00
Surcharge half board	€ 85,00

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Rental bike € 49,00

E-bike € 109,00

EXTRA NIGHTS IN BOZEN (HOTEL 3***)

Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast	on request
Surcharge single room per night	on request