



ON THE OLD RAILWAY TRAILS FROM ITALY THROUGH SLOVENIA TO CROATIA

self-guided tour
5 days / 4 nights

approx. 135 km



DESCRIPTION

The Italian port Trieste has approx. 205.000 inhabitants and is the capital town of the autonomous region Friuli-Venezia Giulia. As most important harbour of the Austrian-Hungarian Empire it became a centre of navigation and marine science. Due to the sub-Mediterranean climate the summers are usually very hot and dry, the winters mild and rich in rain. As starting point for your cycling tour Trieste has a very convenient position. After a few kilometres you leave the harbour city and follow the former railway trail in direction of Slovenia. You leave Italy behind and you reach the „port of roses“, Portorož. You will find some preserved buildings from the ages of Monarchs. Soon you continue cycling to Croatia, land of the red soil. The Adriatic Sea invites you for a bath; the pedestrian area of the historic centre of Porec awaits you.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE

The cycling tour from Trieste to Porec on the former railway trails runs on the Italian and Slovenian sides mostly on asphalted cycling paths, in Croatia partly on gravel roads.

We recommend a Mountain Bike.

The tour is suitable for children over 14 years.

A DAY BY DAY ACCOUNT OF THE ROUTE

DAY 1: Arrival to Trieste

Individual arrival to Trieste.

DAY 2: Trieste – Piran/Portoroz (approx. 45 km)

Your tour begins where the train along the Parenzana started: at the train station of Trieste. Built in 1906 you will admire the typical architecture of the Austrian-Hungarian age. You leave Trieste, cross the border, pass woods and meadows and will learn the beauties of Istria. At the end of the stage you will cycle on a long descent with a marvellous view over Piran.

DAY 3: Piran/Portoroz – Livade/Motovun (approx. 55 km)

The spa town of Piran shines even today with its well-preserved hotel architectures, which were then very rare to find. You will leave Piran and continue cycling on the traces of the former railway trails. Istria's hinterland will offer you the geometrical Secovlje salt flats – today with an access to a Nature Park: The Secovlje Salina Nature Park. The cycling path will lead you amongst untouched nature. Your second stage ends in Motovun or Livade – famous for its truffle and olive oil.

DAY 4: Livade/Motovun – Porec (approx. 35 km)

On today's stage you probably will explore the centrepiece of the Parenzana railway. Through lots of tunnels and viaducts, which have been built in the end of 19th century, your journey leads you in direction Adriatic Sea. On gravel roads you pass rural areas, vineyards and red soil. Reached the end of your tour you won't find any hint regarding the Parenzana railway anymore neither a train station nor a sign refer to this beautiful railway trail.

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. 135 km
- **Starting point:** Trieste
- **Arrival:**
By car: Over the Tauern motorway to Villach and over the border crossing Arnoldstein to Udine and Trieste.
By train: Over Salzburg and Villach to Trieste (Trieste centrale). Timetable available on: www.deutschebahn.de, www.oebb.at, www.trenitalia.com.
By plane: Low cost flights to the airport Ronchi dei Legionari or Pula. Good connections by bus to Trieste (airport shuttle or train – timetables on www.trenitalia.com) from airport Ronchi dei Legionari.
- **Accommodation:** Chosen hotels of 3*** and/or 4**** category.
Attention: Tourist tax – if requested – has to be paid on the spot.
- **Parking:** In Trieste you will find a lot of public garages; no booking possible; to be paid on the spot.
- **Transfer:** Every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday transfer by minibus from Porec to Trieste at a rate of € 45.00 per person (bicycle included) – to be booked and paid in advance. Minimum 2 persons.
- **Rental bikes:**
MTB TOP

INCLUDED SERVICES; SELF-GUIDED TOUR:

- Accommodation in hotels - 3*** and/or 4**** category
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- Personal tour information
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- 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, Dinner
- Not mentioned entries
- Rental bikes and Travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under the item „Included services“

STARTING DATES 2019

ARRIVAL	every Wednesday and Saturday 10/04/2019 (first available start) to 12/10/2019 (last available start)
NO DEPARTURE POSSIBLE	03/08/2019 to 24/08/2019 (incl.)
NON SCHEDULE ARRIVAL DATES	minimum of 5 persons upon request!

PRICES 2019

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 389.00
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 90.00
High season* surcharge, per person	€ 48,00

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Rental Mountain Bike TOP	€ 120.00
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EXTRA NIGHTS IN TRIESTE (HOTEL 4****- CATEGORY)

Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 74.00
Surcharge single room, per night	€ 35.00

EXTRA NIGHTS IN POREC (HOTEL 3***- CATEGORY)

Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 65.00
Surcharge single room, per night	€ 35.00

EXTRA NIGHTS IN POREC (HOTEL 4****- CATEGORY)

Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 79.00
Surcharge single room, per night	€ 35.00

*High season: arrival dates from 22/06/2019 to 07/09/2019 (incl.)
We suggest travel insurance.