



FROM VILLACH TO VENICE

self-guided tour
8 days / 7 nights

approx. 345 to 380 km



DESCRIPTION

Starting point of this bicycle holiday is Villach, located on the border of the Klagenfurt-basin, where the rivers Drau and Gail flow together. Soon you have to say goodbye to Austria, before the bicycle tour continues in Italy. The region Friuli-Venezia Giulia offers not only scenic variety, but also invites to a foray through the cultural variety of the region. This mixture of the cultures reflects itself also in the cuisine: Alpine-Austrian, Slovenian and Venetian influences characterise the gastronomic offer of the region. Moving on from the peaks of the Carnic Alps you cycle on the south side of the Alps approaching the sea, ahead of you the coast of the Adria where the miles long sand beaches are extending.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE

The tour from Villach to Venice is an easy tour. It goes along bike paths or very quiet side roads, through small villages and picturesque landscapes.

The tour is suitable for children from the age of 16.

A DAY BY DAY ACCOUNT OF THE ROUTE

DAY 1: Arrival at Villach

Individual arrival at the starting-hotel in Villach. Parking place close to the hotel available.

DAY 2: Villach – Tarvisio/Camporosso (approx. 35 - 40 km)

Following the river Gail you leave Villach behind and shortly after you say goodbye to Austria and welcome Italy. In the three-nation triangle of Italy-Austria-Slovenia the Kanaltal is extending, whose centre constitutes the Italian border town of Tarvisio. Here Austrians, Slovenes, Friulians and Italians have been living together since hundreds of years and all the three big European language families – german, roman and slavic –join there.

DAY 3: Tarvisio/Camporosso – Moggio Udinese/Tolmezzo (approx. 45 - 65 km)

Tarvisio, a small city – surrounded by wide valleys and woods – with its modern look and ancient soul, full of traditions, is your starting point of today's cycle tour. It is not only one of the most important mountain resorts of Friuli-Venezia Giulia, but it is also a winter area of this region. Continuing through the Kanaltal you can admire the beauties of the Friuli-Alps-Region with an intact, unspoilt nature and vast, intact forests.

DAY 4: Moggio Udinese/Tolmezzo – Udine (approx. 60 - 70 km)

The little city of Gemona del Friuli which is located on the southern exit of the Kanaltal and on the foothills of the Julian Alps is one of the most beautiful historic towns of Friuli-Venezia Giulia. The view of the place is characterised by the majestic dome "Santa Maria Assunta" which is surely worth seeing. The wine defines today's stage. Hills filled with grape-vines line your way and invite you to taste some drops. Udine - the city affected by Venetian ascendancies – radiates silence and thoughtfulness; over a cup of coffee on the "Piazza" or during a stroll in the inner city you can admire the great buildings of the late-gothic and Renaissance.

DAY 5: Udine – Latisana (approx. 75 km)

From Udine you pass through idyllic lowlands and the small city Palmanova. Palmanova is a masterpiece of Venetian military architecture, a fortress town designed and built to defend the regional borders. The town plan is based on a unique model, a perfectly symmetrical nine-pointed star, with a central piazza - well worth a visit.

DAY 6: Latisana – Jesolo (approx. 80 km)

On this route you will cross the Tagliamento River, which divides the region Friuli - Venezia Giulia in two parts. This river is one of the last naturally flowing rivers in the Alps. You leave the Julian Alps behind you and cycle towards the sea.

DAY 7: Jesolo – Venice mainland/Mestre (approx. 50 km)

Following the River Sile, you cycle along the lagoon towards the Adriatic Sea straight to Venice (mainland) where the impressive "Serenissima" can be admired.

DAY 8: Departure

Individual departure or possibility to extend your stay.

OPTIONS WITH ARRIVAL AT SPITTAL AN DER DRAU

DAY 1: Arrival at Spittal a. d. Drau

Individual arrival at the hotel in Spittal a. d. Drau. Parking place available close to the hotel.

DAY 2: Spittal a. d. Drau – Feistritz an der Gail (approx. 70 km)

You cycle along the Drautal cycle path from Spittal a. d. Drau to Villach and then continue on the R3 to Feistritz an der Gail. You can shorten the route by going from Villach to Arnoldstein or to Nötsch by train (train ticket not included). From Nötsch it is then still about 2.5 km to Feistritz an der Gail.

DAY 3: Feistritz an der Gail – Moggio Udinese/Tolmezzo/Venzone (approx. 70 km)

You start on cycle path R3 until Draschitz and turn right towards Thörl/Maglern, then you will join the official Alpe Adria cycle path again.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- **Classification of the cycle-tour:** Self-guided tour
- **Duration:** 8 days / 7 nights
- **Distance:** Approx. 345 - 380 km
- **Starting point:** Villach
- **Arrival:**
By car: Villach is easily accessible on the motorways A2, A10 or A11 (depending on the point of origin).
By train: Good train connections to Villach. Timetable available on: www.deutschebahn.de, www.oebb.at, www.trenitalia.com.
By plane: Airport Klagenfurt, Salzburg or Ljubljana. From all three places, there are good train connections or to Villach.
- **Accommodation:** Accommodation in guesthouses and hotels - 3*** and/or 4**** category
Attention: Tourist tax – if requested – has to be paid on the spot.
- **Parking:** Depending on the first hotel unattended parking facilities are available, either directly at your hotel or nearby (for the entire tour nights). Public parking garage at the cost of approx. € 35.00 per week. Reservation of the parking area/parking garage not possible; payable on the spot.
- **Transfer:** Return transfer from Venice mainland/Mestre to Villach by shuttle bus every Saturday at a price of € 59.00 (bicycle included – reservation and payment upon booking). Minimum 2 persons.
The price for the transfer from Venice mainland/Mestre to Spittal a. d. Drau is € 69.00 per person (bicycle included – reservation and payment upon booking). Minimum 2 persons.
- **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 guesthouses and 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 Saturday 27/04/2019 (first available date) to 28/09/2019 (last available date).
VARIANT	Arrival date from 31/08/2019 to 07/09/2019 (incl.) only possible with arrival in Spittal a. d. Drau – the first two stages are subject to change.
NO DEPARTURE POSSIBLE	no start possible between Saturday, 28/07/2019 and 23/08/2019 (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 – arrival day 27/04/2019 and 28/09/2019	€ 569.00
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 669.00
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 119.00
High season* surcharge, per person	€ 59.00

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Rental bike € 75.00

E-bike € 165.00

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

Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 59.00
Surcharge single room, per night	€ 17.00

EXTRA NIGHTS IN VENICE MAINLAND/MESTRE (HOTEL 4****-CATEGORY)

Per person and night, double room incl. breakfast	€ 61.00
Single room surcharge per person and night, with breakfast	€ 23.00

*High season: arrival dates from 08/06/2019 to 07/09/2019 (incl.)
We suggest travel insurance.