



CHESTNUT WALK AND WINE ROUTE

self-guided tour
7 days / 6 nights
Variant: 8 days / 7 nights



DESCRIPTION

The first part of the walk goes along the Chestnut Path (Keschtnweg) before presenting you a vista of the beautiful plateau south of the Dolomites above Bolzano. You pass close to the village of Renon, the “in” summer place for the rich from the capital city’s residents. Vineyards and orchards line the way on the hike through one of the most beautiful areas located in the centre of the South Tyrolean wine region. Lake Kalterer See, the most famous lake in South Tyrol, is a further highlight on this route. Castles, palaces and manor houses emboss the landscape of the South Tyrolean Wine Route where numerous wineries avail a tasting of superb wines. The excellent cuisine and the amazing panorama create an unforgettable experience.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE

This hike runs along well-marked paths around meadows and through forests. The Dolomites are always in view and the paths offer no element of danger. You can use public transport on some of the routes to shorten the journey.

The tour is suitable for children from the age of 12.

A DAY BY DAY ACCOUNT OF THE ROUTE

DAY 1: Arrival in Brixen/Bressanone

Individual arrival at the hotel in Bressanone.

DAY 2: Brixen/Bressanone – Klausen/Chiusa; ascent approx. 625 m, descent approx. 700 m / approx. 5 hours

From Bressanone you hike up to the Pfeffersberg. You pass small hamlets and mountain farms on your way along the plateau. To the south you have a wonderful view on the Dolomite summits. You reach Velturmo and carry on to cloister Säben, the acropolis of South Tyrol, before arriving in the small town of Chiusa. Brief tour information will be held in the evening in Chiusa.

DAY 3: Klausen/Chiusa – Ritten/Renon – Bozen/Bolzano; ascent approx. 675 m, descent approx. 275 m / approx. 6 hours

After a short transfer by bus to Barbiano, you reach Renon, a wonderful plateau above the Eisacktal valley with impressive view of the Dolomites and the Schlern. After passing the Earth Pyramids, you can enjoy an afternoon trip with the Renon's cable car which brings you from Soprabolzano back down to Bolzano. In the evening, you can discover this European city, a place where the Italian and South Tyrolean cultures are closely entwined. To shorten the route you can take Renon's cable car from Collalbo to Soprabolzano.

DAY 4: Bozen/Bolzano – Lake Kalterer See/village; ascent approx. 550 m, descent approx. 350 m / approx. 6-7 hours

The sunny south of South Tyrol is awaiting you! Today you will discover the area around South Tyrol's most famous lake, Kalterer See, a renowned wine growing region. But here, it is not only the vineyards that impress, but also the numerous castles, manor houses, churches and farms. A must for every wine lover is a visit to the South Tyrolean wine museum in Caldaro, which gives an insight into the history of South Tyrolean wines. The way from the lake Kalterer See to the village can be shortened by using the bus.

DAY 5: Lake Kalterer See/village – Tramin/Termenò – Lake Kalterer See/village; ascent approx. 500 m, descent approx. 500 m / approx. 6-7 hours

The South Tyrolean wine route: a tip for every wine lover and connoisseur. Picturesque vineyards and fascinating landscapes are accompanying you on your way. Enjoy the wonderful view from "Altenburg" over all the vineyards. The most famous wineries of the region and many of the well-known wine producers are found in this area. The way from the lake Kalterer See to the village can be shortened by using the bus.

DAY 6: Lake Kalterer See/village – Lana – Meran/Merano; ascent approx. 325 m, descent approx. 325 m / approx. 6-7 hours

After breakfast transfer to Lana. Shortly after Lana the hiking route continues along the famous Marlinger Waale – the longest irrigation ditch in South Tyrol. These irrigation ditches known as 'Waale' were constructed hundreds of years ago to supply dry corridors with water. These ditches nowadays are used for hiking and walking. The route continues below Schloss Tyrol along the famous Tappeiner Weg towards Merano. The Empress Sissi knew how to appreciate the mild climate. Inviting centuries old Arbours and superb parks add to the completion of a perfect day.

DAY 7: Departure

Individual departure or possibility to extend your stay.

VARIANT 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS:

DAY 1: Arrival in Brixen/Bressanone

Individual arrival at the hotel in Bressanone. Have a look round the fascinating lanes of the town; see the cathedral and the Bishop's Castle Residence.

DAY 2: Brixen/Bressanone – Neustift/Novacella – Vahrner See – Brixen/Bressanone, ascent approx. 375 m, descent approx. 375 m / approx. 5-6 hours

From Bressanone you hike along the river Eisack to the Abbey of Novacella. The order of St. Augustine invites you for a visit. Further your hiking day will take you to lake Vahrner See. The chestnut walk will lead you back to Bressanone.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- **Classification of the tour:** Self-guided tour
- **Duration:** 7 days / 6 nights or variant 8 days / 7 nights
- **Starting point:** Brixen/Bressanone
- **Arrival:**
 - By car: On the Brenner/Brennero motorway (A22) to Brixen/Bressanone or over the Felbertauernstraße to Lienz in Eastern Tyrol (Austria) and then further on through the valley Pustertal/Val Pusteria on the SS49 to Brixen/Bressanone.
 - By train: Take a train from Innsbruck to Brixen/Bressanone. Arriving from the south over Verona and Bozen/Bolzano to Brixen/Bressanone. Arriving from east over Lienz to Brixen/Bressanone. Timetable available on: www.deutschebahn.de, www.oebb.at, www.trenitalia.com.
 - By plane: Nearest airports are Innsbruck airport (approx. 83 km), Verona Villafranca airport (approx. 191 km), Treviso airport (approx. 228 km), Venice Marco Polo airport (approx. 313 km).
- **Accommodation:** Guesthouses or hotels 3*** or 4**** category
Attention: Tourist tax – if requested – has to be paid on the spot.
- **Parking:** Parking facilities at Brixen/Bressanone at the hotel of your arrival: Hotel garage: approx. € 55.00/week; € 10.50/day. Parking place Residence Gasser: approx. € 35.00/week; Reservation not possible; to be paid directly in the hotel.
- **Alternativ:** Good train-connections on the main line Meran-Bozen-Brixen/Merano-Bolzano-Bressanone. Timetable on: www.trenitalia.com, www.sii.bz.it. Price per person: approx. € 10.00 – 12.00

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Accommodation in guesthouses or hotels 3*** or 4**** category
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- If you have booked half board: minimum of 3 course dinner
- Personal tour information in Klausen
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Tickets for transfers according to the program
- 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 (if not booked)
- Not mentioned entries
- Travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under the item „Included services“

STARTING DATES 2020

ARRIVAL	every Sunday 19/04/2020 (first available date) to 11/10/2020 (last available date)
VARIANT 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS	8 days/ 7 nights: every Saturday from 18/04/2020 (first available date) to 10/10/2020 (last available date)
NON SCHEDULE ARRIVAL DATES	minimum of 5 persons upon request!

PRICES 2020

SELF-GUIDED TOUR - 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS

Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast arrival date on 19/04/2020	€ 559.00
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 669.00
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 125.00
Surcharge half board per person	€ 139.00
High season* surcharge, per person	€ 59.00

SELF-GUIDED TOUR - 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast arrival date on 18/04/2020	€ 619.00
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 729.00
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 139.00
Surcharge half board per person	€ 149.00
High season* surcharge, per person	€ 69.00

EXTRA NIGHTS IN BRESSANONE

Per person and night in a double room, incl. breakfast	€ 69.00
Single room surcharge, per night	€ 15.00

EXTRA NIGHTS IN MERANO

Per person and night in a double room, incl. breakfast	€ 79.00
Single room surcharge, per night	€ 20.00
High season** surcharge Merano, per person	€ 10.00

*High season: arrival dates from 18/07/2020 to 11/10/2020 (incl.)

**High season: extra nights in Meran from 18/07/2020 to 11/10/2020 (incl.)

We suggest travel insurance.

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