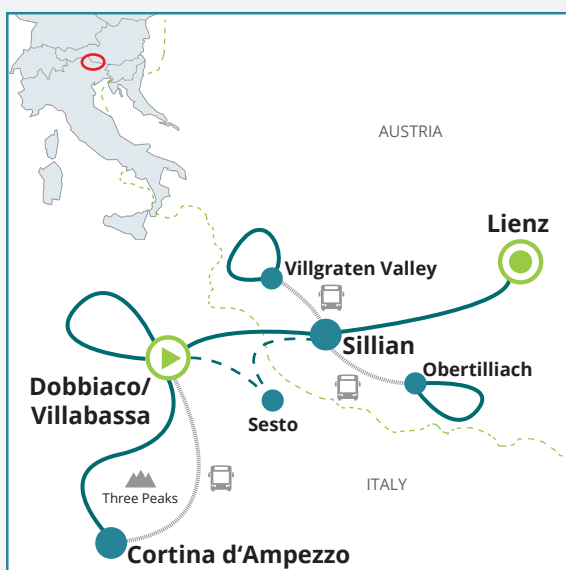


ON CROSS COUNTRY SKIS ACROSS THE BORDER FROM ITALY TO AUSTRIA

self-guided tour
7 days / 6 nights

   approx. 100-275 km



DESCRIPTION

Two countries, a unique winter paradise and perfectly groomed trails are the three main ingredients of this cross-border cross-country tour. The route leads from the glamorous winter sports resort of Cortina d'Ampezzo to the cross-country paradise around Dobbiaco and finally across the East Tyrolean border to the city of Lienz. In addition to sporting and scenic highlights, the region also knows how to enchant with culinary delights.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE

Basically an easy cross-country tour, in which the individual sections of the day can be extended or shortened as desired. This makes it ideal for both not experienced cross-country skiers and well-trained athletes.

A DAY BY DAY ACCOUNT OF THE ROUTE

DAY 1: Arrival in Alta Pusteria (Villabassa/Dobbiaco)

Individual arrival at the hotel in Dobbiaco/Villabassa. Free, unguarded public car park near the hotel.

DAY 2: Cortina d'Ampezzo – Alta Pusteria (approx. 15 - 65 km)

The day begins with a bus ride to Cortina d'Ampezzo, Queen of the Dolomites and host of the Olympic Winter Games in 1956. Exactly 70 years later, the Olympic Rings will return there. On the route of the former Dolomites railway you run over an old railway bridge and through several tunnels, past the world-famous Three Peaks and framed by an unforgettable panorama of the Dolomites back to the Nordic Arena in Dobbiaco, where the world's best cross-country skiers fight for World Cup points every year.

DAY 3: Circular tour Braies + Val Casies (approx. 20 - 65 km)

Today is all about exploring the various trails in the Alta Pusteria. Run across vast snow fields into the natural Braies Valley. Embedded between the rugged mountain peaks of the Dolomites is Lake Braies, a true jewel among the mountain lakes. Tireless cross-country skiers can even continue via Monguelfo into the sunny Val Casies. Quaint farms and hamlets line the path and numerous restaurants along the route invite you to stop for a refreshment.

DAY 5: Alta Pusteria – Sesto – Sillian (approx. 20 - 45 km)

First, the always well-groomed trails lead to San Candido, the cultural center of the Alta Pusteria. From there you can optionally ski along the Sesto river through the idyllic winter forest on a gentle incline all the way to Sesto. Otherwise, it goes directly over the borderland trail from South Tyrol to the Austrian East Tyrol. There is only a short climb before the state border, then the route runs on slightly hilly terrain through a partly forested area to Sillian.

DAY 5: Circular tour Obertilliach (trail net approx. 60 km) or Villgraten valley (trail net approx. 15 km)

The ski bus takes you today to the snow-covered Obertilliach in the Lesach valley. While the professionals are preparing for their upcoming competitions in the cross-country and biathlon center, you can enjoy the excellent snow conditions and cross-country ski runs in the surrounding meadows and forests and choose a suitable round from the extensive cross-country ski network.

Alternatively, there is also a cross-country tour in the nearby Villgratental. The focus here is on being close to nature, peace and silence. Anyone who likes things a little slower, more comfortable and more enjoyable is in good hands here.

DAY 6: Sillian – Lienz (approx. 30 - 42 km)

The last section leads mostly slightly downhill from Sillian along the Drava to Lienz, the longstanding host for the traditional „Dolomitenlauf“. If the snow conditions are particularly good, in addition to this section prepared with artificial snow, other loops are also groomed through the villages on the valley floor around Lienz. After a short stroll through the city of sunshine, you can end this cross-country skiing trip in an East Tyrolean inn with typical culinary delights.

DAY 7: Departure

Individual departure or possibility to extend your stay.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Classification of the tour:** Self-guided tour
- **Duration:** 7 days / 6 nights
- **Distance:** approx. 100 - 275 km (depending on the choice of the individual day variants).
- **Starting point:** Alta Pusteria (Villabassa/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/Fortezza. 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 and Venice. We can organise transfers from the airport to the starting point of the cycle tour on request.
- **Transfer:** Transfer from Lienz to Alta Pusteria on Saturday for € 25.00 per person (min. 4 participants). Alternatively, there are also very good train connections, timetables on www.oebb.at;
- **Accommodation:** 3*** and/or 4****category (mostly with sauna and/or indoor pool)
Attention: The tourist tax (if requested) has to be paid on the spot.
- **Parking:** Free and unguarded parking facilities for the duration of the tour at a nearby public parking area.
- **Rental Equipment:** Skies (with NNN/Rottefella binding), poles and shoes on request, not included in the price.

STARTING DATES 2021

ARRIVAL	every Sunday 24/01/2021 (first available arrival day) until 21/02/2021 (last available arrival day)
MINIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	2 persons
NON SCHEDULE ARRIVAL DATES	minimum of 5 persons upon request!

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Accommodation in hotels - 3*** and 4**** category (mostly with sauna and/or indoor pool)
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- Dinner
- Personal tour information
- Dolomiti Nordic Ski Pass
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- 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
- Not mentioned entries
- Travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under „Included services“

PRICES 2021

SELF-GUIDED TOUR	
Package price per person in a double room with half board	€ 779,00
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 98,00
ADDITIONAL SERVICES	
Rental equipment (skies, poles, shoes)	on request
EXTRA NIGHTS IN VILLABASSA/DOBBIACO (HOTEL 3***- OR 4**** CATEGORY)	
Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast	on request
EXTRA NIGHTS IN LIENZ (HOTEL 3***- OR 4**** CATEGORY)	
Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast	on request