



ITALY - AUSTRIA - SLOVENIA

self-guided tour

8 days / 7 nights

Variant: Option with 2 nights in Bled instead of one night in Cividale del Friuli!

  →→ approx. 315 to 360 km



DESCRIPTION

Starting from the northeastern Dolomites, the first part of the route runs along the river Drau through the valley of the same name and then on through the Gailtal valley on leisurely cycle paths. After a short detour to the Italian border town of Tarvisio you cycle on to Slovenia. At the fairy-tale Lake Bled, you will be at the foot of the Julian Alps. After a transfer to the south side of the Alps, you will return to Italy in the region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia and in the famous wine region "Collio". The former capital of the Lombards, Cividale del Friuli, is worth a visit. Afterwards, a spectacular end to the cycle tour on the Adriatic awaits you. On the last day you cycle along the sea to the former Habsburg port of Trieste.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE

The tour to Trieste is a varied tour; the last two stages are a bit hilly.

The tour goes along bike paths or very quiet side roads, through small villages and picturesque landscape.

The tour is suitable for children over 14 years.

A DAY BY DAY ACCOUNT OF THE ROUTE

DAY 1: Arrival in Hochpustertal (Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco)

Individual arrival at the hotel in Hochpustertal. Free, unguarded public car park near the hotel.

DAY 2: Hochpustertal – Oberdrauburg/Kötschach Mauthen (approx. 70 - 75 km)

Starting at the watershed of the rivers Drau and Rienz on the Toblacher Sattel, you ride alongside the Drau through South Tyrol and on to East Tyrol and the town of Lienz. The impressive mountains of the Dolomites line the route.

DAY 3: Oberdrauburg/Kötschach Mauthen – Feistritz an der Gail (transfer to the Gailbergpass + approx. 65 km)

After a short transfer by minibus to the Gailbergpass (about 7 km / 350 m sea level difference), a comfortable descent to Kötschach-Mauthen awaits you. On the Gailtal cycle path at the foot of the Carnic Ridge you cycle comfortably past Hermagor. Before you reach your stage finish Feistritz an der Gail, the Pressegger See invites all gourmets to a relaxing break.

DAY 4: Feistritz an der Gail – Bled (approx. 55 - 65 km)

Along your way to Bled, you reach the Italian border and then continue on the cycle path. You travel past the famous ski area of Kranjska Gora, through the wonderful and mostly unknown countryside of Slovenia. It is also possible to shorten the trip by approx. 10 km using the train. You spend the night at the romantic Lake Bled. Instead of the next stage (Bled - Cividale) you can also choose to spend two nights in Bled (see amended route programme further down).

DAY 5: Bled – Cividale del Friuli (train ride + approx. 50 km)

After the transfer by train, you will reach the Soca valley, popular with canoeists and adventurers. In Kobarid you will get a historical review of the decisive battles of the First World War, which led to a preliminary decision. At the next stop especially the lovers of good food and wine will get their money's worth. At the end of the day, the historic city of Cividale del Friuli invites you on a tour, eg. the Devil's Bridge. Goths, Lombards and Franks have shaped this city.

DAY 6: Cividale del Friuli - Gradisca d'Isonzo (approx. 35 km – longer option through Udine approx. 65 km)

On the way through the Collio Goriziano, centre of the Friuli wine growing region, there are many wine cellars to stop at and taste the excellent wines. After tackling a few hills, you come to Gradisca d'Isonzo, where you spend the night.

There is a possibility to choose a longer tour option passing through Udine, probably the most important town in the Friuli region, which is well worth a visit.

DAY 7: Gradisca d'Isonzo – Trieste (approx. 40 km)

The karst accompanies you on the way to the Adriatic Sea and the castles Duino and Miramare invite you for a last visit before you enter the former Habsburg town of Trieste.

DAY 8: Departure

Individual departure or possibility to extend your stay.

VARIANT: OPTION WITH 2 NIGHTS IN BLEED INSTEAD OF 1 NIGHT IN CIVIDALE DEL FRIULI!

DAY 5: Bled

Enjoy one day off at the beautiful lake Bled situated in a picturesque environment, surrounded by mountains and forests.

DAY 6: Bled – Gorizia – Gradisca d’Isonzo (train ride + approx. 40 km)

After the transfer by train to the pass, you will reach the Soca valley, popular with canoeists and adventurers. The river accompanies you on the journey to the divided city of Gorizia. Cycling through the vineyards of the Collio you will reach Gradisca d’Isonzo, where you will spend the night.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- **Classification of the cycle-tour:** Self-guided tour
- **Duration:** 8 days / 7 nights
- **Distance:** Approx. 315 - 360 km
- **Starting point:** Hochpustertal (Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/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, Venice Marco Polo, Trieste Ronchi dei Legionari and Innsbruck.
- **Accommodation:**

Inns and hotels 3***, partly 4**** category
Attention: Tourist tax – if requested – has to be paid on the spot.
- **Parking:** Free and unguarded parking facilities for the duration of the bicycle tour at a nearby public parking area.
- **Transfer:** Return transfer every Saturday from Trieste to Hochpustertal (Toblach/Dobbiaco or Niederdorf/Villabassa) at a price of € 79.00 per person (bicycle included – reservation and payment upon booking).
- **Alternative:** SAF – Bus from Trieste (daily at approx. 06.40 a.m.) to San Candido/Innichen at the cost of approx. € 23.00 per person (no bicycle transport possible; duration: approximately 5 hours) – Timetable and details on www.autostazionetrieste.it.
- **Rental bikes:**

21-gears women’s or men’s bicycle
Rental bike TOP
E-bike (unisex bike, 500 W battery; range up to 100 km)

INCLUDED SERVICES; SELF-GUIDED TOUR:

- Accommodation in inns and hotels 3***, partly 4**** category
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- Personal tour information
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Transfer by minibus from Oberdrauburg to the Gailberg Pass
- Transfer by train from Bled to Most na Soci/Kanal ob Soci (option with 2 nights in Bled)
- 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 2021

ARRIVAL	every Saturday 01/05/2021 (first available date) to 02/10/2021 (last available date) Additionally every Friday from 11/06/2021 to 10/09/2021 (incl.)
VARIANT 2 nights in Bled	every Friday 11/06/2021 (first date) to 10/09/2021 (last available date)
NON SCHEDULE ARRIVAL DATES	minimum of 5 persons upon request!

PRICES 2021

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast arrival day 01/05/2021 and 02/10/2021 € 699.00

Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast € 769.00

Single room surcharge, per person € 179.00

High season* surcharge, per person € 69.00

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Rental bike € 79.00

Rental bike TOP € 119.00

E-bike € 169.00

EXTRA NIGHTS IN VILLABASSA/DOBBIACO

Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast in May/June/September/October € 59.00

Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast in July/August € 79.00

Single room surcharge, per night € 17.00

EXTRA NIGHTS IN TRIESTE

Per person and night, double room incl. breakfast € 79.00

Single room surcharge, per night € 35.00

*High season: arrival dates from 19/06/2021 to 12/09/2021 (incl.)

We suggest travel insurance.

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