

UCI Gran Fondo

2018 World Champs - Varese (Italy)



Lakes of Lombardia, Italy

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Varese: 2018 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships (Italy)!

Sierra Sports & Tours is pleased to present a specially designed package to assist athletes with their preparations for the UCI Gran Fondo Worlds. This tour itinerary includes professionally guided cycling routes, 2018 UCI Varese course reconnaissance, accommodation, airport transfers & logistical support.

Preparation is the key to a successful World Championship race and ex-professional Italian road cyclist Andrea Ferrigato will also accompany our tour group. 'Ferri' had 15 years in the pro peloton where he raced 8 x Giro d'Italia, 4 x Tour de France and amassed 19 pro victories including a Giro stage win. His local course knowledge and detail to attention when it comes to race planning will put you all in good stead.

For the Gran Fondo riders there will be opportunities to scout the course to assess the race defining ascents/descents meaning there will be excellent opportunities for important course reconnaissance and skills practise.

ITINERARY

DAY ONE – Wednesday 29 August 2018 – Milan, Italy

We will be available to meet you at Milan Malpensa Airport between 10-11am. From the airport we drive 45min to Varese located in the Lombardia lakes district. On arrival to our accommodation there will be time to set-up the bikes, provide an initial welcome/briefing and roll out for a 40km easy ride. For those riding in tomorrow's individual time trial there will also be time to scout the entire course.

Today's Ride: 40km cycling
Accommodation: Varese (Lombardia, Italy)
Meals: Dinner included

DAY TWO – Thursday 30 August 2018 – Individual Time Trial (ITT)

In the morning we will assist ITT competitors with race registration, UCI briefing and transfers to and from the start/finish chute. For road race participants our ride today will incorporate Km 0 to 50 from both the Medio and Gran Fondo courses. Within this section there are three important climbs with a total of 750m elevation gain. Depending on each athletes needs we will have the support van to be able to create 60km, 80km or 100km cycling options. For those who select the 100km route they will have ridden Km 0 to 90 on the Gran Fondo course. This evening we will visit Varese for all the Opening Ceremony entertainment!

Today's Ride: 60km, 80km & 100km cycling options
Accommodation: Varese (Lombardia, Italy)
Meals: Breakfast included

DAY THREE – Friday 31 August 2018 – Course Reconnaissance

This morning you can ride 20km to access the back section of both road race courses (short course Km 60 to 103 & long course Km 87 to 130). The ride takes you full circle back into the finish line in Varese. After these 3 guided rides all road race participants will have their course well and truly memorised!

Today's Ride: 65km & 85km cycling options
Accommodation: Varese (Lombardia, Italy)
Meals: Breakfast & Dinner included

DAY FOUR – Sat 1 September 2018 – Course Recon & Skills Session

A short ride is planned today to keep the legs firing! Our guides will talk to the group to assess overall requirements. Typically though, we combine a short ride with some practise on important descents to build confidence before race day. The afternoon/evening will be free for you to go about your individual routines. The Sierra guides will be available though to assist you with whatever is required.

Today's Ride: 1-2hr cycling
Accommodation: Varese (Lombardia, Italy)
Meals: Breakfast & Dinner included

DAY FIVE – Sunday 2 September 2018 – UCI Gran Fondo Road Race

The Road Race World Championships will be contested today and our team will be available to assist in getting you to and from the start/finish line. We look forward to watching you all out on the course. The Sierra guides will also be on-hand to accompany any spectators during the race program and help organising those who would like to attend the Closing Ceremony!

Today's Ride: UCI Gran Fondo World Champs
Accommodation: Varese (Lombardia, Italy)
Meals: Breakfast included

DAY SIX – Monday 3 September 2018 – Milan Return

During the morning there will be time to finish packing up the bikes before a 1hr transfer from Varese to Milan Malpensa Airport. The Sierra guides will have you at Malpensa Airport by 11am. We hope to see you all again soon!!

Meals: Breakfast included

UCI GRAN FONDO PACKAGE DETAILS

REGION: VARESE (Lombardia, Italy)

PRICE: 1650 € p.p. (Competitor)
1350 € p.p. (Spectator)

DATES: 29 AUGUST – 3 SEPTEMBER 2018

SINGLE ROOM: 250 €

DURATION: 6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Carbon Road Bike Hire: 175 €

HOTEL: Varese (x5)

INCLUDED

Arrival & Departure transfers (Malpensa Airport)
5 nights accommodation (twin share)
5 breakfasts
3 dinners (drinks excluded)
4 guided cycling stages

NOT INCLUDED

Airfares
Pre or post tour accommodation
Lunch