

DOLOMITES IN SUMMER

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Veneto, Dolomites & Lake Como!

Welcome to the roads of cycling legends! This cycling tour will take you through the Veneto Prosecco wine region, up and over the epic Dolomites and Stelvio National Parks before finishing on the beautiful shores of Lake Como.

During 2019 we start our cycling tour in Venice and finish in Milan. This tour is perfect for cyclists who would like to challenge themselves on some of Europe's biggest climbs. You will enjoy amazing climbs, such as, Monte Cesen, San Boldo, Sella Ronda (4 passes), Stelvio, Gavia and Ghisallo! The tour has also been designed to give you the time to relax and enjoy northern Italy. With multiple nights in Cison di Valmarino, Canazei and Bormio there will be many opportunities to soak up the Italian summer and explore this beautiful part of the world at a leisurely pace!

ITINERARY

DAY ONE – Monday 8 July 2019 – Venice, Italy

This morning you will be collected from Venice (Marco Polo Airport) at approximately 11am-12 noon. We can also collect you from Annia Park Hotel Venice Airport should you prefer to arrive to Venice earlier. Following a 1hr van transfer we will arrive at our accommodation for the next two nights. We will go through a tour briefing, prepare the bikes and head out for an introductory ride.

Meals: Dinner

Destinations: Cison di Valmarino

Today's Ride: 40 km

Accommodation: Cison di Valmarino (Veneto, Italy)



DAY TWO – Tuesday 9 July 2019 – Prosecco Wine Region

Today you will cycle a brilliant loop through the rolling hills of the Prosecco and Cartize wine area. For those looking for a challenge then Monte Cesen which soars above Valdobbiadene is possible. This is a perfectly designed route to get your legs ready for the Dolomites which are fast approaching!

Meals: Breakfast

Destinations: Monte Cesen & Valdobbiadene

Today's Ride: 90km cycling

Accommodation: Cison di Valmarino (Veneto, Italy)



DAY THREE – Wednesday 10 July 2019 – Pre Dolomites

Riding from the hotel and you encounter some stunning scenery on the Passo San Boldo climb. The road near the summit includes a series of five switchback tunnels carved into the rock! This road was built during the First World War by the Austro-Hungarian army in less than 100 days. Quite an impressive feat! From here the cycling continues along the edge of 'Lago del Mis' and this valley ride offers amazing lake views! Now you are well and truly in the Dolomites N.P.

Meals: Breakfast

Destinations: Dolomites National Park

Today's Ride: 100km cycling

Accommodation: Canazei (Dolomites, Italy)

DAY FOUR – Thursday 11 July 2019 – Sella Ronda Loop

One of the world's most iconic cycling routes is on offer today: the Sella Ronda loop!! The Sella Ronda is a must for any cyclist who visits the towering Dolomites mountain region. There are 4 steps to become a member of the Sella Ronda club: Passo Gardena, Sella, Campolongo and Pordoi. The views of the jagged limestone peaks and winding roads will be etched into your memory for a lifetime!

Meals: Breakfast / Dinner

Destinations: Corvara

Today's Ride: 70km cycling

Accommodation: Canazei (Dolomites, Italy)



DAY FIVE – Friday 12 July 2019 – Dolomites National Park

Another hotel loop ride is available today. The main objective is to climb Passo Fedaia. 'Fedaia' is a classic climb and it was last used during the queen stage 14 of the 2018 Giro d'Italia. To make things even more interesting we will begin Fedaia with a quick detour through the Sottoguda canyon which can be ridden on road bikes. At the top of the pass there will be time to soak up the enormity of the Marmolada glacier which is the highest peak in the region and the Dolomiti.

Meals: Breakfast

Destinations: Dolomites National Park

Today's Ride: Rest Day or 75km cycling option

Accommodation: Merano (Dolomites, Italy)



DAY SIX – Saturday 13 July 2019 – Passo dello Stelvio!

From Merano you will ride from the hotel along the bike path to the base of the Stelvio Pass! At this point you will need to be ready to climb the mythical 48 hairpin bends that rise up and up for 25km and which gain 1840 metres of elevation. At the top you can take a bow to his majesty the Stelvio Pass. Your sense of achievement will be at an all time high!

Meals: Breakfast / Dinner

Destinations: Bormio

Today's Ride: 100km cycling

Accommodation: Bormio (Stelvio National Park, Italy)

DAY SEVEN – Sunday 14 July 2019 – Passo di Gavia

After your cycling heroics on the Stelvio Pass you might like to use today as a Rest Day in Bormio. For those keen for more cycling though we have an 80km cycling option which includes Passo di Gavia (2621m). This is just another mythical climb that has crowned many a Giro d'Italia winner! 'Gavia' with its 1400 metres elevation gain over 20km leaves one short of breath!

Meals: Breakfast

Destinations: Bormio

Today's Ride: Rest Day or 80km cycling option

Accommodation: Bormio (Stelvio National Park, Italy)

DAY EIGHT – Monday 15 July 2019 – Lake Como

We will transfer you in the morning to Bellagio for a Lake Como cycle loop. Bellagio is considered to be the pearl of Lake Como. For our cyclists the grand finale concludes on the 'Ghisallo' climb which is used during the Giro di Lombardia professional race (5th cycling monument race alongside Milan-San Remo, Flanders, Paris Roubaix and Liege-Bastogne-Liege). During 2016 Orica-Bike Exchange rider Esteban Chaves won 'Lombardia'. It is a wonderful experience arriving at Piazzale del Ghisallo, with the beautiful church dedicated to cyclists and the new cycling museum. We will then descend down to our hotel for the final celebration with spectacular Lake Como views.

Meals: Breakfast / Dinner

Destinations: Bellagio

Today's Ride: 60km cycling

Accommodation: Bellagio (Lake Como, Italy)

DAY NINE – Tuesday 16 July 2019 – Milan Transfer & Goodbyes!

Following breakfast we will transfer you to Milan Malpensa Airport by 10:30am (1.5hr drive). A number of clients have spent additional days relaxing and enjoying the Lake Como area. Please let us know if you would like additional nights at the tour hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

TRIP DETAILS

REGION: Veneto / Dolomites / Como

PRICE: 3250 € p.p.

LEVEL: BEGINNER +

TOUR DATES: 8 – 16 JULY 2019

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: 500 €

HOTELS: Cison di Valmarino (x2),
Canazei (x2), Merano (x1) Bormio (x2),
Bellagio (x1); 3-4 star hotels

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

Carbon Road Bike Hire: **350 €**

Electric Road Bike Hire: **400 €**

DURATION: 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

PAYMENT:

Option 1: In Euro to our nominated Spanish bank account (via international bank transfer)

Option 2: In \$AUD to our nominated Australian bank account (Pellegrino Travel Agency).

INCLUDED

Arrival & Departure transfers (Venice & Milan)
8 nights accommodation including breakfast
4 dinners with beer & wine included
8 guided cycling stages with van and mechanic
Food & drinks during cycling stages
Italian cycling tour jersey

NOT INCLUDED

Airfares
Pre or post Tour Accommodation