

GIRO d' ITALIA

Veneto & Dolomites - 2019



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Week 3 – Maglia Rosa to Be Decided in Verona Amphitheatre!

The 2019 Giro will be launched in Bologna, however, the race will not be decided until the truly emblematic and race defining stages in northern Italy. Sierra Sports & Tours is looking forward to showcasing 4 of the most important stages of the 2019 Giro d'Italia.

In particular, Stages 19 and 20 take the peloton into the big mountains and Passo Manghen & Passo Rolle will be sure to shake-up the General Classification standings. The Stage 21 individual time trial in Verona and its Roman Amphitheatre will also create wonderful scenes as those witnessed in the above photo when Francesco Moser won the 1984 Giro d'Italia and which was later repeated by Ivan Basso in 2010!

This cycling tour package combines the best of the 2019 Giro d'Italia and with multiple nights in special towns like Bassano del Grappa, Predazzo and Verona you will receive an authentic Italian travel experience!

ITINERARY

DAY ONE – Sunday 26 May 2019 – Venice to Bassano

This morning we will collect you from Venice Airport (Marco Polo) between 11:00am - 12 noon and drive 1hr to Bassano del Grappa (Dolomiti Bellunesi National Park). We can also collect you from Annia Park Hotel Venice Airport should you prefer to arrive to Venice earlier. A midday collection means we can set-up the bikes and enjoy an afternoon warm up ride along the Valsugana bike path. Tonight you will also enjoy a welcome tour dinner with the Sierra guides!

Meals: Dinner

Destinations: Valsugana

Today's Ride: 50 km

Accommodation: Bassano del Grappa



DAY TWO – Monday 27 May 2019 – Foza climb

Cycling from the hotel and straight into Giro 2017 Stage 20 territory. The 100th edition of the Giro used the Foza climb as the last chance for the GC climbers to shape the race. Foza is a 14km climb with a 7% average grade, is the perfect initial test for the group, enjoys majestic scenery and has Giro fame at every switchback!

Meals: Breakfast

Destinations: Foza

Today's Ride: 90 km

Accommodation: Bassano del Grappa

DAY THREE – Tuesday 28 May 2019 – Monte Grappa

This morning there will be a short 30 min transfer towards Feltre. Everyone has heard of Monte Grappa and this Giro colossal will be attacked from the traditional race side starting in Feltre. The 29km climb gains 1400m of elevation and finishes at 1775m altitude. Enjoy the long descent back down to the valley floor!

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Destinations: Monte Grappa

Today's Ride: 80 km

Accommodation: Bassano del Grappa



DAY FOUR – Wednesday 29 May 2019 – Giro Stage 17 – Anterselva

Following a morning transfer we go in search of the **Giro Stage 17 race route**. There will be time cycling along the stunning bike path out of Bolzano before linking up with the final race kilometres. The final climb to Anterselva includes 12 km at an average grade of 7% and puts you only a 'stone's throw away' from the Austrian border. A Giro stage finish always provides a memorable experience but finishing high in the South Tyrol mountains will be particularly unique!

Meals: Breakfast

Destinations: Anterselva

Today's Ride: 80 km

Accommodation: Brunico

DAY FIVE – Thursday 30 May 2019 – Sella Ronda Loop

Today we take a detour from the Giro race as one of the world's most iconic cycling routes is on offer today: the Sella Ronda loop! There are 4 steps to become a member of the Sella Ronda club: Passo Gardena, Passo Sella, Passo Campolongo and Passo Pordoi. The views of the jagged limestone peaks and winding roads will be etched into your memory for a lifetime! The cycling tour will link up with the 2019 Giro race again tomorrow so there is a 1hr transfer to Predazzo your home for the next two nights.

Meals: Breakfast

Destinations: Sella Ronda

Today's Ride: 90 km

Accommodation: Predazzo



DAY SIX – Fri 31 May 2019 – Giro Stage 19 – San Martino di Castrozza

Predazzo is an excellent base for accessing both Stages 19 and 20 of the 2019 Giro d'Italia. Cycling from the hotel you warm-up in the valley towards Moena before veering off to tackle Passo San Pellegrino (11.5km at 7% average grade). The next challenge is the shorter Passo Valles (7km at 9% average) and the two climbs combined scale approximately 1500m elevation gain. Once at the summit today's ride finishes with a spectacular 10km descent to the **Giro Stage 19** finish line in San Martino di Castrozza. Don't underestimate the shorter kilometre count on offer today as the two climbs, while relatively short, pack a punch and we need to be ready for tomorrow which includes a longer 100km option available. Following all the post-stage celebrations there will be a 45 minute transfer back to the hotel in Predazzo.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Destinations: San Martino di Castrozza

Today's Ride: 65 km

Accommodation: Predazzo

DAY SEVEN – Sat 1 June 2019 – Giro Stage 20 – Passo Manghen

The Dolomiti Bellunesi National Park is home to Passo Manghen which will be rolled out for a **2019 Giro d'Italia Stage 20** mid-stage mountain pass. 'Manghen' has been used during 5 previous Giro editions with Marco Pantani taking victory back in 1999 (2019 will be the 20 Year Anniversary!). The 22km climb takes one up to 2050m altitude. The first 15km range between 4-6% but the final 7km constantly nudge 9-10% making it a truly rewarding cycling challenge. Following the Giro stage finish there will be a 1.5hr transfer to Verona so we are in prime position for the Stage 21 individual time trial!

Meals: Breakfast

Destinations: Passo Manghen

Today's Ride: 100 km

Accommodation: Verona

DAY EIGHT – Sunday 2 June 2019 – Giro Stage 21 – Ind. Time Trial

The Giro d'Italia continues to provide race stages that keep the riders and fans guessing all the way to the finish line. During 2019 this will be no different with a tense **2019 Giro d'Italia Stage 21 Individual Time Trial** to finish in Verona. The Roman Amphitheatre in Verona will be a spectacular backdrop for what is sure to be an incredible 2019 Giro finale! Who will be wearing the Maglia Rosa?

Tonight will be a celebration of many great individual cycling accomplishments, friendships formed and Giro d'Italia appreciation! There is only one way to mark the occasion in true style and that is with a celebratory Spritz!

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Destinations: Verona

Today's Ride: 80 km

Accommodation: Verona



DAY NINE – Monday 3 June 2019 – Farewell & Until Next Time!

Following breakfast you are free to continue your own travels or join us for a complimentary 1.5hr van transfer to Venice Airport (Marco Polo). We hope you enjoyed the 2019 Giro d'Italia and we look forward to hosting you again soon!

Meals: Breakfast

TRIP DETAILS

REGION: VENETO & DOLOMITES

LEVEL: BEGINNER +

TOUR DATES: 26 MAY – 3 JUNE 2019

HOTELS: Bassano (x3), Brunico (x1), Predazzo (x2), & Verona (x2); 3-4 star hotels

PRICE: 3250 € p.p. (twin share)

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: 550 €

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

Carbon Road Bike Hire: 350 €

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.

INCLUDED

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

NOT INCLUDED

Airfares
Pre or post Tour Accommodation