

VENETO, Verona & Garda Lake

from May 18th to 23rd 2025

from May 25th to 30th 2025

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VENETO: Verona & Garda Lake

This tour explores several breathtaking landscapes of the province of Verona. It begins with climbs along the slopes of Monte Baldo overlooking Lake Garda, then the rolling hills of the Valpolicella vineyards, the picturesque mountains of Lessinia to conclude along the Mincio River, to reach the magnificent Renaissance city of Mantua. We will run out of time **without realizing it.**

1st day – Arrival in Italy, welcome and warm-up ride

2nd day – Garda Lake, Baldo Mountain

3rd day – Valpolicella, around the Amarone vineyards

4th day – Lessini Mountains, the first offshoots of the Alps

5th day – Mincio river, the road to Mantua

6th day – Greetings and see you soon with us on the Italian road



Gravel Tour



Spring/Fall Tour

Regular itinerary: **For recreational cyclist level**

Total ride distance 130 miles (210 KM)

Total climbing 10,300 feet (3.150 mt)

Extended itinerary: **For enthusiast or avid cyclist level**

Total ride distance 180 miles (290 KM)

Total climbing 14,350 feet (4.400 mt)

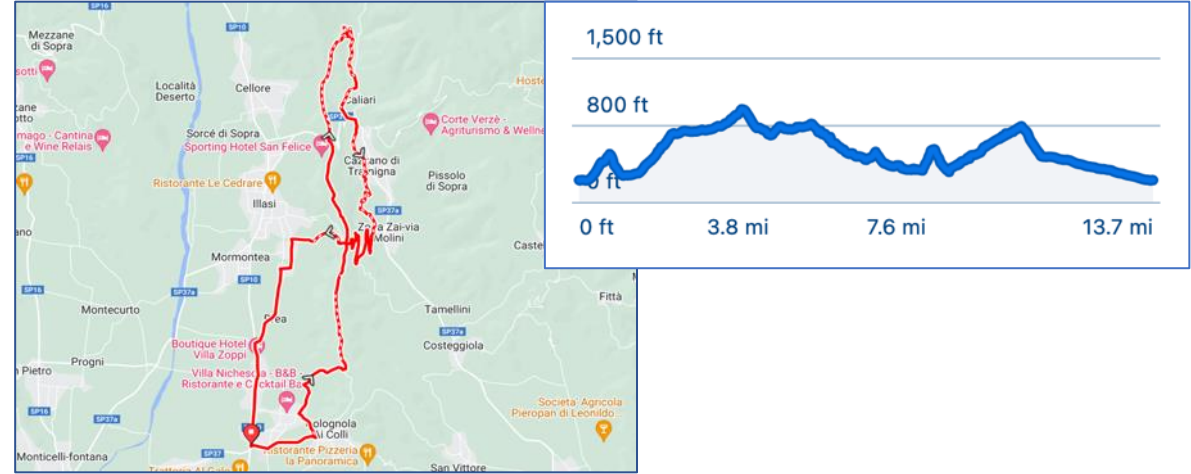


1st day – Arrival in Italy, welcome and warm-up ride

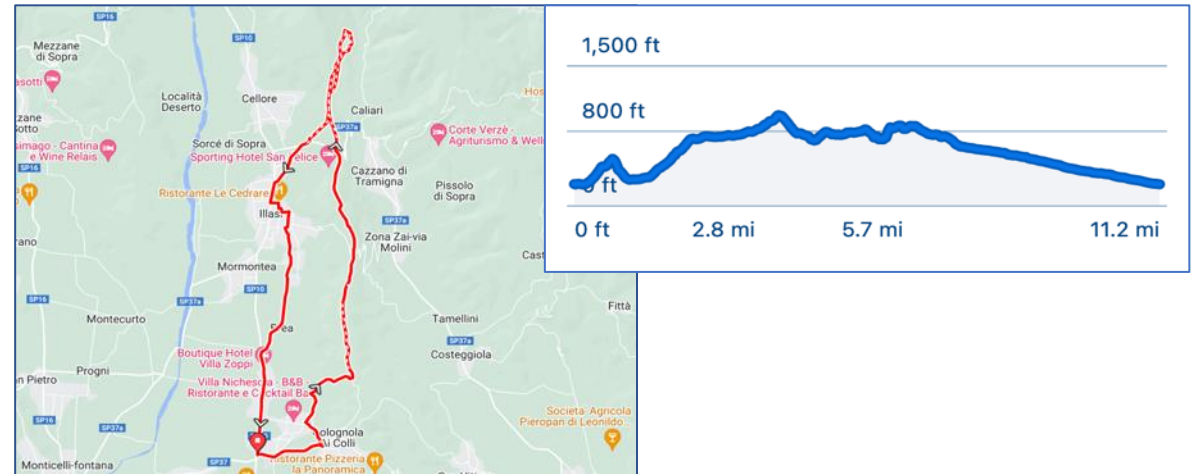
Arrival in Italy. We pick you up at Verona Airport (VRN) or at another previously agreed meeting point. A half-hour transfer will take you to the hotel that will welcome you for the entire holiday.

Check-in and after a light lunch you have two options, recover from the fatigue of the journey and relax, or test your bicycle on Garda Lake together with our guides.

LONG TOUR: 14 miles – 1,700 feet



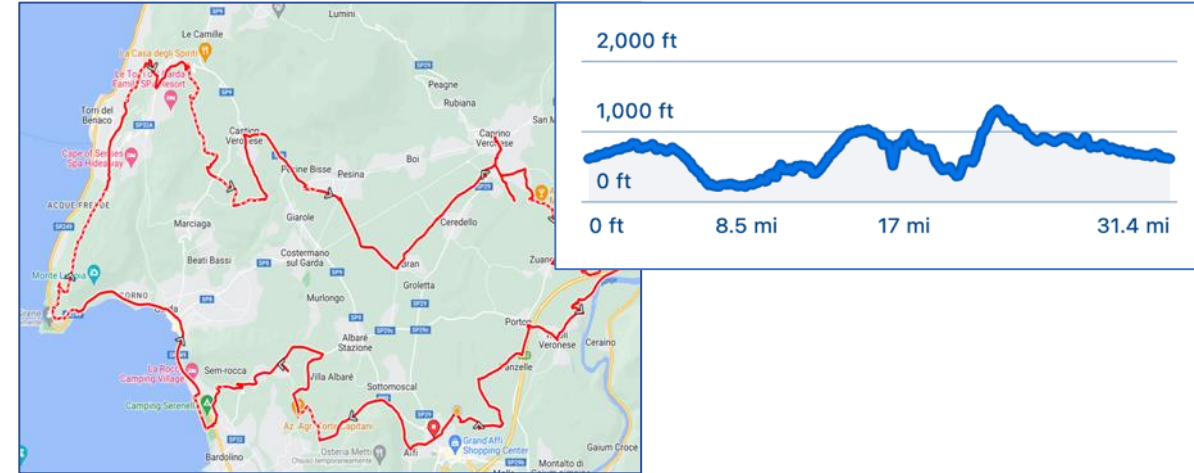
SHORT TOUR: 11 miles – 1,200 feet



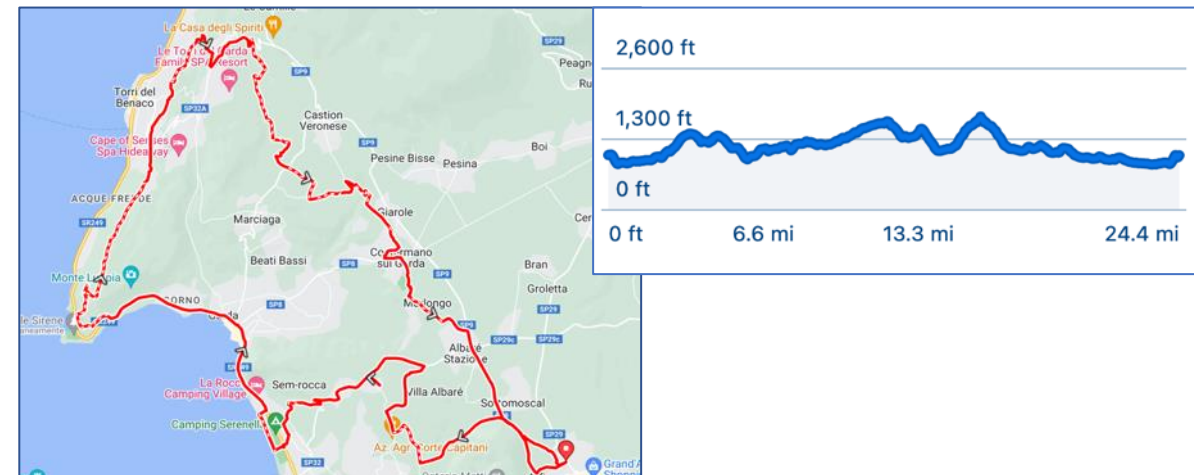
2nd day – Garda Lake, Baldo Mountain

We start from Lake Garda, the largest lake in Italy, nestled between two mountain banks up to 2000m high. Nervous tour with a mix of paved roads and off-road in the lower part of Verona with splendid views of the lake.

LONG TOUR: 34 miles - 3,250 feet



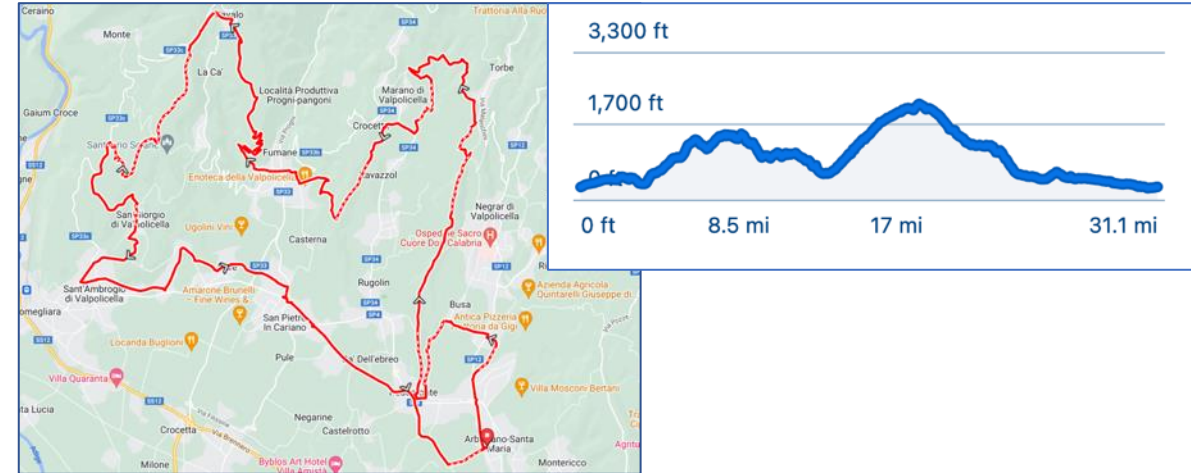
SHORT TOUR: 23 miles - 2,260 feet



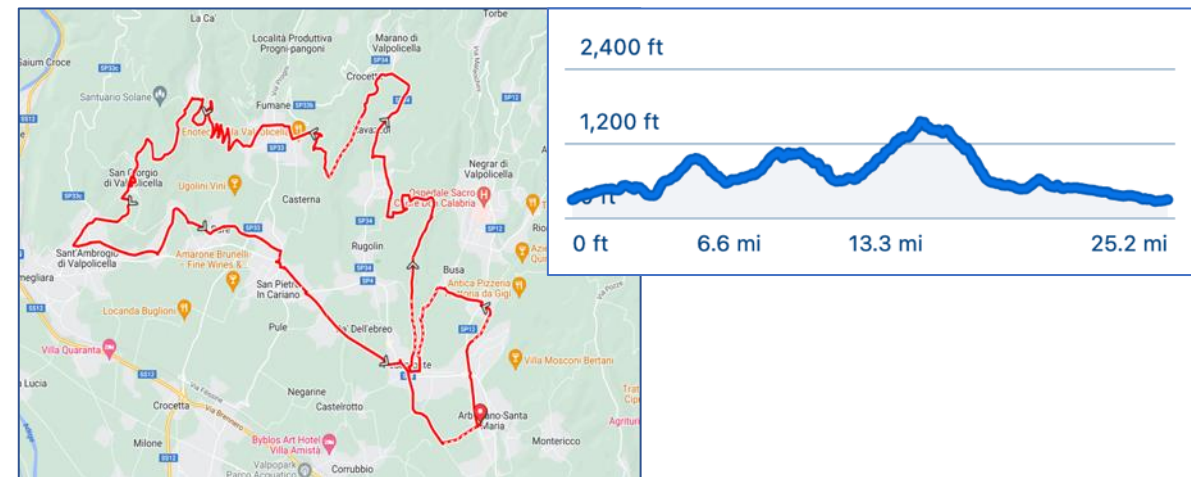
3rd day – Valpolicella, around the Amarone vineyards

Today the Valpolicella hills north of Verona are the Amarone area. We start on paths in the middle of the vineyards and then move on to the cherry tree area (there is a fine variety of Verona cherries) and finally arrive high up in the chestnut woods. The tour ends in S.Giorgio, a village where the houses are entirely built in red Verona marble.

LONG TOUR: 31 miles - 3,700 feet



SHORT TOUR: 25 miles – 2,650 feet



4th day – Lessini Mountains, the first offshoots of the Alps

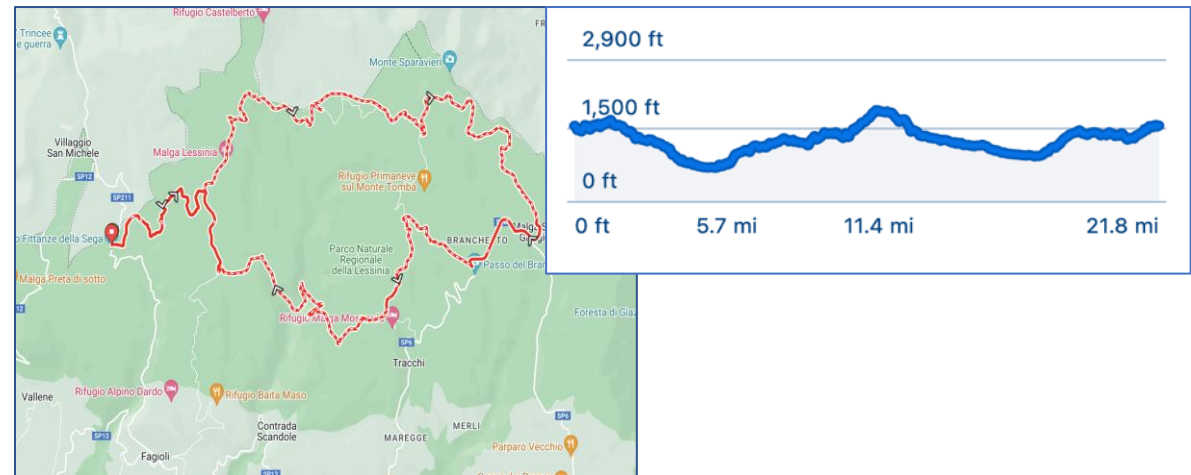
The Lessini mountains are the highest part of the province of Verona, the Alps begin here. The tour is half in the beech, silver fir and black hornbeam forests, and half outside the tree vegetation. They are very beautiful paths with never too demanding slopes, hopefully on a day with sun and windswept clouds.



LONG TOUR: 35miles – 4,150 feet



SHORT TOUR: 22 miles - 3,050 feet



5th day – Mincio river, the road to Mantua

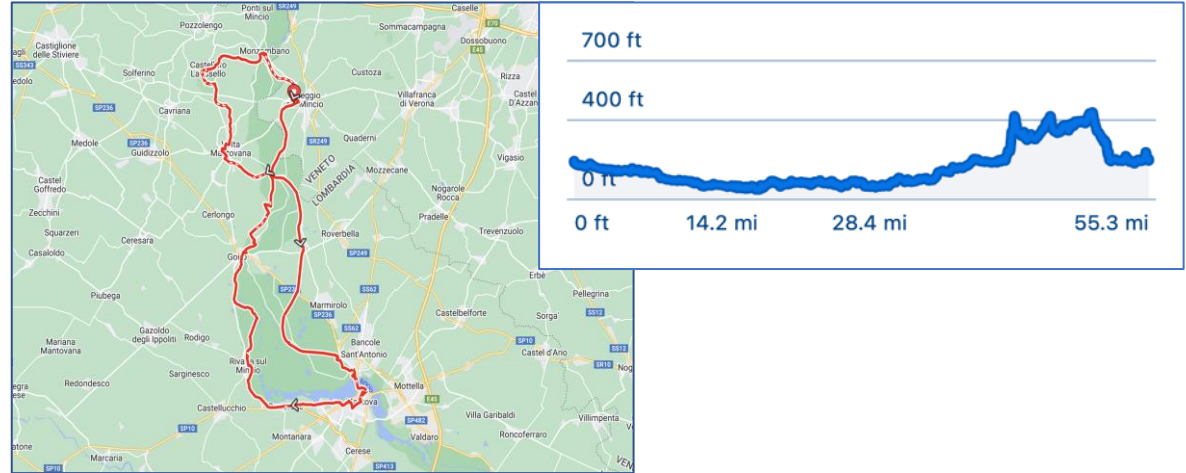
Last day, a long journey from the end of Lake Garda to the city of Mantua, one of the Italian Renaissance pearls. Flat route that follows the Mincio river which leaves Lake Garda to feed the Po river.

We will pass by several medieval villages, among which Borgetto sul Mincio stands out for its beauty.

Final destination the renaissance town of Mantua.



LONG TOUR: 55 miles - 1,450 feet



SHORT TOUR: 43 miles - 1,020 feet



6th day – Greetings and see you soon with us on the Italian roads



After breakfast, it's time to say goodbye and start the journey back home.

If you come back home, we will take you to Verona Airport (VRN) airport, or if you plan to stay longer to visit Italy, we will be happy to help you.

We hope to see you soon on one of our tours on the roads of Italy

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AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Don't want to get bored? The activities we propose for the afternoon:



Guided tour of the city of Verona, founded by the ancient Romans in the 1st century BC. We will visit the Arena, Piazza Erbe, Piazza Signori and Juliet's house. You will also have time to buy the gift for those who did not accompany you on holiday in Italy.



Mantua Palazzo Te, imagination in power, the genius of Giulio Romano (1499-1546). Palazzo Te was the villa intended to welcome guests, a place of amazement and harmony, built by above an island.



An afternoon around the villages of Lake Garda, between shopping and time wasters. Bardolino, Garda, Punta San Vigilio and more.



Amarone is a red wine produced with partially dried grapes, it is produced only in the Verona area. We will visit a historic winery with a tasting of typical Valpolicella wines: Superiore, Ripasso, Amarone and Recioto.

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DINNER IN THE GREAT ITALIAN “TRATTORIA”

BUE NERO (Verona)

www.instagram.com/bue_nero

Chiara Pannoza and her grill in the center of Verona. Grilled meat, presented highlighting different cuts and with a vertical of vegetables in a soulful way. Here you will find goodness such as Animella Hoisin, fried meatballs, Cappelletti, homemade 30 egg yolk tagliolino, onion Genovese, liver ragout, smoked mature ricotta. The desserts are also excellent, such as the homemade Maritozzo, filled with delicious creams. Vegetarians should not despair, there is a menu dedicated to them.

Highlights dishes:

Starter: Smoked onions, Finnish mustard, bread cream, salsa macha

Pasta or Risotto: Vialone Nano rice creamed with Amarone whipped butter, nori seaweed broth, black cherry chutney, nori seaweed powder

Main course: Double breaded “Animella” nuggets, Italian BBQ sauce



TRATTORIA CAPRINI (Valpolicella)

www.instagram.com/trattoria_caprini

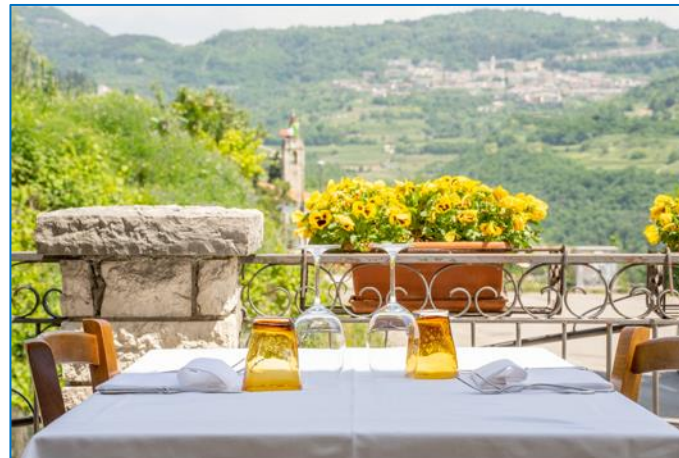
A taste of Valpolicella, Caprini's cuisine reflects the rich culinary diversity of Verona. Tradition on the table, for four generations they have been creating dishes linked to the history of the area, the flavors are enjoyed in a family environment. Sincere cuisine and a wide choice of Valpolicella wines.

Highlights dishes:

Starter: Grilled polenta, sopressa and lardo with our homemade pickled vegetable

Pasta or Risotto: “Lasagnette” handmade ribbon pasta with wild hare sauce

Main course: “Polenta” with stockfish vicentina style



TRATTORIA AL POMPIERE (Verona)

www.instagram.com/alpompiere

Very pleasant atmosphere in this trattoria in the historic center of Verona, located in front of Juliet's house, among wood paneling and period photos, closely spaced tables and checked tablecloths. The menu is based on local ingredients: meat and pasta, but you can also opt for the excellent selection of Italian cured meats and cheeses, also indulging in the wide choice offered by the wine list.

Highlights dishes:

Starter: Grisa hen and mackerel in light "saor" with white polenta

Pasta or Risotto: Free-range guinea fowl ravioli with its roast base and lemon pee

Main course: Beef cheek in Amarone wine sauce and braised oxtail with mashed potatoes and late radicchio



DINNER IN THE GREAT ITALIAN “TRATTORIA”

ENOTECA VALPOLICELLA (Valpolicella)

www.instagram.com/enotecadellavalpolicella

Rolling hills and good wine are just a small part of what makes Valpolicella an incredible area. Valpolicella is a land extraordinarily rich in history, culture, art and nature. This restaurant is located in a 17th century rural house. They serve authentic and original dishes, which celebrate every season, every season a menu to demonstrate the cycle of diversity. Each dish accompanied by the right bottle.

Highlights dishes:

Starter: Ricotta cheese from the Verona hills with apple mustard

Pasta or Risotto: Risotto "vialone nano" with wild aromatic herbs

Main course: Duck breast cooked in a pan with Recioto sweet wine, served with honey sauce



LA DISPENSA DI CASTELLARO (Valeggio)

www.instagram.com/ladispensadicastellaro

A small place in a village on the Mincio river, a hidden restaurant open by reservation only. The main characteristic is the search for good Italian things, a simple traditional cuisine made with exceptional raw materials. A cellar worthy of the kitchen.

Highlights dishes:

Starter: Rabbit tuna and sardines in saor

Pasta or Risotto: "Capunsei" pasta with butter, parsley, onion, garlic, basil, sage and rosemary

Main course: Terrine of local capon with butter clementine sauce



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SOME ACCOMODATIONS RESERVED FOR YOU

LIVING IN THE CHARM ¹

We have selected some beautiful boutique hotel, historical house or vinery house, where you will enjoy to stay in relax during you holiday.

Most of them have SPA treatment available in a charming exclusive environment.

Our tours involve staying in a single hotel for the entire holiday, to avoid the commitment of transfers and to have more time to immerse yourself in the culture of the area.



RESORT CA BARBINI – GARDA

www.instagram.com/cabarbiniresort

Garda Lake enchants the eyes and nature with its olive trees overlooking the village of Garda in a memorable setting. Whether it is a romantic stay, a family stay, or a sports stay (cycling, climbing or sailing), your days at Cà Barbini Resort will remain in your hearts forever.



INDIGO DES ARTS HOTEL – VERONA

www.instagram.com/hotelindigoverona/

Charming boutique hotel located a few steps from Porta Nuova, Piazza Bra and the Arena, Hotel Indigo Verona adds the guarantee of quality, style and comfort to the perfection of a central yet secluded location. The Arya Bar & Mixology and its intriguing proposals, the refined design and the accuracy of our services and hospitality standards: these are the ingredients that will make the experience of the Hotel Indigo Verona – Grand Hotel des Arts unique.

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WHAT'S INCLUDED, NOT INCLUDED

What's Included

ACCOMODATION

- 5 night in Historical Mansions, 4* Luxury Hotels, Villas or Wine Resort located in special places
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Concierge & suggestion service for additional vacation

TRANSPORT

- Guest pick-up / drop-off in airport or other meeting point
- All-vacation long, guests, bikes and luggage transport, as planned

MEALS

- 5 daily breakfasts in hotel
- 5 lunches during the pedaling time
- 5 social hours aperitivo
- 5 dinners in **5 different GREAT ITALIAN TRATTORIA** with the best Italian regional wines

MORNING ACTIVITIES

- 5 riding days, 2 daily itineraries with different grade of effort
- 2 expert local certified guides multilingual will ride with you and support all day
- 1 professional mechanic with support/SAG Van during the tour
- Energy bars and sports drink during bike time
- Daily bike maintenance and daily laundry service for bike clothing
- GPX daily tours documentation
- Hirides cycling kit

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

- Usually our hotels have a swimming pool, sauna, SPA and gym where relax and unwind after cycling
- Visits of tourist cities with professional guides, and other activities as described in the tour program
- Wine tasting/oil tasting at the producers' premises. Visits to dairies with demonstration of cheese making, as described in the tour program

YOUR BELOVED BICYCLE OR RENTAL BIKE/EBIKE

- Please see further ahead our bicycle policies

PERSONAL INSURANCE

- Civil Liability Insurance and Italian Health Insurance for non European citizens

Not Included

AIRFARE TO FROM ITALY

- Through our partners we can organize the flight for you (**ON-REQUEST**)

BEFORE AND AFTER TOUR

- Meals, transportation, hotel costs or expenses in the days before and/or after the tour

HIRIDES.COM STAFF GRATUITIES

- Staff Hirides.com gratuities is not included

TRAVEL INSURANCE

- Personal Travel Protection Plan not included, **but heavily suggested**

HIRIDES CYCLING KIT

- We prepare you the cycling kit for you that you can find on www.hirides.com/gears. You can order more than one, but it will have an additional cost

LUGGAGE AND BIKE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

- Luggage service, before/after tour days (**ON-REQUEST**)
- Bike transport service, before/after tour days (**ON-REQUEST**)
- Door-2-Door bike transportation service (**ON-REQUEST**)

UPGRADE BIKE/E-BIKE RENTAL LEVEL

- Upgrade rental for advanced bike or dream bike

PERSONAL EXPENSES

- Cost of passport and visas
- Personal expenses while on the vacation
- Personal transportations when not included on the Tour
- Beverages not specifically agree/included
- Additional hotel expenses, mini-bar, wellness treatments
- Optional activities not scheduled in Hirides.com Tours
- All not explicitly declared in the tour description

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CYCLIST SKILLS LEGENDA

With the e-gravel bike that **we prepare for you**, your pedaling will have up to 40% more assistance. You will be able to easily keep up with the group, make the challenging climbs and enjoy the views and Italian roads.

RECREATIONAL LEVEL

For RECREATIONAL cyclists

Active vacationer, adventure rider and enjoys sightseeing.

Ideal day for this cyclist:

- Average activity duration: 2/3 hours
- Average daily mileage: up to 30 miles (50 Km)
- Average daily altitude difference: up to 2600 feet (800 mt)



ENTHUSIAST LEVEL

For ENTHUSIAST cyclists

Has participated in a gran fondos or other bike charity event, adventure rider, active vacationer. Not too interested in racing

Ideal day for this cyclist:

- Average activity duration: 3/4 hours
- Average daily mileage: up to 40 miles (65 Km)
- Average daily altitude difference: up to 4000 feet (1200 mt)



AVID LEVEL

For AVID cyclists

Participates in bike races, rides gran fondos, loves adventure riding and big days in the saddle.

Ideal day for this cyclist:

- Average activity duration: 4/6 hours
- Average daily mileage: over 50 miles (80 Km)
- Average daily altitude difference: over 6000 feet (1800 mt)



BICYCLE POLICIES: e-Bike

Embark on your cycling adventure your way! Whether you prefer to travel light and let us provide the perfect bike for your journey or bring along your beloved two-wheeler, we've got you covered. **Explore the tailored options we've prepared just for you below.**

Standard e-Bike (included in the tour price)

We make it easy for you to travel light and enjoy an extended vacation. Let us prepare a high-performance e-bike for your tour, ready for you upon arrival at hotel.

Bianchi e-Arcadex Carbon E-Gravel → Shimano GRX Disc 11-Speed, BOSCH CX Motor Drive with 500W Battery

Each bike is prepared for you, the rental costs are included in your tour package.

Advanced e-Bike

For those seeking even greater performance, we offer an upgraded e-bike option tailored to your preferences:

Scott Solace Carbon Performance E-Gravel → SRAM Rival XPLR eTap AXS Disc 12-Speed, TQ Mid Motor Drive with 300W Battery

This high-performance bike is designed for those who want to push their limits and enjoy a premium riding experience. A small additional fee applies for this upgrade.



BICYCLE POLICIES: Muscolar Bike

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Standard Muscolar Bike (included in the tour price)

For those who love the pure joy of pedaling, we offer high-quality muscular bikes prepared just for you. Travel light and extend your adventure—your bike will be ready and waiting at your hotel upon arrival.

Bianchi Arcadex Carbon Gravel → Shimano GRX Disc 11-Speed

Each bike is prepared for you, the rental costs are included in your tour package.

Advanced Muscolar Bike

For cyclists seeking superior performance, we offer an upgraded option tailored to your preferences:

Scott Addict Carbon Performance Gravel → SRAM Rival AXS Disc 24-Speed, Syncros Capital X40 Carbon Wheelset

This high-performance bike is designed for those who want to push their limits and enjoy a premium riding experience. A small additional fee applies for this upgrade.



BICYCLE POLICIES: Your beloved bike & Your dreams bike

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Bring Your Beloved Bicycle to Italy

Fly to Italy with your cherished bicycle by your side—no extra hassle!
At Hirides.com, we'll reimburse all your bicycle transport costs, making your journey as smooth as your ride.

Your Dream Bicycle

Have you always imagined exploring breathtaking landscapes on your dream bike? Let it come true.
Together, we will create a meticulously prepared bike, perfectly tailored to your desires, ready for you upon your arrival in Italy.
Your journey begins here: make it extraordinary.
We can prepare the following bikes: Colnago, Trek, Specialized, Wilier



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