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EUROPEAN WALKING HOLIDAYS

2027

ITALY – THE BRENTA DOLOMITES AT MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO

8-day / 7-night one-hotel GUIDED walking tour with a choice of easy to challenging guided walks daily





The mountains and monoliths of the Italian Dolomites have inspired generations of walkers and non-walkers alike. Located between Lake Garda and Selva, the Brenta Dolomites are part of northern Italy's UNESCO-listed Adamello Brenta Natural Park. Our guided walks take you to dramatic rock pinnacles and soaring cliffs with a backdrop of lush green slopes and scented pine forests.

The mountain village of Madonna Di Campiglio is the perfect base to explore this stunning area from. We stay at the Hotel Cristal Palace, within strolling distance of a handful of bars and restaurants in the village's charming centre and close to the network of cable cars that make it easy to reach the alpine meadows, sky-high ridge walks and forests, all steeped in fascinating WWI history.

Cost from: **$3640** per person (twin share)
Season supplements $200 - $250 per person apply to some departures – ask for details
Single room supplement on request (limited availability)

2027 Departures: 22, 29 June, 6, 13 July, 31 August, 7 September, 2027.

Tour includes: 7 nights' twin-share accommodation in comfortable 4-star hotel room with ensuite bathrooms, 7 breakfasts, 7 dinners, local transport to/from the walks, experienced walks leader offering a choice of two levels of guided walks on 5 days.

Not Included: Airport transfers (transfers from Verona can be pre-booked at additional cost – ask for details), meals and drinks not mentioned, personal expenses, transport or excursions on the free day.



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Trip Grading: Moderate walking with some steep ascents over rougher terrain. Easier walks of 8-11km on good paths, with some rocky sections and up to 450m ascent in a day. Harder walks of 11-15km on good paths, with some rocky sections and up 800m ascent in a day.

A typical European centre-based walking holiday offers a choice of up to two guided walks each day. You choose the walk that best suits your ability and fitness. Walks leaders make the final decision on which routes are offered; each evening they will brief you about the walks for the next day and answer questions you may have.





Suggested itinerary (Routes are determined by the walk leaders each day and are subject to change):

Day 1: Arrival Day
Plan to arrive at the hotel mid-afternoon or at least in time for dinner. For those requiring a transfer we can arrange this at a set time from Verona Airport (at extra cost).

Day 2: Valley of the Waterfalls
After a shuttle bus transfer to Carisolo we embark on a walk through the Val di Genova – a fertile gorge where torrents of cascading water tumbling down the limestone walls give it the name Valley of the Waterfalls. This area was part of Austria until World War I and numerous military operations took place on the crystalline rock formations, evidence of which is still visible from the valley bottom. Take in magnificent views of the Adamello and Presanella glaciers as we follow the course of the Sarca River.

Day 3: Lago Delle Malghette
Today we take a classic route in the Madonna di Campiglio area in the direction of the Vigo mountain hut. At 1900 metres elevation we find the pine-fringed waters of Lago Delle Malghette, a stunning lake surrounded by the Folgarida Mountains. Rumour has it that this secluded lakeside location was the favourite spot of renowned 19th century globetrotter Empress Elizabeth of Austria. On a clear day, look out for the rocky massif of the Brenta Dolomites reflected in the lake's shimmering surface.

Day 4: Vallesinella Waterfalls
Walking from the hotel, we spend the day exploring the foothills of the Brenta Dolomites, between pinnacles and the landscape of woods, streams, and waterfalls, thriving with wildlife. Upon reaching Groste, we take a cable car into the highlands and can either visit Lake Spinale or head to the Francis Fox Tuckett mountain refuge – named after the intrepid mountaineer from Gloucestershire who, in 1865, was knighted by the King of Italy for his services to geographical and scientific research in the Italian Alps. The highlight of the day on both walks is the stepped cascades of Vallesinella Waterfalls.

Day 5: Free Day
Today you can choose to relax at the hotel, visit local places of interest or your leaders can recommend walks if you would like to explore independently. You might like to take a cable car to one of the mountain refuges for lunch with a view or spend the day enjoying a massage at the hotel spa (both payable locally).

Day 6: Monte Spinale and the Three Lakes
On the easier route we take the gondola to the Spinale plateau for spectacular 360-degree views of the Brenta Dolomite peaks and the Adamello-Presanella glaciers, including the Madrone, one of the largest glaciers in the Italian Alps. We walk across alpine pastures, covered with wildflowers in season, and hope to spot marmots. Or, we take the Cinque Laghi cable car and explore the tranquil Five Lakes region, visiting Lago Ritorto, Lago Lambin and Lago Nambino. Each lake has its own character and distinct scenery.

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Day 7: Lago Valagola
We spend the day walking through lush forests and green pastures. A short coach transfer brings us to the Valagola valley where we hike to the eponymous lake. From here the walks diverge, meeting up for lunch in a meadow nestled between rugged limestone peaks and the Adamello-Resena glacier. Later we stop at Malga Cioca mountain hut, which boasts panoramic views and has a bar for a celebratory refreshment.

Day 8: Tour ends after breakfast – transfers to Verona are available (at extra cost)

Accommodation:





Hotel Cristal Palace is a 4-star alpine retreat in the heart of the picturesque mountain ski resort of Madonna di Campiglio, the perfect base for exploring the Brenta Dolomites. Guests can unwind in style courtesy of 61 luxurious rooms complete with elegant furnishings, free Wi-Fi, all modern amenities, and mountain views. You can also make use of the full-service spa, take a dip in the indoor pool, and dine on gourmet Italian cuisine at the chic restaurant that looks out over Adamello Brenta Natural Park. *On occasion we may stay at a different property of a similar standard and location.*





Outdoor Travel offers similar guided or self-guided walks in many other regions of Italy such as **Tuscany**, **Cinque Terre**, **Amalfi Coast**, **Umbria**, **Sicily** and **Lake Como**, and in most destinations within Europe and the UK – including the **Coast to Coast** walk many great pilgrimage walks such as the **Camino de Santiago** or **Way of St James** in France and Spain or the **Via Francigena** the '*pilgrim's road to Rome*' in Italy.

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