

ITALY – LAKE GARDA TO VENICE GUIDED CYCLING 2008

This tour will offer you the chance to visit the mountains around Bolzano, the beauty of Lake Garda, cities full of culture and history like Verona, Vicenza and Padova and, last but not least, the fascinating Venice. There are light hilly bits with short uphill sections. As a whole it is an easy to manage itinerary, riding on secondary streets with low traffic or paved bike paths. Trains with bike transportation connect the main cities of the tour, so in case of bad weather, or if you need a day of rest, you can reach your destination by train.

Lake Garda to Venice: \$1655 per person (twin share).

\$325 Single supplement

Departs: 3, 24, 31 May, 21 Jun, 13 Sep 08

Starts in Bolzano, Ends in Mestre (Venice)

***Includes:** Twin share 3-4 star hotel accommodation, 7 buffet breakfasts, 7 dinners, guide on bike, tour information on the spot by our representative, with route descriptions & maps, minibus in the area, luggage transportation, 7-days Hotline service, drink in Vicenza, 4 hour ferry cruise on Lake Garda, grappa and wine tastings, guided visits of Verona and Venice, train ticket from Verona to San Bonifacio.*

***Not Included:** Venice or Padova accommodation, meals not mentioned, drinks, personal expenses & optional activities.*

DAY 1. Bolzano.

Arrive in Bolzano. A bilingual city, Bolzano is a famous commercial and tourist centre and also a historical and cultural connection between the Italian and the German worlds.

DAY 2. Bolzano–Trento (68 km).

Today we will ride mostly along the Adige River, through orchards, vineyards passing the villages of Ora, Egna and Salorno. The dam pathways lead then to Trento.

DAY 3. Trento–Peschiera (50 km + boat).

Pedalling along the Adige we reach Rovereto and Mori. From here we travel westwards towards Lake Garda. After a short ascent, a refreshing descent will follow and lead you to Torbole and to Riva. We will then cruise by boat for the entire length of the Lake to Peschiera del Garda.

DAY 4. Peschiera–Verona (50 km).

Today we head to Verona; a place crossed by the Adige and one of the most important and beautiful cities of the Veneto region. Worth visiting are: the Roman Arena, the Church of San Zeno and Julia's House.

DAY 5. Verona–Vicenza (75 km or 40 km).

At first, the route starts out flat and then heads through the Monti Berici, a hilly region just south of Vicenza, with a wonderful view of the city. The old city centre is characterized by the beautiful private palaces and public buildings by Andrea Palladio, the famous 16th century architect known all over the world. This stage can also be reduced by taking a train from Verona to San Bonifacio (approx. 30 km).

DAY 6. Vicenza–Abano/Montegrotto/Padova (50 km).

Cycling out of Vicenza you will come across the beautiful Palladian Villa Rotonda. Along the Bacchiglione, the route will continue to Abano Terme/Montegrotto, one of Italy's famous spas. You can decide whether to stay in Abano/Montegrotto or in Padova. A supplement applies for lodging in Padova – *please advise if you want this when making your booking*

DAY 7. Abano/Montegrotto/Padova–Mestre/Venice (40 km).

The tour continues easily through the flat Veneto. You will cycle along the Brenta Canal, overlooked by the once countryside villas of the Venetian nobility (Villa Pisani, Malcontenta, Villa Widmann) until you reach Mestre, Venice's mainland. A supplement applies for lodging in Venice instead of Mestre – *please advise if you want this when making your booking.*

DAY 8. Mestre/Venice.

The tour ends after breakfast at the hotel.



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