

# EUREGIO cycling trip








## from INNSBRUCK to VERONA – classic

From the basin of the alpine metropolis of Innsbruck you cycle upriver, into one of the most fascinating regions in the heart of the Alps. The InnRadweg (Inn cycle path) gently meanders, embedded in the amazing Tyrolean Mountain landscape, to the city of fountains, Imst and then further on to Landeck.




By relaxing Shuttle-transfer you overcome the climb up to Nauders on the Reschenpass. From Reschensee in South Tyrol you take the Adige Cycle Path, along the playful river, through the lush fruit growing landscapes of the sun-drenched Vinschgau valley, via the spa town of Merano and the idyllic shimmering Lake Caldaro to the lovely Castelfeder holiday region. The wine gardens nestle upon the hills around Lake Caldaro and the South Tyrolean lower land, and seamlessly flow into the famous Trentino.

Flanked by porphyry walls to the left and olive groves to the right the Adige cycle path leads steadily its way to Verona, the city alike a cultural storybook and magical arena to Shakespeare's legend of Romeo and Juliet.

### Highlights

-  Culture and nature of the alpine-urban Innsbruck
-  Sunken church tower of Altgraun (14<sup>th</sup> century), Reschenstausee water reservoir
-  Landscape and cultural diversity, Vinschgau
-  Gardens of castle Trauttmansdorf, Merano
-  Lake Caldaro, South Tyrolean Wine Route
-  Historical centre, Castle Castello di Buonconsiglio, Trento
-  Anfiteatro Arena, Ponte Pietra, Castelvechio, Verona

### Route characteristics

-  Mostly paved/asphalted bike paths, farm roads, quiet side roads and local thoroughfares
-  Transfer across the toughest ascent to Reschen pass (Landeck - Nauders)
-  From Reschenstausee water reservoir to Merano are some longer descents






### Level of difficulty

Touring bicycle 

Pedelec/E-Bike 

Suitable for families with children from the age of approx. 12 years (appropriate cycling enthusiasm required)

### Arrival | Travel time | Type of trip

-  Every Tuesday and Saturday from May 1<sup>st</sup> to September 25<sup>th</sup> 2024
-  9 days | 8 nights (incl. days of arrival and departure)
-  Stretch trip - approx. 390 cycling kilometres
-  Individual cycling trip
-  From 2 persons (single travellers on application)

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Individual journey to Innsbruck

Welcome to 3-time Olympic City of Innsbruck. The city in the heart of the Alps is best known as a winter sport destination with special flair but you'll be surprised about the colourful ambience awaiting you in the warmer seasons. So please make sure to take your time to enjoy the cultural variety of Innsbruck.

### Day 2: Innsbruck – Imst (approx. 60 km)

InnCycle Path measures some 500 kilometres from St. Moritz in Switzerland to Passau in Germany. Some of those kilometres you'll ride through the Inn Valley, surrounded by imposing mountain chains. The more or less flat bicycle path leads the way to the famous Cistercian monastery of Stams and then on to the Rafting and Canyoning centre of Haiming. A romantic and slightly hilly ride through a beautiful pine forest will bring you to Imst. Just before Imst, by Roppen you reach a Kneipp water-treading basin Römerbad, where you can cool off your legs on hot days.

### Day 3: Imst – Holiday region Lago di Resia & Alta Venosta (approx. 55 km | without transfer approx. 105 km)

After a hearty breakfast you cycle from Imst to Landeck. From there we take the shuttle up to Nauders. Soon afterwards you cross the border to Italy at Reschen pass and with it the main Alpine ridge. You cycle downwards towards Malles past Reschenstausee reservoir with the sunken church tower of Altgraun, one of the most famous photo motifs of Italy. Enjoy the first evening on South Tyrolean soil and enjoy strolling through the old alleyways of the town.

### Day 4: Holiday region Lago di Resia & Alta Venosta – Merano (approx. 65 km)

Today you cross the entire Val Venosta. The route leads from an altitude of more than 1,000m down to the town of Merano that is located at an altitude of 350m. Most of the route follows the course of River Adige. From your starting place this pleasant cycling stretch leads down to the smallest town of the Alps, the town of Glorenza. Past the marble town of Laas you get to Naturns and eventually – past the impressive Kastellbell castle – to the spa town of Merano. Enjoy an evening walk through town along the "Passer" promenade surrounded by subtropical flora.

### Day 5: Merano – Castelfeder Holiday Region (approx. 50 - 60 km)

There is plenty to see along this route: Niederlana's famous Schnatterpeckaltar, the largest Gothic wing altar in the Alpine area, the highest church tower of the South Tyrol in Terlan and a great number of fortresses and ruins on both valley slopes.

After a short stop at South Tyrol's capital city of Bolzano you have a wonderful occasion of refreshing your legs at Lake Caldaro. Today's tour ends at Castelfeder Holiday Region with the towns of Ora, Montagna, Egna and Salorno, which is where the German speaking South Tyrol ends.

### Day 6: Castelfeder Holiday Region – Trento (approx. 50 km)

Today you cycle along River Adige that is lined by orchards until you get to Salorno. The German-speaking part of the South Tyrol ends here. The stage finishes in the town of Trento which features an old town worth seeing with historic buildings like the cathedral and Buonconsiglio castle.

**Day 7: Trento – Belluno Veronese and environs** (approx. 55 km)

Along the River Adige you'll pass small towns like Rovereto and Pilcante to Avio or Belluno Veronese. They say that this is where the best wine is made since the 15th century. Even though Veronese is less than 10 km away from Lake Garda there is a lot less touristic ado. Enjoy the rural ambience over a glass of local wine.

**Day 8: Belluno Veronese and environs – Verona** (approx. 50 km)

Before you'll reach the city of Romeo & Juliet you'll have to overcome one more little ascent up to Rivoli Veronese. Have a good time relaxing or strolling or discovering the arena of Verona...

**Day 9: Individual Return Journey or Extension**

**Included Services | Price per Person | Extras**

**Included services**

- ✓ 8 Overnight stays including large breakfast buffet in hotels of the 3-star category \*
- ✓ Luggage transport from hotel to hotel
- ✓ Shuttle transfer from Landeck to Nauders
- ✓ Extensive travel papers | GPS-data available on demand
- ✓ Local tax in all places of accommodation
- ✓ Phone service daily from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm

**Price per person**

- Accommodation in a double room (arrival from May 1 <sup>st</sup> )	Euro 1.319,00
- Accommodation in a double room (arrival from May 15 <sup>th</sup> )	Euro 1.365,00
- Accommodation in a double room (arrival from July 15 <sup>th</sup> )	Euro 1.399,00
- Single room surcharge	Euro 325,00

**Extras**

- Rental of 21-gear touring bicycle	Euro 110,00
- Rental of Pedelec/E-Bike	Euro 250,00
- Extra night in Innsbruck in DR/B&B	Euro 84,00
- Extra night in Innsbruck in SR/B&B	Euro 119,00
- Extra night in Verona in DR/B&B	Euro 85,00
- Extra night in Verona in SR/B&B	Euro 125,00
- Return transfer Verona-Innsbruck (Thurs., Sun.)	Euro 165,00
- Vehicle transfer Innsbruck-Verona	on request

\* Restaurant recommendations for dinner in all stage towns can be found in the travel information after booking