







# EUREGIO cycling trip

## from INNSBRUCK to VERONA – sporty



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 “Obere Gericht” in the district of Landeck.

A sporty, serpentine like ascent of approx. 700 metres awaits you between Pfunds and Nauders by Reschensee lake water reservoir. From there 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
-  Lake Caldaro, South Tyrolean Wine Route
-  Historical centre, Castle Castello di Buonconsiglio, Trento
-  Anfiteatro Arena, Ponte Pietra, Castelvecchio, Verona

### Route characteristics

-  Mostly paved/asphalted bike paths, farm roads, quiet side roads and local thoroughfares
-  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. 14 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
-  8 days | 7 nights (incl. days of arrival and departure)
-  Stretch trip - approx. 435 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 – Landeck (approx. 85 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. The farther you ride along the hefty mountain chains the narrower the Inn Valley gets on your way towards district capital city of Landeck.

### Day 3: Landeck – Holiday region Lago di Resia & Alta Venosta (approx. 85 km)

Next to river Inn the cycle way leads from Landeck to the so called Oberes Gericht and on to Pfunds. Past Pfunds the cycle way is on Swiss state territory for approx. 10km. From Martina/Unterengadin you'll conquer 400m of height distance along the winding but not too steep road of Norbertshöhe. A short coast down to Nauders is followed by a short and easy uphill passage where 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 – Belluno Veronese and environs** (approx. 85 - 95 km)

You should know a couple of Italian words by now. Ride along River Adige towards Trento where you can visit the old town with its dome and Castle Buonconsiglio. Past Trento 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 7: 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 8: Individual Return Journey or Extension**

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

**Included services**

- ✓ 7 Overnight stays including large breakfast buffet in hotels of the 3-star category \*
- ✓ Luggage transport from hotel to hotel
- ✓ 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**

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| - Accommodation in a double room (arrival from May 1 <sup>st</sup> )   | Euro 1.175,00 |
| - Accommodation in a double room (arrival from May 15 <sup>th</sup> )  | Euro 1.219,00 |
| - Accommodation in a double room (arrival from July 15 <sup>th</sup> ) | Euro 1.259,00 |
| - Single room surcharge  | Euro 275,00   |

**Extras**

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| - 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