

# AlpineSerenissima

## from INNSBRUCK to VENICE – 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 of 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. By another shuttle transfer you leave Trento behind and ride the famous Valsugana thermal region along Brenta river which accompanies you almost to Feltre. Soon you leave the gracious hills of the world famous Prosecco-production area of Valdobbiadene behind and cycle through tranquil and historically significant cities like Treviso before you reach Quarto d'Altino. By train you ride directly into the centre of Venice - nothing's in the way of strolling through the innumerable alleyways and to discover the Serenissima with its many Palazzi and cultural treasures.

### 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
- Forte Leone, Primolano
- Lagoon city of Venice with historical treasures and sights

### Route characteristics

- Mostly paved cycling paths and rural roads as well as less travelled back roads and village roads
- Shuttle transfer across the toughest ascent to Reschen pass (Landeck - Nauders)
- From Reschenstausee water reservoir to Merano are some longer descents
- Shuttle transfer from Trento to Levico Terme
- 2 parts of approx. 5 km with more frequented roads between Feltre and Quarto d'Altino
- Train ride from Quarto d'Altino to Venice and back

### 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

- May 9<sup>th</sup> 2023, June 6<sup>th</sup> 2023, July 4<sup>th</sup> 2023, July 25<sup>th</sup> 2023, September 5<sup>th</sup> 2023 (Tuesdays)
- 11 days | 10 nights (incl. days of arrival and departure)
- Stretch trip - approx. 460 resp. 470 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 – Feltre** (approx. 65 | without Transfer approx. 90 km)

An easy start by transfer to Valsugana is followed by a beautiful tour on a new cycle path from Levico Terme along river Brenta to Borgo Valsugana and Primolano. From here you have to take a regular road up to Arsie and Fonzaso in order to finish in Feltre, one of the most important historical cities.

**Day 8: Feltre – Pieve di Soligo** (approx. 50 km or 60 km via Praderadego-Pass)

Today you've got two options. Either you take the hilly but not too exhausting road through the Prosecco-vineyards or you take the sporty road and pass by Lentiai and the impressive Praderadego-Pass (approx. 900 Altitude difference). Pieve di Soligo is definitely perfect to relax after a "harder" day.

**Day 9: Pieve di Soligo – Quarto d'Altino/Venice** (approx. 65 km)

You have to hit the pedals just one more time in order to get to Venice. On the way you find some real highlights too. Right past Pieve di Soligo, still in the middle of the prosecco hills you see Castello San Salvatore throning. Soon after Ponte Priula you arrive at the art and radicchio-town of Treviso which is finally followed by Quarto d'Altino, a small town very close to the original start of Via Claudia Augusta.

**Day 10: Excursion to Venice – Overnight stay again in Quarto d'Altino**

Set aside your bike and relax while you take the train in approx. 20 minutes to the train station Santa Lucia of Venice. This is the perfect initial point to explore the uncountable alleys and channels of Venice. Have a look at Piazza San Marco and maybe even treat yourself with a gondola ride...

**Day 11: Individual Return Journey or Extension**

## Included Services | Price per Person | Extras

### Included services

- ✓ 10 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 and from Trento to Levico Terme
- ✓ Train ticket from Quarto d'Altino to Venice and back
- ✓ 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	Euro 1.489,00
- Accommodation in a double room (arrival from May 15 <sup>th</sup> )	Euro 1.609,00
- Accommodation in a double room (arrival from July 15 <sup>th</sup> )	Euro 1.659,00
- Single room surcharge	Euro 324,00

### Extras

- Rental of 21-gear touring bicycle	Euro 120,00
- Rental of Pedelec/E-Bike	Euro 240,00
- Extra night in Innsbruck in DR/B&B	Euro 76,00
- Extra night in Innsbruck in SR/B&B	Euro 102,00
- Extra night in Quarto d'Altino in DR/B&B	Euro 69,00
- Extra night in Quarto d'Altino in SR/B&B	Euro 96,00
- Return transfer Quarto d'Altino-Innsbruck	on request
- Vehicle transfer Innsbruck-Quarto d'Altino	on request

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