









## Via Claudia Augusta




*Across the alps from AUGSBURG to VERONA - classic*

The cycle path leads from the local recreation area of the Augsburg forest along the Lech river through botanical treasures and the Lech heathlands and passes on the lead by Schongau to the gentle hills of the Pfaffenwinkel nature region all the way to Forggensee, the Füssen bathtub. After a short intermezzo with King Ludwig's visions in his castle of Neuschwanstein your cycle trip proceeds past the Füssener Lechfall, then the cycle path continues along river Lech into the Tyrolean Alps. From Reutte an organised shuttle-transfer takes you to Fernsteinsee Castle, then the cycle path takes you through the picturesque Gurgltal (Gurgl Valley) to the fountain town of Imst and on to Landeck. With another 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 and numerous manorial castles nestle upon the hills and high plateaus around Lake Caldaro and the South Tyrolean lower land flows seamlessly into the famous Trentino. Flanked by porphyry walls to the left and olive groves to the right the Adige cycle path steadily leads its way to Verona. The city is like a cultural storybook, and is the magical arena to Shakespeare's legend of Romeo and Juliet.

### Highlights

-  Roman museum in the Augsburg armoury
-  Fugger house and „Fuggerei“, Augsburg
-  Historic Augsburg water management (UNESCO world heritage site)
-  King Ludwig's fairy-tale castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau, Füssen/Schwangau
-  Sunken church tower of Altgraun (14<sup>th</sup> century), Reschenstausee water reservoir
-  Original milestone of Rabland, city museum of Bolzano
-  Tridentum. The Roman underground city - S.A.S.S., Trento
-  Anfiteatro Arena, Ponte Pietra, Castelvecchio, Verona

### Route characteristics

-  Mostly paved/asphalted bike paths, farm roads, quiet side roads and local thoroughfares
-  Transfer across the toughest ascents across Fernpass (Reutte - Fernsteinsee lake) and Reschenpass (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 Saturday from May 1<sup>st</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup> 2021
-  12 days | 11 nights (incl. days of arrival and departure)
-  Stretch trip - approx. 505 cycling kilometres
-  Individual cycling trip
-  From 2 persons (single travellers on application)

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Individual journey to Augsburg

Visit of the Roman provincial capital „Augusta Vindelicorum“

### Day 2: Augsburg – Landsberg (approx. 50 km)

The place name Augsburg derives from the Roman name of the town „Augusta Vindelicorum“, which was founded in 15 B.C. under the rule of Emperor Augustus. Augsburg’s popularity however, was established with its role as a Fugger town. Therefore, a visit of the Fuggerei, which is the world’s oldest project for social housing still in use today, is almost a must. The stage to Landsberg is thought to be a comfy „run in“ on almost flat terrain.

### Day 3: Landsberg – Region Schongau (approx. 45 km)

On the horizon you can already see the Alps but you get to enjoy the beauty of the region Pfaffenwinkel first. Schongau features a picturesque old town and almost completely preserved town walls.

### Day 4: Region Schongau – Füssen/Schwangau (approx. 40 km)

Having left the old town of Schongau the cycling path along River Lech takes you into the Tyrol. Before heading over the border from Germany to Austria the beautiful fairy tale-like Neuschwanstein castle awaits you.

### Day 5: Füssen/Schwangau – Imst (approx. 40 km | without transfer approx. 70 km)

Today the tour takes us from Füssen to Reutte. From there our transfer brings you across Fern Pass in a comfortable way. From Fernstein castle you cycle past Nassereith and through the picturesque Gurgltal Valley to Imst. A “beery” adventure awaits you at the microbrewery at Starkenberg castle.

### Day 6: Imst – St. Valentin/Burgusio/Malles (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 7: St. Valentin/Burgusio/Malles – 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 8: Merano – Castelfeder Holiday Region (approx. 50 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. And - after the optional visit of Bolzano you’ll have the wonderful opportunity to refresh your legs at Lake Caldaro.

**Day 9: 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 10: Trento –Belluno Veronese and environs** (approx. 55 km)

Along the River Adige you'll pass small towns like Rovereto and Pilsch 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 11: 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 12: Individual Return Journey or Extension**

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

**Included services**

- ✓ 11 Overnight stays including large breakfast buffet in hotels of the 3-star category
- ✓ Luggage transport from hotel to hotel
- ✓ Shuttle transfer from Reutte to Fernsteinssee lake and from Landeck to Nauders
- ✓ Extensive travel papers | GPS-data available on demand
- ✓ Phone service daily from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm

**Price per person**

- Accommodation in a double room *	Euro 1.322,00
- Accommodation in a double room * (arrival from May 15 <sup>th</sup> )	Euro 1.349,00
- Accommodation in a double room * (arrival from August 5 <sup>th</sup> )	Euro 1.388,00
- Single room surcharge	Euro 319,00
- Half-board surcharge	Euro 312,00

**Extras**

- Rental of 21-gear touring bicycle	Euro 95,00
- Rental of Pedelec/E-Bike	Euro 190,00
- Extra night in Augsburg in DR/B&B *	Euro 72,00
- Extra night in Augsburg in SR/B&B *	Euro 98,00
- Extra night in Verona in DR/B&B *	Euro 70,00
- Extra night in Verona in SR/B&B *	Euro 106,00
- Return transfer Verona-Augsburg (every Wed, Fri, Sun)	Euro 175,00
- Vehicle transfer Augsburg-Verona	on request

\* Any local taxes that may be due are not included and are payable locally