

## Via Claudia Augusta

*Across the Alps from FÜSSEN to BOLZANO – sporty*

Your transalpine cycle trip starts from the foot of Ammergebirge mountain range and from the idyllic Forggensee. Past the Füssener Lechfall, the cycle path continues along the Lech into Tyrol's Ausserfern. The rugged elegance of the Lechtal Alps and the Zugspitze mountains flank the cycle path as far as the Ehrwalder Becken, a protected moorland, in whose subsurface parts of a Roman “beating road” of the *Via Claudia Augusta* are preserved. From Biberwier an organised shuttle-transfer takes you to Fernsteinsee Castle and the cycle path, embedded in the amazing Tyrolian landscape, meanders through the picturesque Gurgltal (Gurgl Valley) and into the Upper Inn Valley until 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 on to the pulsating trading town of Bolzano.

### Highlights

-  King Ludwig's fairy tale castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau, Schwangau by Füssen
-  Natural element water and wildly romantic mountainside – appealing and vast
-  Sunken church tower of Altgraun (14<sup>th</sup> century), Reschenstausee water reservoir
-  Historical centre and alcoves of Merano and Bolzano
-  Original milestone of Rabland, city museum of Bolzano
-  Walther square, fruit market, „Ötzi-museum“, Bolzano
-  Lake Caldaro, South Tyrolean Wine Road

### Route characteristics

-  Mostly paved/asphalted bike paths, farm roads, quiet side roads and local thoroughfares
-  Transfer across the toughest ascent across Fernpass (Biberwier - Fernsteinsee lake)
-  Ascent of approx. 700 metres between Pfunds and Reschen pass
-  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 15<sup>th</sup> 2021
- 6 days | 5 nights (incl. days of arrival and departure)
- Stretch trip - approx. 295 cycling kilometres
- Individual cycling trip
- From 2 persons (single travellers on application)

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Individual journey to Füssen

King Ludwig II. and his fairy-tale castle welcome you in Füssen.

### Day 2: Füssen/Schwangau – Landeck (approx. 75 km)

Castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau lead the way towards Reutte. Shortly after Reutte you have to overcome a short stretch up to Ehrenberger gorge/Ehrenberg castle ruin. You now cycle across the Tyrolean “Ausserfern” until you reach Biberwier. 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. The stretch from county capital city of Imst to the next county capital city of Landeck follows the cycle way along River Inn/InnRadweg.

### Day 3: Landeck – St. Valentin/Burgusio/Malles (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: 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 5: Merano – Bolzano via Lake Caldaro Region (approx. 70 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. Also the ripe and processed fruit of the south Tyrolean vineyards are a true pleasure. Enjoy a glass of wine at Lake Caldaro or even at the end of your tour at Walther Square in the Centre of Bolzano.

### Day 6: Individual Return Journey or Extension

## Included Services | Price per Person | Extras

### Included services

- ✓ 5 Overnight stays including large breakfast buffet in hotels of the 3-star category
- ✓ Luggage transport from hotel to hotel
- ✓ Shuttle transfer from Biberwier to Fernsteinsee lake
- ✓ Reutte Aktiv Card (reduced admission to Thermal Resort Ehrenberg, Adventure Museum...)
- ✓ Tirol West Card (reduced admission to Museums, such as Via Claudia Augusta-Centre...)
- ✓ 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	648,00
- Accommodation in a double room * (arrival from May 15 <sup>th</sup> )	Euro	675,00
- Accommodation in a double room * (arrival from August 5 <sup>th</sup> )	Euro	696,00
- Single room surcharge	Euro	132,00
- Half-board surcharge	Euro	145,00

### Extras

- Rental of 21-gear touring bicycle	Euro	80,00
- Rental of Pedelec/E-Bike	Euro	170,00
- Extra night in Füssen in DR/B&B *	Euro	78,00
- Extra night in Füssen in SR/B&B *	Euro	112,00
- Extra night in Bolzano in DR/B&B *	Euro	78,00
- Extra night in Bolzano in SR/B&B *	Euro	112,00
- Return transfer Bolzano-Füssen (every Tues, Thurs, Sun)	Euro	95,00
- Vehicle transfer Füssen-Bolzano		on request

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