










Via Claudia Augusta








Across the Alps from FÜSSEN to QUARTO d'ALTINO-VENICE – 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 takes you through the picturesque Gurgltal (Gurgl Valley) and into the Upper Inn Valley. A sporty, serpentine ascent of approx. 700 meters awaits you between Pfunds and Nauders on the Reschenpass. From the Reschensee in South Tyrol, the Adige Cycle Path leads along the river through the sun-drenched Vinschgau to the spa town of Merano and on to the Castelfeder holiday region. The vineyards are already emitting a southern flair, blending into the landscape with their sweeping lines and allowing the South Tyrolean lowlands to merge seamlessly into Trentino and its glamorous capital Trento. As a reward for the ascent to Alta Valsugana, a magnificent view opens up into the thermal region of the Suganer Valley, whose cycle path along the Brenta River accompanies you almost to Feltre. Behind you, the graceful hills of the world-famous Prosecco growing area of Valdobbiadene, your way leads you through tranquil villages and historically significant cities like Treviso, before Quarto d’Altino is reached, the destination of your journey. By train you can reach the centre of Venice directly and nothing stands in the way of a long stroll in the Serenissima with its palazzi and art treasures.

Highlights


-  Roman Villa Rustica, Schwangau by Füssen
-  Natural element water and wildly romantic mountainside – appealing and vast
-  Sunken church tower of Altgraun (14th century), Reschenstausee water reservoir
-  Original milestone of Rabland, city museum of Bolzano
-  Borgo Valsugana, Suganer Valley
-  Forte Leone, Primolano
-  The original milestone of Cesiomaggiore, optional visitation when riding via Praderadego pass between
-  Feltre and Pieve di Soligo
-  Lagoon city of Venice with historical treasures and sights

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
-  Very sporty option between Feltre and Pieve di Soligo via Praderadego pass
-  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. 14 years (appropriate cycling enthusiasm required)


Arrival | Travel time | Type of trip

 Every first Tuesday of the month from May 1st to September 15th 2021

 11 days | 10 nights (incl. days of arrival and departure)

 Stretch trip - approx. 525 resp. 535 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 – 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 – Levico Terme (approx. 60 - 70 km)

You should have managed to pick up a couple of Italian words before you continue to pedal on along River Adige to Trento where you see the old town with its Dome and Castle of Buonconsiglio. The sporty highlight today are about 600 metres of altitude difference up to Civezzano and Pergine Valsugana. Just a couple of kilometres more and you reach Lake Levico which will make you forget the struggle ;-)

Day 7: Levico Terme – Feltre (approx. 65 km)

A beautiful tour on a new cycle path from Levico Terme along River Brenta to Borgo Valsugana and Primolano awaits you. 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 Proseccovineyards

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 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 1.268,00
- Accommodation in a double room * (arrival from May 15 th)	Euro 1.321,00
- Accommodation in a double room * (arrival from August 5 th)	Euro 1.360,00
- Single room surcharge	Euro 269,00
- Half-board surcharge	Euro 270,00

Extras

- Rental of 21-gear touring bicycle	Euro 130,00
- Rental of Pedelec/E-Bike	Euro 230,00
- 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 Quarto d'Altino in DR/B&B *	Euro 64,00
- Extra night in Quarto d'Altino in SR/B&B *	Euro 91,00
- Return transfer Quarto d'Altino-Füssen (every Fri, Sun)	Euro 160,00
- Vehicle transfer Füssen-Quarto d'Altino	on request

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