

GIRO d'ITALIA

Milan to Venice (via Bormio) – Final Week – May 2024



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2024 Giro - Stages 15, 16, 17 & 20!

The 2024 Giro will come to life as the race heads into the final week. We are looking forward to showcasing some classic stages which for Sierra clients will begin in Bormio. Stage 16 includes a monumental crossing over the Stelvio Pass and Stage 20 packs in two ascents of Monte Grappa. When searching for the best Giro action our aim is to select what are truly emblematic and race defining stages!

Join us on our 2024 Giro d'Italia cycling tour where we will be based in Bormio for 3 nights (Stages 15 & 16) and Levico Terme for 4 nights (Stages 17 & 20). Selecting two key bases during the tour will create a very relaxed atmosphere! Tour cycling days away from the 2024 Giro race action will be packed with quality rides as you climb famous mountains including Passo Sommo and Menador.

We look forward to hosting you on this journey which follows the finishing stages of the Italian Grand Tour. The tour even finishes on the outskirts of Venice allowing access for those looking for an easy travel connection to Rome to watch the finale in the Italian capital!

ITINERARY

DAY ONE – Saturday 18 May 2024 – Milan collection

This morning we will welcome you at Milan Malpensa airport. Our transfer will leave the airport at approx. **10:00am**. From Milan there is a 3hr van transfer to Bormio which will be broken up with a lunch stop.

During the early afternoon our tour leaders and bike mechanics will be available to help you assemble/fit your bikes and head out for a guided warm-up bike ride in this beautiful area. The hotel's proximity to bike paths along the river (Fiume Adda) will provide the perfect opportunity to discover the area by bike. Later this evening we will gather for an evening meal together and tour briefing.



Meals: Dinner included

Destinations: Bormio

Today's Ride: 30 km

Accommodation: Bormio (Lombardia)

DAY TWO – Sunday 19 May 2024 – Stage 15 – Livigno!

Stage 15 of the 2024 Giro finishes high in the Italian Alps at the Mottolino ski station. To get started though, the pro riders will begin today on the edge of Lake Garda. The race's longest stage follows a 220km route through to Livigno. To connect with the race route from Bormio our cycling begins by climbing over Passo di Foscagno (to be used during Stage 16 of the 2024 Giro). This 24km climb has a 4.5% average grade so it will be the perfect way to get yourself ready for the steeper climbs that await.

The descent down to Livigno will be riveting before the final 8.3km climb to Mottolino. The initial 6km are a fairly constant 6-7% grade before the final 2km pinch to the ski station. This will be the first time the Giro finishes on the Mottolino and the 8-10% grades and maximum 18% ramp will make for captivating viewing. After watching this decisive battle there will be a 1hr drive back to Bormio.



Meals: Breakfast included

Destinations: Passo di Foscagno

Today's Ride: 65km / 1750m elevation gain

Accommodation: Bormio (Lombardia)

DAY THREE – Monday 20 May 2024 – Giro rest day – Mortirolo anyone

It's not every day you get the chance to attempt an out and out wall like Mortirolo. This was a road which was always a secondary mountain route until it became asphalted in 1990. From that time on a new page in the Giro history books was opened. In those 30 years there have been as many as 14 Giro crossings and names such as Marco Pantani, Ivan Basso, Steven Kruiswijk and Luis Leon Sanchez have all lead the peloton over this 1851m elevation summit. It will be a great chance for everyone to test themselves on an authentic Giro d'Italia classic.

As we ride back into Bormio you can either have the guides drop you off at the hotel door or continue for an optional 10km climb up to the 2020 Giro Stage 18 summit finish on Laghi di Cancano. The first half of the climb scales the side of the valley before the final section converts into a series of curving switchbacks. At the 8km mark you pass the two medieval towers (Torri di Friale) and push on to the rifugio and the spectacular views over the lake.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner included

Destinations: Mortirolo & Laghi di Cancano

Today's Ride: 70km / 1650m elevation gain or 90km / 2250m elevation gain

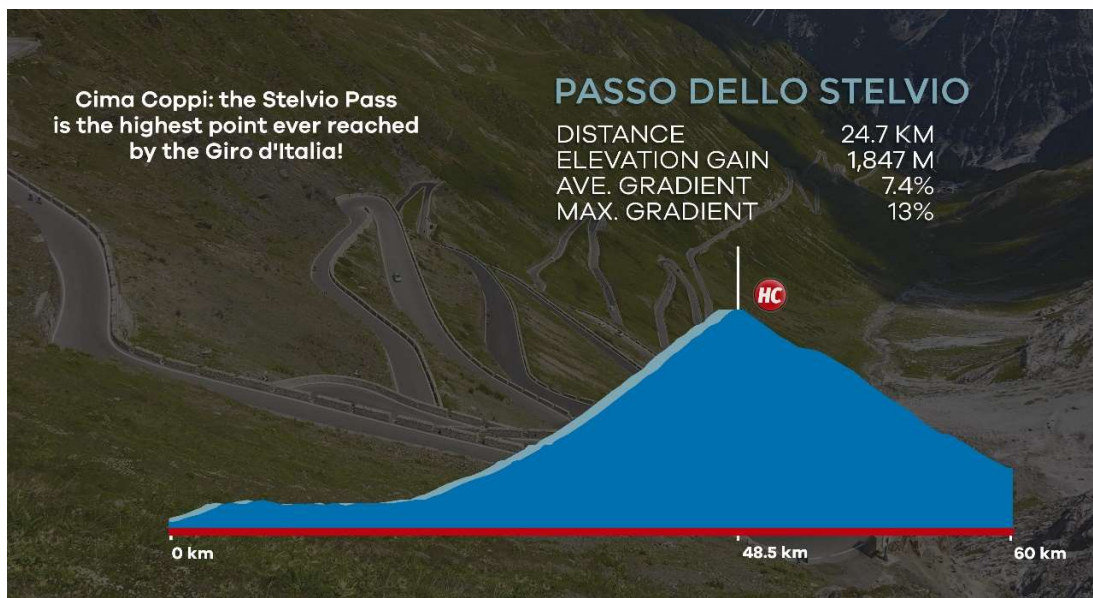
Accommodation: Bormio (Lombardia)



DAY FOUR – Tuesday 21 May 2024 – Giro Stage 16 – Stelvio Pass!

Today we say goodbye to Bormio and ride towards our new base in Levico Terme. Before that though, the Giro peloton leaves Livigno and after 30km will also find themselves in Bormio. The 20.2km Stelvio ascent averages 7.2% with a few steeper sections also thrown in for fun (a max gradient of 14% awaits). The climb starts with some hairpins (surprise, surprise), a few impressive tunnels, before a longer straight section through a steep valley. If the views were not enough this route also intersects a couple of spectacular waterfalls as you near the upper sections. The aim is always to leave something extra in the tank as the final 3km up to 2758m elevation average nearly 10%.

Depending on the weather conditions we will watch the peloton pass by on the Stelvio summit or down in Prato. The ride down to Prato follows the famous 48 hairpins which is an experience like other. To round out an unforgettable day on the bike, we will push on through the apple orchards and ride an additional 20km along the bike path to Silandro. Post-ride there is a 1hr 45min transfer to Levico.



Meals: Breakfast & Dinner included

Destinations: Stevio Pass

Today's Ride: 70km / 1600m elevation gain

Accommodation: Levico Terme (Trentino)

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DAY FIVE – Wednesday 22 May 2024 – Giro Stage 17 – Passo Brocon

Today our guided ride will take in a beautiful stretch along the Brenta River. From the hotel you will immediately connect with the asphalted bike path. Giant mountains line both sides of the river and after 25km we will head north to intersect the Giro race course. Stage 17 of the 2024 Giro will see the peloton climb Passo Brocon via two different ascents. Our ride will connect the Giro race with 30km to the summit finish. Following the route of the pro's we will descend to Catello Tesino and climb the steeper ascent to the finish line. This is a new road for the Giro and the final 12km climb at 6.5% average grade hides a few surprises in the final 2km. On approaching the summit you will be rewarded with tight curving roads which will make for an entertaining Stage 17 finish. Post-stage there will be a 45min transfer back to the hotel.



Meals: Breakfast included

Destinations: Brenta River

Today's Ride: 80km / 1700m elevation gain

Accommodation: Levico Terme (Trentino)

DAY SIX – Thursday 23 May 2024 – Make your own Giro history

Today we will take a break from the Giro d'Italia to do some cycling in this beautiful part of Trentino region. Our base in Levico Terme lies at the highest point of the Valsugana valley floor (about 520m above sea level). Lake Levico and Lake Caldonazzo are natural lakes in the Valsugana area. Our 80km loop ride follows the western shore of Lake Caldonazzo. There are several challenges during today's ride. Stage 16 of the 2023 Giro for instance entered this region (Joao Almeida of UAE was the stage winner) and as part of our route today we will also tackle Passo Sommo. Rising up from Lake Caldonazzo we encounter a 21.5km climb with an average grade of 4%. A number of stunning lookout points are also dotted throughout the ride with the Menador a real treat! Later in the afternoon we can watch the Stage 18 finish on the TV as the sprinters get one of only a few chances for glory in Padova

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner included

Destinations: Strada Menador

Today's Ride: 80km / 2000m elevation gain

Accommodation: Levico Terme (Trentino)

DAY SEVEN – Friday 24 May 2024 – Passo del Redebus

Taking advantage of our base and today we also enjoy the scenic roads surrounding the Trentino lakes district. During Stage 18 of the 2014 Giro d'Italia the peloton climbed Passo del Redebus. It is a lumpy ride for us to its base but the final turn-off to 'Redebus' shapes up as a 4km climb with an 8.5% average grade. The 15km descent on flowing roads back towards Levico will be an absolute treat. For those looking for more we have a few additional switchbacks in mind that will take you up through the densely vegetated forest directly to the east of the hotel. There will be time in the afternoon for some Stage 19 Giro action on the TV.

Meals: Breakfast included

Destinations: Passo del Redebus

Today's Ride: 70km / 1375m elevation gain or 100km / 1950m elevation gain

Accommodation: Levico Terme (Trentino)

DAY EIGHT – Saturday 25 May 2024 – Giro Stage 20 – Monte Grappa

This morning we will transfer 1hr to the heart of Prosecco wine country. To finish things off you will cycle a brilliant route through the rolling hills of the Prosecco wine area. Following the landscapes of Italy's prized sparkling wine will be a major highlight. For those looking for a challenge the ride passes by the base of Monte Grappa. For Italian cyclists, riding Grappa is a tradition and for many just as important as the Stelvio Pass. It is the location where the Italian troops held back the constant attacks of the Austro-Hungarian and German armies during WWI and where the famous motto "You Shall Not Pass Here" was born.



The climb rises out of the Veneto plain and measures 27km at an average gradient of 6%. The Giro d'Italia has visited Monte Grappa (1775m) on 6 occasions and was last used during Stage 20 of the 2017 edition. Hosting the penultimate stage of 'Giro 100' is saying something about its national importance!

During 2024 the Giro d'Italia will host a double ascent of Monte Grappa and watching the race with the 'tifosi' (Italian fans) will be something to savour. Will it be Tadej Pogacar climbing to victory on Monte Grappa? After the stage finish, we will transport you all 1hr to our hotel on the outskirts of Venice Airport.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner included

Destinations: Valdobbiadene

Today's Ride: 80km / 1600m elevation gain

Accommodation: Venice Airport (Veneto)

DAY NINE – Sunday 26 May 2024 – Venice Departure

As we bid you farewell, we will offer an airport (Venice Marco Polo) or train station (Venice Mestre) transfer departing the hotel at approximately 8:30am. With morning flights and trains that head to Rome you have the option to watch the 2024 Giro race finish in the Italian capital. We trust you have enjoyed your 2024 Giro d'Italia tour experience!

Meals: Breakfast included



TRIP DETAILS

REGION: BORMIO & TRENTINO

PRICE: 3275 € p.p. (twin share)

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: 725 €

TOUR DATES: 18 – 26 MAY 2024

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

Carbon Road Bike Hire: 400 €

HOTELS: Bormio (x3), Levico Terme (x4)
& Venice Airport (x1); 3-4 star hotels

DURATION: 8 NIGHTS / 9 DAYS

INCLUDED

Arrival & Departure transfers (Milan & Venice)
8 nights accommodation including breakfast
5 dinners (beer & wine included)
8 guided cycling stages with van and mechanic
Food & drinks during cycling stages
2024 Giro Viewing – Stages 15, 16, 17 & 20
Sierra Welcome Pack (jersey, cap, bottle, t-shirt)

NOT INCLUDED

Airfares
Pre or post Tour Accommodation