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EPIC ALPS: NON-CYCLIST TOUR

Slovenia & Italy: Venice to Lake Como



2025 Epic Italian Alps Non-Cyclist Tour

From Venice to Lake Como

Here is a fantastic tour which begins in Venice, the romantic capital of Italy, passes through neighbouring Slovenia and concludes on the shores of Lake Como just north of Milan. During this holiday you will visit numerous famous destinations, such as, Triglav National Park, the Dolomites national park, Bormio and its thermal waters before finishing in Bellagio with its spectacular views of Lake Como.

There will be a designated guide facilitating your holiday and working in with professional external and local guides. A wide range of activities have been programmed for you all to enjoy, such as, short hikes in the mountain landscapes, guided visits to small villages, boat trips, wine tastings plus more.

At every opportunity we will be sure to organise link ups with the cycling crew to make sure you also share joint coffee stops and picnic lunches along the way. In addition, please be aware that at any time you can jump in the cycling support vans to follow your travel companions if you prefer!

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Bovec and its **Slovenian charm!**
- ✓ Soak in the thermal waters of Bormio
- ✓ **Boat trip** on the ever so impressive Lake Como
- ✓ Shopping in Cortina d'Ampezzo (Italian ski village)
- ✓ Stroll through the mountain landscapes of the **Dolomites**
- ✓ Enjoy a farewell dinner with views **overlooking Lake Como!**

ITINERARY

DAY ONE – Saturday 2 August 2025 – Venice to Slovenia

We will be available to meet you near Venice at approximately 9am. There will be a 1.5hr van transfer to the charming town of Cividale (Friuli region, Italy). The town was a meeting point of cultures and peoples and the monuments such as the Devil's Bridge, the Cathedral and the Lombard Temple pay testament to that. Following your visit there will be time for lunch and a glass of the local Friuli wine! Post-lunch there will be a 1hr drive through to Slovenia, before enjoying a tour welcome dinner with the full team.

Meals

Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation

Bovec (Slovenia)

Cyclist Itinerary: From Venice there is a van transfer to the base of Passo Vrsic (Slovenia). The cyclists will ride this famous climb before finishing in Bovec in the heart of the Soca valley.



DAY TWO – Sunday 3 August 2025 – Bovec & Soca Valley!

Bovec is a playground for biking, hiking and water sports. The turquoise Soca River is a sight for sore eyes. We will find out more about your interests, but we recommend a 1-2hr walk through the national park. If anyone would like to try rafting, then our hotel organises an exceptional excursion!

Meals

Breakfast

Accommodation

Bovec (Slovenia)

Cyclist Itinerary: A classic Slovenian ride up to Mangart Saddle which towers over the region and hugs the Slovenian, Italian and Austrian borders.

DAY THREE – Monday 4 August 2025 – Collio wine area!

This morning the tour heads for the eastern Dolomites. However, first we would like to showcase the Collio wine region. This is one of the most beautiful and famous DOC wine areas in Italy. The Friuli Venezia Giulia region actually feels like being in Tuscany. The rolling hills, picture perfect scenery and terraced vineyards mean a visit to a typical winery is a must. Post-lunch you will be transferred directly to the hotel in Ovaro ready for the cyclists arrival!

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

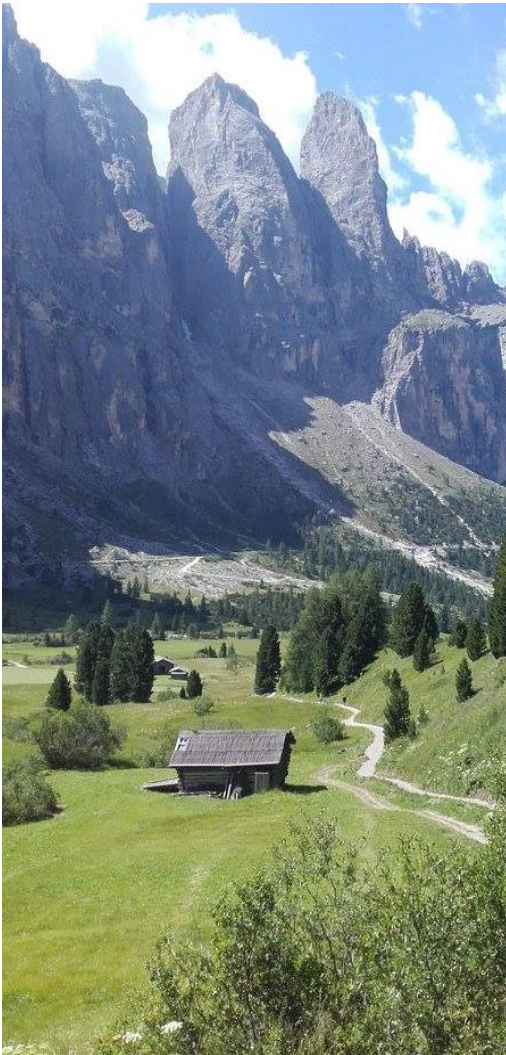
Accommodation

Ovaro (Dolomites, Italy)

Cyclist Itinerary: The route begins today with the crossing from Slovenia into Italy. A long descent awaits, and varying terrain past lakes and rivers through to Ovaro. If you want to attempt Zoncolan the choice is yours!

DAY FOUR – Tue 5 August 2025 – Shopping in Cortina!

As the cyclists battle it out on the nearby ‘Tre Cime’ climb our non-cyclists will enjoy a visit to the vibrant Cortina d’Ampezzo township. The main street, Corso Italia, is a pedestrian street which has beautiful stores, boutiques and coffee shops. What makes these shops even more eye catching are the huge mountains that surround them. This will be a good moment to also get some of your souvenir shopping done!



Cyclist Itinerary: For those wanting to ride every KM today it just might be your biggest day on the bikes. Tre Cime di Lavaredo is a steep climb which is then followed up by Passo Falzarego. Enough said!

Meals

Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation

Arabba (Dolomites, Italy)



DAY FIVE – Wed 6 August 2025 – Dolomites trekking!

After a long breakfast our Sierra guide will then drive you 20 minutes to the top of the Passo Pordoi climb. From here a local walking guide will introduce you to the Sella mountains. There are routes of all levels so we will go through the options with you well in advance. Today will be an especially good day for photography as there are typically beautiful fields of wildflowers and splendid views of the Sella Massif. You will have lunch on top of the pass to round out this amazing experience.

Meals

Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodation

Arabba (Dolomites, Italy)

Cyclist Itinerary: The Sella Ronda is on today's agenda. It includes four mountain passes which all soar over 2000m elevation. This is a ride that will be etched in your minds forever!



DAY SIX – Thursday 7 August 2025 – Canazei

After five consecutive days on the bikes some of the cyclists might like to enjoy a sleep in and enjoy a long breakfast today. Remember – the Stelvio Pass is tomorrow! This will be the plan for the non-cyclists before a 45-minute drive to Canzei to meet up with those cycling. This is very much a logistics transfer day for both cyclists and non-cyclists. The aim is to arrive at our tour hotel in Silandro by mid-afternoon. If there is interest, the non-cyclists could arrive to Canzai 1-2hr before the cyclists and have a wander around what is one of the bigger towns in the Dolomites (some shopping or simply a coffee and relax). In previous years, guests have also caught the chairlifts from Canazei townships to catch a great view of the local landscapes!

Meals

Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation

Silandro (Italy)

Cyclist Itinerary: For those looking for a rest day then you will be transferred to Canazei with the non-cyclists. Otherwise, we have a solid ride planned to Passo Fedaia (Giro d'Italia legend status) which offers Marmolada glacier views at the summit.

DAY SEVEN – Friday 8 August 2025 – Gloreza

The Stelvio Pass and its 48 switchbacks is not a very comfortable drive for non-cyclists (the chance for feeling ill in the van is quite high). As such, this non-cyclist program includes a 2.5hr van transfer to Bormio around the mountains. Mid-morning there will be a pleasant stop off in Gloreza which is a historic small town with a beautiful old centre. Its fortified gate and walls which were constructed in the 14th Century by the Habsburgs are still in pristine conditions. A stroll around town and coffee stop will be a nice way to get to know Gloreza.

Meals

Breakfast

Accommodation

Bormio (Lombardia, Italy)

Cyclist Itinerary: A classic Giro route which includes the 48 switchbacks of the Stelvio Pass and the equally amazing descent down into Bormio.

DAY EIGHT – Saturday 9 August 2025 – Bormio terme!

Following breakfast our tour guide would like to take you to the Bormio thermal baths. This is a very modern complex with many pools for relaxing the body. Remember to pack your bathers and swim cap (mandatory in Italy) and let the warm waters revitalise your soul.

**Meals**

Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation

Bormio (Lombardia, Italy)

Cyclist Itinerary: First up from the hotel is the ride down the valley in search of the ‘Mortirolo’. A brute of a climb but steeped in Giro d’Italia history.

DAY NINE – Sun 10 August 2025 – Bellagio (Lake Como)

Today the main focus is moving the group out of the mountains and onto the shores of Lake Como. Following a late-morning check out the non-cyclists will transfer directly to Lake Como. Bellagio is the jewel of ‘Como’ and there will be time to stroll through its narrow streets and enjoy lunch in one of its quality restaurants by the lakes edge. After lunch you will visit a typical *enoteca* (wine shop) for some tastings of northern Italy’s best wines!

Meals

Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodation

Bellagio (Lake Como, Italy)

Cyclist Itinerary: Perhaps the toughest individual test has been set for today with the infamous Passo Gavia climb. Sounds strange but this is a mountain that takes no prisoners! Post-ride we transfer through to Bellagio.



DAY TEN – Monday 11 August 2025 – Como by boat!

This morning we have kept free for luggage organisation and time to go over any individual post-tour travel planning. The cyclists also only have a short ride scheduled for today so we wanted to finish with a special afternoon activity for the entire group. After the lunch time period, we have organized a 1hr guided boat trip around the Bellagio peninsula of Lake Como. The tour will take in extravagant villas (is George Clooney or Richard Branson home?). Once back on dry land we will be sure to enjoy a gelato!

Tonight there is a farewell dinner with amazing views overlooking Lake Como. The perfect way to look back over an amazing holiday for both non-cyclists and cyclists alike!

Meals

Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation

Bellagio (Lake Como, Italy)

Cyclist Itinerary: A short but challenging cycling route picking up the main attractions from the Giro di Lombardia bike race (5th cycling monument road race).

DAY ELEVEN – Tuesday 12 August 2025 – Goodbyes

Following breakfast the guides will be available to transfer the group to Milan Malpensa Airport (1.5hr). We hope you enjoyed your Italian Alps holiday and we look forward to seeing you in the near future!

Meals: Breakfast

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Tour Package:

Italian Alps Non-Cyclist (2 – 12 August 2025)

Tour Inclusions:

10 nights accommodation (twin share), 3/4 star hotels

All breakfasts included, 4 lunches & 6 dinners with beer & wine

Designated non-cyclist guide & local guides where relevant

Comprehensive tour booklet

Organised group visits for Dolomites walking excursion, Bormio thermal baths,
Canazei chairlift & Lake Como boat trip

Price: 4250 Euro (Payment in \$AUD available)

Minimum 6 participants / Maximum 15 participants

CONTACT



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