

VéloRoo's Iconic Italian Dolomites & more Cycling Holiday

Day 1: Welcome to the Dolomites!

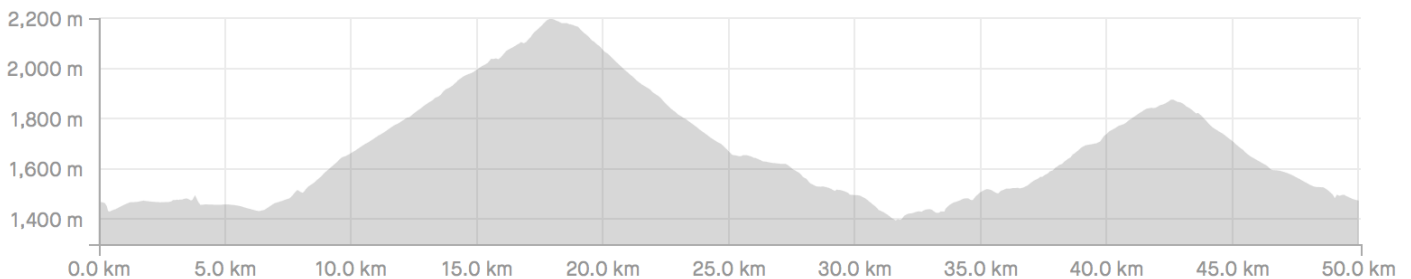
Wednesday 24th June 2020

Your VéloRoo holiday starts when we collect you from Venice Marco Polo airport at 3pm. We have a short 2.5hr drive to our hotel and base for the next 4 nights. The 3-star family-run hotel in Arraba has its own rich history; the main building is a restored 1897 fort. The family takes great pride in delivering delicious regional food.

Included meals: dinner

Day 2: Passo di Falzarego & Passo di Valparola

Thursday 25th June



50km Ride 1450m Accumulated Elevation

After a hearty breakfast we head out on a stunning discovery loop ride from the hotel. Two climbs and two wonderful descents, ones the local cyclists love. A peak just shy of 2200 meters. An abundance of nature and giant white Dolomite mountain landscapes dominate our ride today.

To warm our morning legs we start climbing gently along the heavily-wooded valley. Ahead stunning Dolomite mountain peaks watch over us: what a start to the day! Our hill climbing starts in earnest where the hairpins start.

We are not competing for QOM's or KOM's, rather your attention will be drawn to the incredible changing landscape as we climb. Pine tree forests open to alpine meadows, before the landscape opens to reveal the pristine white Dolomite's towering around us. The 360-degree views at the summit will leave you speechless, and offer the perfect moment to celebrate with a coffee to relax while you're on top of the world.

A spectacular 14 kilometre descent follows, delivering us onto the heart of the famed Sella Ronda cycling circuit. We'll pass through two ski villages full of ski chalets and hotels with pointed roofs and large balconies overflowing with bright flowers.

For our second climb of the day, our road slices through verdant green fields with cows and their clanging bells. The reward at the summit? Lunch at a charming ski hotel where you will really feel the Dolomites. Downhill back to the hotel, your first taste of the Sella Ronda circuit will leave you excited for tomorrow.

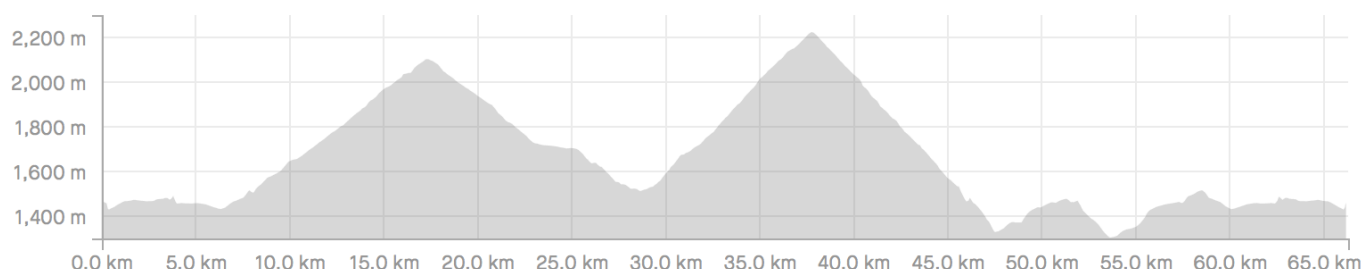
Non-cyclists – top 3 recommendations

- a day of indulgence at our hotel. Their [Wellness Centre](#) offers Turkish bath, whirlpool, spa treatments, Kneipp hydrotherapy and a fitness room. Additional service charges are not included in the tour cost.
- hiking / walking available locally – contact us for further details
- ride in the support van for the scenery

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 3: Passo di Falzarego & Passo di Giau

Friday 26th June 2020



66km Ride 2025m Accumulated Elevation

Striking cliff faces, delicate wildflowers, pretty chalet villages and grand panoramas await us as we tackle the Passo di Falzarego once again before continuing on for our pass over the spectacular Passo Giau on our way back to our hotel.

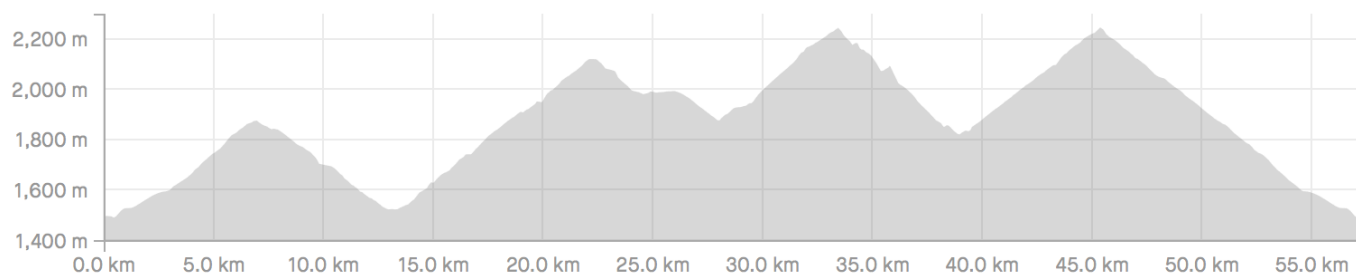
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Day 4: The Sella Ronda - Campolongo / Gardena / Sella / Pordoi

Saturday 27th June 2020



52km Ride 1776m Accumulated Elevation

Today we cycle the well-known route of the Sella Ronda. Make sure your phone is charged and you have space for photos...lots of photos!

Passo Pordoi, Passo Sella, Passo Gardena, Passo Campolongo; names you won't forget for their majestic beauty, variety and charm, and described by many as a cycling circuit offering the most spectacular scenery in the world.

AND today is the Sella Ronda Bike Day! They close all the roads to traffic for the day so the cyclists have it all to themselves, what an experience!

Where we enter the heart of the Sella it is impossible to deny the claims; around every turn is pristine postcard scenery. Because you are with VéloRoo, there will be a coffee stop. And what a coffee stop! The view from the terrace...well, our words don't suffice. Come see for yourself. The scale of the mountain face in front of you is spellbinding.

Non-cyclists – top recommendations

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- a day of indulgence at our hotel. Their [Wellness Centre](#) offers Turkish bath, whirlpool, spa treatments, Kneipp hydrotherapy and a fitness room. Additional service charges are not included in the tour cost.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 5: Meet a 5000+yr old man

Sunday 28th June 2020

Today you have a well-deserved rest day for the legs. We bid farewell to the Dolomites and head toward our next adventure.

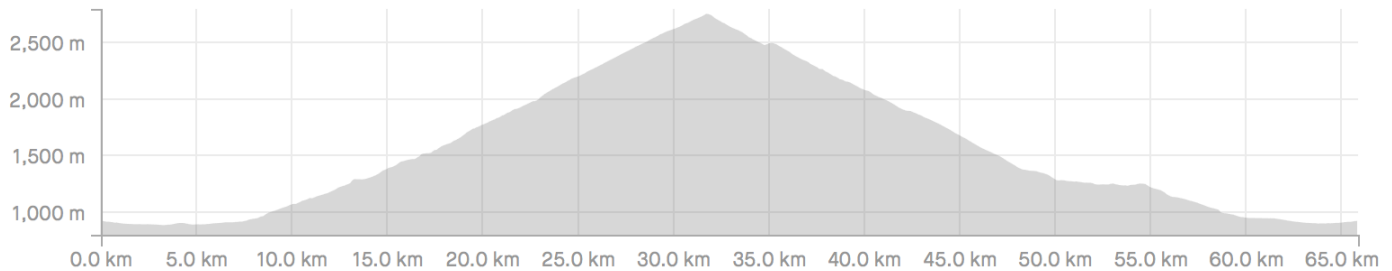
We have a short transfer of 1.5hrs to Bolzano whose character remains distinctly Germanic. Here you get the opportunity to explore the town with plenty of options with the striking Piazza Walther, the Runkelstein Castle, people watch whilst sitting and enjoying a coffee at one of the many trattorias and visit the South Tyrol Museum of Archeology which houses Otzi – the iceman, a truly amazing and unique insight into human history not to be missed.

After lunch we regroup and have our last short transfer of 1.5hrs to our base for the next 2 nights in South Tyrol, close to border of both Austria and Switzerland, ready for the Stelvio! Dinner is taken at our hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Day 6: Passo Stelvio

Monday 29th June 2020



65km Ride 1995m Accumulated Elevation

Today you tackle the breathtakingly spectacular Stelvio Pass, famous around the world for both cyclists and motorsport enthusiasts for its iconic 48 lacets. Stelvio's magnificence is beyond doubt.

Anticipation builds from the start as the scenery and passo reveals itself as you climb. Each hairpin, another step of discovery.

The true summit reward, *your reward*, is to look over the iconic route stretched below with your own eyes. To feel the emotion of what you achieved ... that is the essence of cycling VéloRoo style.

After celebrating your summit climb and having lunch, we remount the bikes. We pause at an enigmatic border crossing. And descent back to our hotel via Switzerland! Dinner is taken at the hotel.

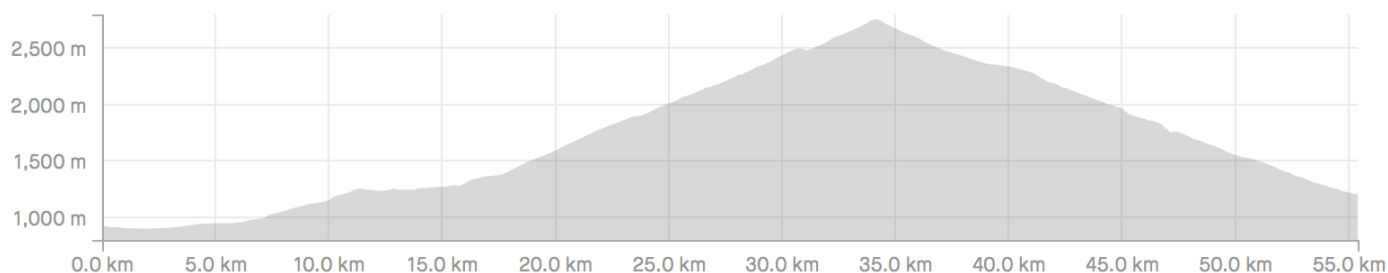
Non-cyclists –

- Our hotel in Sluderno offers a wellness centre with 2 pools, a sauna, solarium and massage services. Additional charges are not included in the tour cost.
- enjoy the scenery from the support van of the iconic Stelvio Pass
- exploring the village of Sluderno and Castle Coira "Churburg" built around 1250

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 7: Umbrail Pass Switzerland

Tuesday 30th June 2020



55km Ride 1950m Accumulated Elevation

Today we cross borders again out of Italy and back in to Switzerland. Our return to Italy is via Switzerland's highest paved summit – the Umbrail Pass!

Hey if you are going to “do” Switzerland, whose photogenic passes and mountain ranges are as legendary as its Toblerone, funky army knives and watchmaking, why not start your Swiss pass collecting at the highest pass!

The road itself is Swiss quality, the scenery is Swiss quality and the pre ascent coffee is equally memorable! From the summit we recross into Italy and descend into Bormio, where we will take lunch for the day.

We have a 3hr transfer to our final destination, Lake Como.

Our accommodation is self-contained apartments on the lake and we have access to canoes, kayaks and paddle boards. Dinner is taken together at our accommodation.

Non-cyclists – enjoy the views from the support van as we traverse through Switzerland and descend the Stelvio Pass

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 8: Where the rich and famous go

Wednesday 1st July 2020

Today is a day of indulgence. Take a break off the road bike and enjoy the splendor of Lake Como.

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast overlooking the tranquility of the lake before we head to Bellagio for a little look around and do some sight seeing from the water.

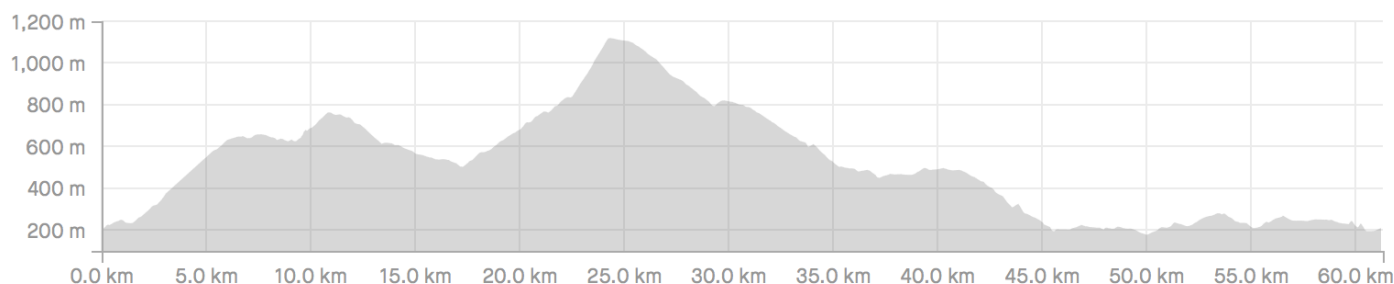
Lunch will be taken in Bellagio.

Dinner at our accommodation – why go out when you have Lake Como front seats!

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 9: Chapel of Madonna del Ghisallo

Thursday 2nd July 2020



66km Ride 1980m Accumulated Elevation (with optional extra)

We will start the day with breakfast overlooking Lake Como.

For your last ride, let's have a bit of history: the Madonna del Ghisallo, the most famous climb on the Giro di Lombardia. Sitting atop the climb is the Chapel of Madonna del Ghisallo, a shrine to cyclists. You also have the opportunity to visit the [Ghisallo Cycling Museum](#) next to the Chapel.

Today's route is very special, and despite all the iconic rides we have shared, we have also made this route uniquely VéloRoo. Lunch will be taken at a restaurant overlooking Lake Como far below.

We will then have a relaxing afternoon before our farewell dinner at our Lake Como apartments.

Non-cyclists – enjoy the views of Lake Como from a higher perspective from the support van or enjoy a relaxing day reading a book lake side.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 10: We bid you farewell - until next time !

Friday 3rd July 2020

After your last breakfast overlooking Lake Como, we pack up and transfer to Milan Malpensa Airport (1.5hr transfer). We will have you there by midday for your onward journey throughout Europe.

Included meals: breakfast