

# **ALPE-ADRIA-CYCLE PATH**

From Salzburg to Grado

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→ Self-guided distance tour | ► 8/7 and 10/9 | ★ → approx. 365 km | \$\overline{\sigma} \overline{\sigma} \overline{\sig



# **DESCRIPTION**

From the Alps to the sea! An inter-cultural composition consisting of Austria's impressive Alpine region and Italy's southern flair. On your bike you simply experience more: more romantic rivers and roaring waterfalls, more pretty historic town centres and defiant castles, more craggy mountain peaks and of course an increase in scenic, architectural and culinary delights. And last but not least: the Adriatic Sea.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Stroll through the festival city before approaching Italy via Hallein, the Gastein Valley and picturesque Villach. In the fishing town of Grado, explore the harbor, the alleys of the old town and the fine cuisine.

#### CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE MEDIUM

You mainly cycle on well-developed cycle paths and quiet side roads. Only a few sections lead you also along roads with heavier traffic or on dirt paths. Overall, the route leads you on slightly hilly terrain, the most challenging section between St. Johann and the Gasteiner-valley can also be completed and bypassed by train.

2024

# ARRIVAL/ PARKING/ DEPARTURE

- Salzburg train station
- Salzburg airport
- Hotel car park about EUR 10-20/day, to be paid for at the time, no reservation possible/necessary!
   Public park garage about EUR 95/week
- The return journey by public transport is only possible with a change of transportation

#### **ITINERARY**

### Day 1: Arrival in Salzburg

Individual arrival in the festival-, Mozart- and cultural city of Salzburg. Winding alleyways and squares invite you to take a stroll and languorous cafés entice you to sample genuine Austrian café-specialities. You live and breathe culture and history literally with every step you take.

Hotel (example): Hotel Goldenes Theater

#### Day 2: Salzburg - St. Johann approx. 65 km

Out of Salzburg and off headed South. You cycle along wetlands in the shade along the river Salzach to Hallein, a formerly wealthy Celtic town due to salt mining. Hallein surprises with a romantic historic town centre including little alleyways, archways and oppulent house fronts. Past the roaring waterfall you pass Golling and continue along the well-developed cycle path onwards to St. Johann. Distinctive – just like twin-peaks – the steeples of the Pongau cathedral rise.

Hotel (example): Brückenwirt

# Day 3: St. Johann - Mölltal Valley approx. 60 km + train ride

Shortly after Schwarzach you bid farewell to the river Salzach, from today onwards the Gasteiner Ache leads you through the wild-romantic Gasteiner-valley. Via Dorfgastein and Bad Hofgastein you cycle into the renowned spa- and ski resort Bad Gastein situated at the foot of the Hohen Tauern-mountain chain, offering a variety of natural history- and architectural sights. The Gasteiner waterfall is the landmark situated in the centre of town, which has been the focal point of many artists and poets. Now it is only a short distance to Böckstein, where a train takes you in only 10 minutes through the ,Tauernschleuse' to the other side of the Alps to Mallnitz. Back on your bike you enjoy the speedy descent to your hotel in the Mölltal-valley.

Hotel (example): <u>Erlebnishotel Mölltal</u>

# Day 4: Mölltal Valley – Villach approx. 70 km

Initially you cycle along the river Möll through the impressive alpine landscapes today.

The Drautal-valley starts in the village of Möllbrücke and hence the sunny South of Austria. Nearly effortlessly your bike rolls in a slight descent along the river Drau. In Spittal you get to visit the Renaissance-palace ,Porcia' – sometimes called the ,most beautiful Renaissance-building north of the Alps'. Just a bit more pedalling and soon you have reached Villach, with its enchanting old part of town, Southern flair and inviting pubs and restaurants.

Hotel (example): Hotel Voco

# Day 5: Villach – Venzone/Surroundings approx. 60-70 km + train ride

You bypass the ascent to Tarvisio by train. In Italy too the cycle paths are well-developed and so you cycle leisurely downhill through the Val Canale-valley and from your bike get to marvel at the beauty of the Friulian alpine region with its intact, unspoilt nature and extensive forests. Your day finish is one of the picturesque villages located at the foothills of the Julian Alps.

Hotel (example): <u>Hotel Pittis</u>

#### Day 6: Venzone/Surroundings - Udine approx. 55 km

At the Southern exit of the Val Canale-valley is the location of one of the most beautiful historic villages of the Friulian-Julian-Veneto. The focus of the village of Gemona del Friuli is the majestic cathedral Santa Maria Assunta and will blow you away. En route to Udine you come across the first vineyards and vines along the cycle route. Once you arrive in town feel and experience the ,dolce vita' over a coffee enjoyed on the ,Piazza' or during a stroll through the alleyways whilst marvelling at the late Gothic and Renaissance architecture.

Hotel (example): Hotel Clocchiatti Next

### 7 Tag: Udine - Grado ca. 55 km

Feel the warm breeze of the sirocco! You cycle through vast reed scenery and along little water canals towards the Gulf of Venice. In the Roman city of Aquileia, the so-called ,second Rome', we recommend you definitely plan a break before reaching the end destination of your holiday. One of the most popular Adriatic beach resorts, the historic little fishing town Grado, will not only excite you with the extensive sandy beach, but also the historic harbour and the narrow alleyways with lovely restaurants all ooze Italian flair.

Hotelbeispiel: Hotel Rialto

# Day 8: Departure or extension

# **ALTERNATIVE 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS**

# Highlights

From Salzburg to Grado, that is pure travel bliss! In the city of Mozart, culture and architecture await you at every turn, and along the way you will marvel at the increasingly Mediterranean nature. In Grado, the beach, the sea, pasta and vino beckon!

#### Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Salzburg
Day 2: Salzburg – Golling approx. 30 km

You leave the festival- and Mozart city of Salzburg and leisurely cycle through the Salzach wetlands in the shade with the river Salzach as your constant companion. You proceed to Hallein, a formerly wealthy Celtic town due to salt mining. The main sight is without question the world-renowned Celtic Museum. Past the Gollinger waterfall you arrive at your Day Finish Golling characterised by its pretty market square and castle dating back to the 13th century.

Hotel (example): Hotel Gollingen

Day 3: Golling – St. Johann approx. 35 km

From Golling you cycle up to the top of Pass Lueg, enjoy the view onto the marvellously distinct Tennengebirge-mountains. The mountain moves closer and closer to the river Salzach and the roaring of the water becomes more and more noisy. You cycle past the so-called "Salzachöfen", an imposing gorge created by the river Salzach. Once past Werfen with its castle rising high you soon have reached St. Johann. Distinctive – just like twinpeaks – the steeples of the Pongau-cathedral rise.

Hotel (example): Brückenwirt

Day 4: St. Johann – Mölltal Valley approx. 60 km + train ride Day 5: Mölltal Valley – Spittal approx. 30 km

Today you cycle initially along the river through impressive alpine landscapes. The Drautal-valley starts in the village of Möllbrücke and hence the sunny South of Austria. Leisurely you cycle the final few kilometres to Spittal an der Drau. Already in the Middle Ages this town has been an important transport interchange for pilgrims and which in parts helped create its prosperity.

Hotel (example): Hotel Ertl

Day 6: Spittal – Villach approx. 40 km

Nearly effortlessly you proceed in a gentle descent along the river Drau. Half way we recommend you take a break in the little market town of Paternion with its remarkable churches and palaces. Just a bit more pedalling and soon you have reached Villach, with its enchanting old part of town, Southern flair and inviting pubs and restaurants.

Hotel (example): <u>Hotel Voco</u>

Day 7: Villach – Venzone/Surrounding approx. 60 km + train ride

Day 8: Venzone/surroundings - Udine approx. 55 km

Day 9: Udine - Grado approx. 55 km

Day 10: Departure or extension

#### 2024 ARRIVAL DATES

Every day from 27.04. - 05.10.

Season 1: 27.04. – 10.05. | 28.09. –05.10. Season 2: 11.05. – 24.05. | 07.09. – 27.09.

Season 3: 25.05. - 06.09.

#### 2024 PRICES

All prices given in Euros per person in double room.

Booking code	AT-AARSG-	8/7 08X	10/9 10X
Season 1		1099	1349
Season 2		1239	1499
Season 3		1299	1569
Surcharge single room		379	439
Rental bike		99	109
Rental bike PLUS		169	185
Electric bike		259	279

Category: 3\*\*\*- and 4\*\*\*\*-hotels

# Extra nights

You can book an extra night for any day of your tour. Prices upon request!

Salzburg			
Basic price Season 1	99		
Basic price Season 2	105		
Basic price Season 3	119		
Surcharge single room	65		
Grado			
Basic price Season 1	105		
Basic price Season 2	115		
Basic price Season 3	125		
Surcharge single room	55		

# **SERVICES**

#### Included

- Accommodation as already mentioned
- Breakfast
- Welcome briefing (German, English)
- Luggage transfer
- EUROBIKE developed route
- Detailed travel documents 1x per room (German, English, French)
- 1 train ride Böckstein Mallnitz incl. your bike
- 1 train ride Villach Tarvisio incl. your bike
- App for Navigation and GPS-data
- Service hotline

#### Optional extras

- Return transfer to Salzburg every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning, costs EUR 175 per person, extra EUR 39 for your own bike, to be paid for in advance, reservation is necessary.
- Bike rental, including rental bike insurance

#### Things to note

Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price!

#### SUSTAINABILITY AT EUROBIKE

Join us in achieving greater sustainability by choosing our digital route book, rather than the printed version. As a small thank you we will give you a discount of EUR 20 per room.

#### OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For a stress-free start to your travel, arriving at the start point by early evening the day before is recommended. The individual return journey takes place on the last day of travel. For any costs incurred locally (children, local taxes, dogs etc.), as well as excluded transport and services, please refer to the itinerary or the section "Services/Things to note". If a minimum number of participants is necessary for the trip to take place, this is defined under "Arrival dates". If the minimum number of participants is not reached, we reserve the right to cancel the tour by the time specified under the heading "Arrival dates" before the planned travel date. We recommend organising your arrival and departure only after this deadline has passed. The distance travelled is approximate and may differ from the actual distance. The language in which the listed services are provided, as far as this is relevant for the provision of services, can be found under the heading "Services". If special passport or visa requirements are needed for EU citizens, this is indicated under "Arrival/Parking/Departure". This trip is not suitable for people with reduced mobility. Travel cancellation insurance, including travel interruption insurance is recommended. Information on insurance options to cover the cost of assistance during the journey, including transport in case of accident, illness or death can be found at <a href="https://www.eurobike.at/travel-insurance">https://www.eurobike.at/travel-insurance</a>

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# **OUR BIKES AND E-BIKES**

# Sound quality with the highest comfort

A good bike is one of the most important pieces of equipment needed for a successful cycle tour. That's why we rely on solid quality for all components and in manufacturing, based on proven brand quality and perfected for use on our tours across Europe.

#### **OUR RENTAL BIKES**

Our quality KTM bikes are the result of years of experience and continued development, always with the wishes and requirements of our guests in mind. The result is a solid, easy to use and travel-suitable bike, that we can recommend with a clear conscience. With reliable brakes, an aluminium frame and top tyres, it is well-equipped for every journey.

- Unisex bike 21/24-speed with freewheel (Height ca. 148–190 cm)
- Unisex bike 7-speed coaster breaks (Height ca. 155–190 cm)
- Men's bike 21-speed with freewheel (Height ca. 165–205 cm) Note: reservation is essential!



#### **OUR RENTAL BIKE PLUS**

With our rental bike PLUS from KTM, we can offer our guests an additional rental bike option on all Eurobike original tours. From the saddle to the breaks and gears, the quality of the equipment is even higher (e.g. hydraulic breaks and precise gears), the "plus" is noticeable in many parts of the bike.

- Men's bike 20/27-speed with freewheel (Height ca. 155–205 cm)
- Hydraulic breaks
- Shimano XT/DEORE rear derailleur



#### **OUR E-BIKES**

With our electric bikes, you have unlimited mobility and can really enjoy every cycle tour, so you always stay beside your friends or family on the road! The unisex bikes are comfortable to ride for both men and women.

- Unisex bike 8-speed (Height ca. 148–195 cm)
- Bosch Active Line Plus motor
- Battery 550 Wh removable with mobile charger
- Hydraulic breaks
- Range up to 120 kilometres



# CHILDREN'S BIKES AND MORE

Eurobike also offers children of all ages the right equipment for an all-round successful cycle tour. Depending on the size, we have children's bikes, Follow-Me, children's trailers or children's seats on offer for the kids.

- 20 inch 12-speed with freewheel (Height ca. 115–125 cm)
- 24 inch 18-speed with freewheel (Height ca. 125 –140 cm)
- 26 inch 9-speed with freewheel (Height ca. 140–150 cm)
- Follow-Me 20 inch (Height ca. 100 cm bis ca. 125 cm)
- Child trailer for one or two children up to max. 29 kg
- Child seat up to max. 22 kg



Information about the equipment on our bikes, the accessories, our breakdown service and the rental bike insurance can be found on our website.