



backroads to venice



trip highlights

- Cycling at the base of the stunning Dolomites
- Experiencing the outstanding scenery and small villages enroute
- Sipping coffee (or something stronger) in a café in one of Verona's magnificent piazza's.
- Enjoying the culinary specialties such as marinated sardines
- Delighting in the warm hospitality of the hotel owners



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| Trip Duration | 8 days |
| Grade | moderate |
| Activities | SELF GUIDED CYCLE |
| Accommodation | Hotels |

Kia Ora from Adventure South

Thank you for your interest in our Backroads to Venice package. It's a superb trip and we hope you'd like to come along. Adventure South has been operating active holidays throughout New Zealand since 1992. From our years of experience in New Zealand we have made a number of business partners along the way. One of our partners in Italy have a range of self guided cycle itineraries that are just too good to pass by. Their self guided cycle packages take you beyond the more popular and busy trails to provide you with a truly unique experience.

The itineraries aim to explore these delicate environments in a sustainable manner to ensure we leave as little impact as possible from our visit. We'd be honoured to introduce you to these awesome adventures. Go forth, go north - join us on this amazing value packed adventure!

why travel with Adventure South?

"Small Groups, Great Guides, Superb Holidays."

This comment encapsulates an Adventure South active holiday in New Zealand. The phrase was not born from a long and tortuous strategic planning process, it came from a client review! We could not have said it any better. Our client feedback also confirms that what helps make our holidays different are our quality itineraries. They have been developed with years of personal experience to ensure that you have a great vacation and the right degree of personal challenge.

We have now teamed up with our partners in Italy to be able to offer you the best self guided cycle packages around! You don't have to worry about any of the logistics just the great cycling and delicious food. Best of all, they start on virtually any day of the week, so you can combine any tour to create exactly the holiday you want. Compare the price and you will see that we offer great value active programmes that are virtually all-inclusive, giving you more time to enjoy the wonders you've come to experience.



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trip dates

Weekly on Saturday, Sunday & Tuesday from
31 Mar to 21 Oct (except 12-13 May)

trip cost

Joining Bolzano low season (high season is during
July & August): \$1680

options & supplements

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| H - high season surcharge - category B: | \$70 |
| H - high season surcharge - category A: | \$100 |
| upgrade supplement - category A: | \$210 |
| Single Supplement - category B: | \$290 |
| Single Supplement - category A: | \$410 |

fast facts

Countries Visited:
Italy

Visas:

Visas are not required for citizens of
Australia, Britain, Canada, USA and New
Zealand for stays of up to 90 days. For
all other nationalities and longer stays
please contact the relevant embassy.

Leader:

This journey is unescorted

*Ask our staff for more information.

the trip

This enchanting journey takes us through the historic Veneto region of north-west Italy. Taking in the splendid cities of Trento, Verona and Vicenza we have time to appreciate the architectural and cultural delights specific to each. Starting from the mountains around Bolzano, passing the beauty of Lake Garda and winding through pretty meadows and orchards we head east to the lovely town of Mestre, located on the doorstep of Venice.

at a glance

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| DAY 1 | ARRIVE BOLZANO |
| DAY 2 | CYCLE TO TRENTO (TRIENT) ALONG THE ADIGE (65/70KM) |
| DAY 3 | CYCLE AND BOAT TO LAKE GARDA SOUTH (50KM) |
| DAY 4 | CYCLE TO HISTORICAL VERONA (35/60KM) |
| DAY 5 | CYCLE TO VICENZA VIA MONTI BERICI (75/40KM) |
| DAY 6 | CYCLE PAST VENETIAN VILLAS TO PADOVA (50KM) |
| DAY 7 | CYCLE ALONG THE BRENTA CANAL TO MESTRE (40KM) |
| DAY 8 | TRIP CONCLUDES |

what's included

- 7 breakfasts – varied buffet breakfasts are usually served
- 7 nights accommodation in 2 to 3 star (Category B) or 3 to 4 star (Category A) hotels on a twinshare basis with private facilities
- Bicycle, 27 gears with puncture resistant tyres, gel saddle, helmet and saddlebags
- Luggage transfer
- Ferry cruise on Lake Garda
- 7 day service hotline
- Information kit including route descriptions and maps and welcome briefing
- Entrance into Villa Valmarana ai Nani
- Ice cream in the best ice cream parlour in Vicenza

detailed itinerary

DAY 1 Arrive Bolzano

The trip begins in the Medieval German speaking city of Bolzano, the gateway to the Alps in the heart of the dramatic Dolomites. After check-in you will be provided with an information kit including detailed maps, ferry ticket, sightseeing information and a road book. Tonight there will be a meeting with a local representative who will discuss the tour, deliver your bikes and answer your questions. Depending on the time you arrive we recommend that you take a stroll around the Piazza Walther where the life of the city is found.

meals: NIL

DAY 2 Cycle to Trento (Trient) along the Adige (65/70km)

Today you will cycle mostly along the Adige River, through orchards and vineyards, passing the villages of Ora, Egna and Salorno. The dam pathways lead then to Trento.

meals: B

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DAY 3 Cycle and boat to Lake Garda South (50km)

Today's cycle continues along the Adige where you will reach Rovereto and Mori. From here the cycle continues westward to Lake Garda. After a short ascent, a refreshing descent will follow and lead you to Torbole and to Riva. Catch the ferry from Riva del Garda to either Peschiera or Desenzano del Garda. The sailing time is approximately 4 hours.

meals: B

DAY 4 Cycle to historical Verona (35/60km)

Today's cycle follows a generally flat route with some easy hills to the fabulous city of Verona, the setting for Shakespeare's "Romeo & Juliet". An early start will ensure that you have time to explore the old town, including Juliet's Balcony, the main piazza, the roman amphitheatre and take a short walk or cycle across the river and up the hill for a great view of the town centre. There is no shortage of attractions, gelato and fine food in Verona and the night time café scene is worth staying up for.

meals: B

DAY 5 Cycle to Vicenza via Monti Berici (75/40km)

At first the route today is flat but you will soon head up through the hills of "Monti Berici", the beautiful region above Vicenza, where you get a panoramic view of the city. Descend to Vicenza city with its fabulous architecture. The old city centre is characterised by the beautiful private palaces and public buildings by Andrea Palladio, the famous 16th century architect. In the old part of town one can still feel the ghost of Palladio. This stage can be reduced by taking a train from Verona to San Bonifacio (approx. 30km - tickets not included)

meals: B

DAY 6 Cycle past Venetian villas to Padova (50km)

Numerous Venetian villas are located at the exit of Vicenza, including the Villa Rotonda, which you will pass as you begin your cycle. Along the Bacchiglione river the route will continue to the fascinating city of Padova with its famous Giotto's Chapel and one of the biggest squares of Europe "Prato della Valle".

meals: B

DAY 7 Cycle along the Brenta Canal to Mestre (40km)

The tour continues with an easy cycle through the flat Veneto. You will cycle along the Brenta Canal, overlooked by the once countryside villas of Venetian nobility (Villa Pisani, Malcontenta, Villa Midmann) until you reach Mestre, the mainland of Venice. You can choose to stay directly in Venice with a price supplement.

meals: B

DAY 8 Trip concludes

Arrangements conclude after breakfast. Extra nights can be organised on the mainland in Mestre or on the island of Venice.

meals: B

This itinerary is subject to change with any change in Community regulations as well as Governmental changes and natural circumstances beyond our control.

climate

The trip runs between April and October during the European spring, summer & Autumn. The months of July – August are busy times with temperatures ranging between 20 - 25 degree Celsius and sometimes higher.



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accommodation on the trip

CATEGORY A - Throughout the trip you will be staying in centrally located 3 to 4 star hotels, chosen for their location and friendly staff. All rooms have private facilities.

CATEGORY B - Throughout the trip you will be staying in 2 to 3 star hotels located either in the city centre or surrounding area / suburbs. All are chosen for their quality and friendly staff. All rooms have private facilities.

*Additional nights can be booked in Bolzano and Venice. Details are available on request.

joining instructions

Before departure you will receive details of your joining hotel. You will receive your Information Package which includes maps & hotel lists on arrival at the hotel.

equipment required

Wet weather gear, sunscreen, bike helmet and sun hat. (A comprehensive gear list is provided in the pre-departure information provided on booking)

non exclusive trips

Please note that this trip isn't Adventure South exclusive and is run by our partners in Italy. We've been working with them for a while and are confident to say it's an awesome package.

what's not included

- Travel to and from Bolzano / Venice
- Dinner & lunches daily
- Drinks
- Local hotel taxes
- Items of a personal nature
- Storage of luggage and parking
- Transfers
- Tour guide – this is a self guided trip
- Travel insurance

responsible travel

We all have a responsibility to minimise the impact we have on the environment and communities we visit when we travel. Since our beginnings this has been a cornerstone of our company. The New Zealand travel industry has become a world leader in developing an external audit process to identify quality, and that process has been extended to now include a 3 level Enviro Mark based on company processes. We're very proud that we've received a Gold rating, the highest category; each year since this initiative began.

Being responsible when we travel isn't about a single process or project but rather a way of thinking and then doing. We started this journey many years ago, and acknowledge we still have a lot to learn. We invite you to join us!

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trip grading

The cycling is moderate (3) grade with daily cycles of around 35 to 70kms. The accent is on keeping a steady pace with time to stop and take photos (subject to weather conditions). You will need a reasonable level of cycling fitness to participate fully in this adventure. The route is predominantly flat mixed with easy hills; the only strenuous part is the Berici Hills. The cycle is mainly on secondary streets with low traffic or paved bike paths. The vast majority of the route is on paved surfaces. You need only carry your camera and water bottle. Your luggage is transported for you between hotels.

*For safety reasons, we insist that cycle helmets be included as a compulsory item on your equipment list.

adventure travel

By its very nature adventure travel involves an element of the unexpected. In remote and developing countries do not expect standards you are used to at home. Remote areas are sometimes unpredictable and itineraries may be altered. To get the most out of your adventure it is important that you are flexible, positive and eager to take on all the challenges that arise. If you are uncertain about your suitability for this trip we recommend that you speak with one of our staff.

important note

These trip notes represent the most current information available for this itinerary, and supersede any information detailed in the current brochure, including but not limited to the itinerary and price.

private groups

The adventures featured in our brochures, and on our website, are just a starting point. Planning and providing special group departures is something we do exceptionally well. Over the past 18 years we have developed some exceptional itineraries, from cycling to hiking or combination multi-adventure trips. School groups, charities, work colleagues and cycling buddies have all been part of our experience. Our team can assist you with all aspects of your private group to ensure the trip is tailored just right for your group. Contact our team today.

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trip availability

If this trip seems right for you then we encourage you to call us now to check availability as we operate strictly small group adventures. Many of our adventures require us to secure services on your behalf; such as permits, hotels and flights to name but a few. The demand for these services is increasing each year making it difficult to join a trip last minute. To ensure we can assist you onto your adventure of a lifetime we ask that you check your trip availability with our team at your earliest convenience.

how to book

To book an Adventure South holiday, you can book directly online (<http://www.advsouth.com/booking.aspx>) or you will need to complete a booking form (found at the back of our brochure). You can also download a copy from www.advsouth.com . On completion, please fax or post the



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