

Kat's Great Adventures

Italy – Venice to Florence Bicycle Tour 2023
Self-Guided Tour
8 Days / 7 Nights



This tour starts and ends in two of the best-known cities of Italy. Between the cities you will cycle through almost undiscovered and therefore even more attractive landscapes. Kiwis, peaches, melons, grapes, and sunflowers accompany the cyclists on their way. Birds are singing while friendly fishermen wave at you from their stilt houses alongside the channels. Far away from the tourist crowds, the different destinations are waiting to be explored by you. Enjoy a cup of cappuccino in one of the cozy cafes at the attractive piazza and listen to the locals, when they discuss art, culture, sports, or politics while gesticulating heavily. Join their discussion! Come on the tour with us! A wonderful trip is waiting for you!

Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Arrival in Venice/Mestre/Marghera

The hotel is located on the mainland before Venice with excellent bus links to the lagoon city. At the beginning of your tour, not far from Marcus square, you can look forward to a little Grappa tasting session.

Day 2: Marghera/Mestre/Venice – Chioggia/Sottomarina 35 km

In the morning, you will have your tour information. Then you will cycle on the bike path over the Liberty Bridge to Venice. Afterwards, you will take the ferry to Lido and then you will cycle via Pellestrina with stunning views of the sea, to Chioggia which is a quiet little town, reminiscent of the Venetian naval supremacy, where you can take a rest in one of the typical fish restaurants. Tonight, you will stay in Chioggia/Sottomarina, where there is a wide sandy beach.



Day 3: Chioggia/Sottomarina – Adria 50 km

On quiet roads you will cycle back to the river Adige, which will lead you through fertile fields, melon plantations, and tranquil villages to Adria, a small, friendly city with lots of charm. Founded by the

Etruscans because of its proximity to the rivers Adige and Po, now especially the branched channels, narrow streets, cosy cafes, and friendly people attract visitors.



Day 4: Adria – Comacchio 65 km

You will cycle a short part of today's route along the longest river in Italy, the river Po. Then, one of its branches, called Po di Goro, will lead you right through its delta towards the sea. Perhaps you want to cool off in the Adriatic Sea before you get to the charming town of Comacchio? Magnificent palazzi, ornate churches, and numerous bridges still bear witness of the prosperity once gained by salt production.

Day 5: Comacchio – Ravenna 65 km

The first half of the day's bike tour is dedicated to the natural park "Delta del Po" with its unique flora and fauna. Riding your bike on a dam, you will feel like cycling straight through the water while flamingos are nesting only a few metres away from you. After two short ferry rides

(tickets not included in the tour price, about € 2,-) you will reach the Adriatic Sea. There are wide beaches on the way to Ravenna, where you will be enchanted by the art and culture of the port city.

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Day 6: Ravenna – Brisighella 55 km

The foothills of the Apennines form gently rolling hills which change the landscape. Even earlier, on the edge of the vast plains, you will get to Faenza – an enchanting little city where world-famous ceramics are produced. The artists will be happy to let you watch while they are painting the artefacts. Now it is not far to Brisighella anymore – an idyllic, medieval village, overlooked by the Rocca Veneziana and the Torre Orologio. Tranquillity and pure relaxation are waiting for the cyclists.

Day 7: Brisighella – Florence 35 km + train Journey

The day starts with a wonderful train journey through the wild mountain world of the Apennines to Borgo San Lorenzo. Today, you will cycle up two short climbs. Your reward will be a fantastic descent via Fiesole to Florence, the history charged capital of Tuscany.

Day 8: Departure or Extension of Trip



Route



Technical Characteristics:

Route Profile: Medium. For the first four days, you will cycle on flat terrain. On the sixth day, the route will lead over three to four small hills. On the seventh day, there will be two short climbs and a long descent. You will cycle on dams, farm tracks and side roads with little traffic. Only very short sections have to be cycled on roads with more traffic. Nearly all of the roads are asphalted. A bike tour for everyone!

Distance: 305 km

Travel Season: Departures Saturdays between April 1 and October 7, 2023

Season 1: April 1 – April 14 and September 30 – October 7

Season 2: April 15 - May 12 and September 9 – September 29

Season 3: May 13 – September 8



Price per Person:

Double Occupancy B&B Season 1	€ 1149.00
Double Occupancy B&B Season 2	€ 1199.00
Double Occupancy B&B Season 3	€ 1259.00
Surcharge Single Occupancy	€ 349.00
Rental Hybrid Bike Plus	€ 159.00
Rental Electric Bike	€ 239.00
Extra Nights Double Occupancy Venice/Mestre B&B	€ 75.00
Extra Nights Single Occupancy Venice/Mestre B&B	€ 130.00
Extra Nights Double Occupancy Florence B&B	€ 125.00
Extra Nights Single Occupancy Florence B&B	€ 214.00

Accommodation:

Category: 3* and 4* hotels

Included:

- Accommodation at the listed hotels
- Breakfast
- Welcome briefing
- Luggage transfer between hotels
- Excellently planned routes
- Detailed travel documents 1 per room (route maps, route description, local attractions, important telephone numbers)
- 24 hour ticket for Venice (valid for public transportation)
- Train journey from Brisighella to Borgo San Lorenzo including bike
- 1 little Grappa tasting session in Venice
- Tour signposting
- App for navigation and GPS data is available
- Service hotline

Not Included:

- Local taxes payable locally
- Return transfer by minibus every Sunday morning, 80 euros per person including your bike, reserved in advance, paid locally
- Ferry tickets for trips in Venice 5 euros per bike
- Ferry tickets to Marinas di Ravenna 5 euros per person including bike

Bikes



Hybrid Bike

Rental Bike Plus allows for a slightly sportier sitting posture, 27 gears offer the highest flexibility and a high quality Suntour suspension fork provides the best possible comfort across all surfaces.

Available in 63/60/56-51 sloping/46 cm sizes

Also includes Saddle bag (water-repellent), handlebar bag (water-repellent), service-Set with tools and extra bicycle tube, pump and combination lock



Electric Bike

You need no driver's license, the electric bike assists up to a speed of 25 km/h. The handling is easy and manageable after a short explanation. These bikes are supported through an electric motor that is fixed in the bottom bracket. The supply of energy takes place through a removable battery, which permits a reach of 120-180 kilometers.

Sizes: 56/51/46/46 "xs" cm