

Kat's Great Adventures

Italy - The Heart of South Tyrol Hiking Tour 2023
Individual Self-Guided
8 days / 7 nights



The first part of the walk goes along the Chestnut Path (Keschtnweg) before presenting you a vista of the beautiful plateau south of the Dolomites above Bolzano. You pass close to the village of Renon, the “in” summer place for the rich from the capital city’s residents. Vineyards and orchards line the way on the hike through one of the most beautiful areas located in the center of the South Tyrolean wine region. Lake Kalterer See, the most famous lake in South Tyrol, is a further highlight on this route. Castles, palaces and manor houses emboss the landscape of the South Tyrolean Wine Route where numerous wineries avail a tasting of superb wines. The excellent cuisine and the amazing panorama create an unforgettable experience.

Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Arrival in Brixen/Bressanone

Individual arrival at the hotel in Bressanone. Have a look round the fascinating lanes of the town; see the cathedral and the Bishop's Castle Residence.



Day 2: Brixen/Bressanone – Neustift/Novacella – Vahrner See – Brixen/Bressanone + 380 m -380 m 4 - 5 hours

From Bressanone you hike along the Eisack River to the Abbey of Novacella. The order of St. Augustine invites you for a visit. Further your hiking day will take you to Lake Vahrner See. The chestnut walk will lead you back to Bressanone.

Day 3: Brixen/Bressanone – Klausen/Chiusa + 580 m - 620 m 5 hours

From Bressanone you hike up to the Pfeffersberg. You pass small hamlets and mountain farms on your way along the plateau. To the south you have a wonderful view on the Dolomite summits. You reach Velturno and carry on to cloister Säben, the acropolis of South

Tyrol, before arriving in the small town of Chiusa. Brief tour information will be held in the evening in Chiusa.

Day 4: Klausen/Chiusa – Ritten/Renon – Bozen/Bolzano + 670 m - 280 m 5 - 6 hours

After a short transfer by bus to Barbiano/Saubach, you reach Renon, a wonderful plateau above the Eisacktal valley with impressive views of the Dolomites and the Schlern. After passing the Earth Pyramids, you can enjoy an afternoon trip with the Renon's cable car which brings you from Soprabolzano back down to Bolzano. In the evening, you can discover this European city, a place where the Italian and South Tyrolean cultures are closely entwined. To shorten the route you can take Renon's cable car from Collalbo to Soprabolzano.

Day 5: Bozen/Bolzano – Lake Kalterer See/village + 340 m - 360 m 4 - 5 hours

The sunny south of South Tyrol is awaiting you! Today you will discover the area around South Tyrol's most famous lake, Kalterer See, a renowned wine growing region. But here, it is not only the vineyards that impress, but also the numerous castles, manor houses, churches and farms. A must for every wine lover is a visit to the South Tyrolean wine museum in Caldaro, which gives an insight into the history of South Tyrolean wines. The way from the lake Kalterer See to the village can be shortened by using the bus.



**Day 6: Lake Kalterer See/village – Tramin/Termenno – Lake Kalterer See/village + 500 m - 500 m 5.5 - 6 hours
Variant + 480 m – 480 m 4 hours**

The South Tyrolean wine route: a tip for every wine lover and connoisseur. Picturesque vineyards and fascinating landscapes are accompanying you on your way. Enjoy the wonderful view from “Altenburg” over all the vineyards. The most famous wineries of the region and many of the well-known wine producers are found in this area. The way from the lake Kalterer See to the village can be shortened by using the bus.

Day 7: Lake Kalterer See/village – Lana – Meran/Merano + 220 m - 340 m 6 - 7 hours

After breakfast transfer to Lana. Shortly after Lana the hiking route continues along the famous Marlinger Waale – the longest irrigation ditch in South Tyrol. These irrigation ditches known as ‘Waale’ were constructed hundreds of years ago to supply dry corridors with water. These ditches nowadays are used for hiking and walking. The route continues below Schloss Tyrol along the famous Tappeiner Weg towards Merano. The Empress Sissi knew how to appreciate the mild climate. Inviting centuries old Arbours and superb parks add to the completion of a perfect day.



Day 8: Departure

Individual departure or possibility to extend your stay.



Route



Technical Characteristics:

Route Profile: Easy. This hike runs along well-marked paths around meadows and through forests. The Dolomites are always in view and the paths offer no element of danger. You can use public transport on some of the routes to shorten the journey. The hiking trip is suitable for children over 12 years.

Distance: Daily hiking between 3 and 7 hours

Travel Season: Departures Saturdays from April 15 to October 7, 2023

Season 1: April 15

Season 2: April 16 – July 14

Season 3: July 15 – October 8

Price per Person:

Double Occupancy B&B Season 1	€ 749.00
Double Occupancy B&B Season 2	€ 829.00
Double Occupancy B&B Season 3	€ 919.00
Surcharge Single Occupancy	€ 199.00
Surcharge Half Board (minimum 3 course dinner nightly)	€ 189.00
Extra Nights Bressanone Double Occupancy B&B	€ 89.00
Extra Nights Bressanone Single Occupancy B&B	€ 108.00
Extra Nights Merano Double Occupancy B&B	€ 95.00
Extra Nights Merano Single Occupancy B&B	€ 130.00

Accommodation:

Guesthouses and hotels in 3*, partly 4* category

Included:

- 7 nights' accommodation
- Breakfast buffet or a full breakfast
- If you have booked half board: minimum of 3 course dinner
- Personal tour information in Klausen
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Tickets for transfers according to the program
- Well planned routes
- Detailed documents (maps, route description, places to visit, important telephone numbers)
- Telephone service hotline for during the entire tour
- Navigation app

Not Included:

- Visitor's tax payable locally

