

Via Claudia | Bavaria - Venice - 11 days

About 2000 years ago the adopted son of emperor Augustus, General Drusus realized over his military career the significance of well-maintained and quickly passable transport routes from the northern Roman provinces to the Mediterranean. For that reason it was more than necessary to build a pass road to link the northern and southern parts of the empire divided by the Alps. The Via Claudia Augusta, completed within 60 years, is an exemplary sample of Roman construction and a masterpiece of antique engineering. With this road, the Romans had built the first proper mountain road across the Fern Pass and the Reschen Pass. Nowadays the Via Claudia Augusta enables cyclists to experience a unique and stunning crossing of the Alps and to get to know the most beautiful sides of the former Roman domain. And thanks to organized transfers across the two passes you can do so without too much effort. Of course, it's still your choice whether to use the transfers or to use your own muscle strength. The variety of different landscapes along the Via Claudia Augusta and also the many options offered make this bicycle tour a unique adventure which you have to experience for yourself!

Day 1: Individual journey to Füssen in Bavaria

King Ludwig II. and his fairy-tale castle welcome you in Füssen/Schwangau.

Day 2: Füssen - Imst, ~40 km | without transfer ~70 km

Today the tour takes us from Füssen to Reutte. From there our transfer brings you across Fern Pass in a comfortable way. From Fernstein castle you cycle past Nassereith and through the picturesque Gurgltal Valley to Imst. A "beery" adventure awaits you at the microbrewery at Starkenberg castle.

Day 3: Imst - Holiday region Lago di Resia & Alta Venosta, ~55 km | without transfer ~105 km

After a hearty breakfast you cycle from Imst to Landeck. From there we take the shuttle up to Nauders. Soon afterwards you cross the border to Italy at Reschen pass and with it the main Alpine ridge. You cycle downwards towards Malles past Reschenstausee reservoir with the sunken church tower of Altgraun, one of the most famous photo motifs of Italy. Enjoy the first evening on South Tyrolean soil and enjoy strolling through the old alleyways of the town.

Day 4: Holiday region Lago di Resia & Alta Venosta - Merano, ~65 km

Today you cross the entire Val Venosta. The route leads from an altitude of more than 1,000m down to the town of Merano that is located at an altitude of 350m. Most of the route follows the course of River Adige. From your starting place this pleasant cycling stretch leads down to the smallest town of the Alps, the town of Glorenza. Past the marble town of Laas you get to Naturns and eventually - past the impressive Kastellbell castle - to the spa town of Merano. Enjoy an evening walk through town along the "Passer" promenade surrounded by subtropical flora.

Day 5: Merano - Region Castelfeder, ~50 km

There is plenty to see along this route: Niederlana's famous Schnatterpeckaltar, the largest Gothic wing altar in the Alpine area, the highest church tower of the South Tyrol in Terlan and a great number of fortresses and ruins on both valley slopes. And - after the optional visit of Bolzano you'll have the wonderful opportunity to refresh your legs at Lake Caldaro.

Day 6: Region Castelfeder - Trento, ~50 km

Today you cycle along River Adige that is lined by orchards until you get to Salorno. The German-speaking part of the South Tyrol ends here. The stage finishes in the town of Trento which features an old town worth seeing with historic buildings like the cathedral and Buonconsiglio castle.

Day 7: Trento - Feltre, ~65 | without transfer ~90 km

An easy start by transfer to Valsugana is followed by a beautiful tour on a new cycle path from Levico Terme along river Brenta to Borgo Valsugana and Primolano. From here you have to take a regular road up to Arsie and Fonzaso in order to finish in Feltre, one of the most important historical cities.

Day 8: Feltre - Pieve di Soligo, ~50 km or 60 km via Praderadego-Pass

Today you've got two options. Either you take the hilly but not too exhausting road through the Prosecco-vineyards or you take the sporty road and pass by Lentiai and the impressive Praderadego-Pass (approx. 900 Altitude

Services:

10 nights in 3*** hotels 10x breakfast luggage
 transport from hotel to hotel
 transfer across Fern Pass and Reschen Pass as well as
 from Trento to Levico Terme
 detailed documentation and tour description
 GPS tracks on request
 tourist tax
 service hotline

additional services:

own bike	0 €
electric bike	290 €
rental bike 21 gears	145 €

Price:

03.09.2024 - 13.09.2024 - hotel according to offer

double room, BnB	1819 €
single room, BnB	2228 €
twin room, BnB	1819 €



difference). Pieve di Soligo is definitely perfect to relax after a "harder" day.

Day 9: Pieve di Soligo - Quarto d'Altino/Venice, ~65 km

You have to hit the pedals just one more time in order to get to Venice. On the way you find some real highlights too. Right past Pieve di Soligo, still in the middle of the prosecco hills you see Castello San Salvatore. Soon after Ponte Priula you arrive at the art and radicchio-town of Treviso which is finally followed by Quarto d'Altino, a small town very close to the original start of Via Claudia Augusta.

Day 10: Excursion to Venice - Overnight stay again in Quarto d'Altino

Set aside your bike and relax while you take the train in approx. 20 minutes to the train station Santa Lucia of Venice. This is the perfect initial point to explore the uncountable alleys and channels of Venice. Have a look at Piazza San Marco and maybe even treat yourself with a gondola ride. . .

Day 11: Individual return journey or extension

