

Via Claudia | Füssen - Bolzano - 7 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

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 > Lake Caldaro Region/Ora, ~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: Lake Caldaro Region/Ora > Bolzano, ~30 km

Yesterday you have already passed by Bolzano. Today you either ride on direct way along River Adige or over the more interesting track passing by the lakes Montiggler right towards the center of Bolzano. Enjoy to stroll on the footsteps of Ötzi or to relax at Walther Square ...

Day 7: Individual return journey or extension

Services:

6 nights in carefully chosen 3*** hotels
 6x large breakfast buffet
 luggage transport from hotel to hotel
 transfer across Fern Pass and Reschen Pass
 detailed documentation and tour description
 GPS tracks on request
 tourist tax
 service hotline

additional services:

own bike	0 €
electric bike	230 €
rental bike 21 gears	100 €
transfer back	145 €
extra night, double BnB, Bolzano	99 €
extra night, double, BnB, Füssen	99 €
extra night, single BnB, Bolzano	139 €
extra night, single, BnB, Füssen	139 €

Price:

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double room, BnB	1065 €
single room, BnB	1310 €
twin room, BnB	1065 €

