



Italy – Friuli Based in Two Hotels Bike Tour 2017
Individual Self-Guided
8 days / 7 nights



Starting point for this bicycle holiday is Prepotto (Prapotno in Slovenian). It is a commune in the Province of Udine in the Italian region Friuli-Venezia, located about 50 km northwest of Trieste and about 20 km east of Udine, on the border with Slovenia. It is a small picturesque town with old houses and winding alleys. For winegrowers and wine lovers this well-known village is an El Dorado, a place with beautiful vineyards where you can taste some of the world finest wine. Carrying on your trip you will arrive to the multilingual border area of Italy and Slovenia, in Gorizia (Görz in German, Gorica in Slovenian). In World War I, the city and the surrounding area were the scene of the 12 battles of Isonzo.



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Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Arrival to Prepotto

Individual arrival at the hotel in Prepotto.



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Day 2: Round trip Prepotto – Cividale del Friuli – Udine 30 - 60 km

On the first day, you have the possibility to choose between two round trips, a shorter one and a longer one. The shorter tour leads to Cividale del Friuli, the medieval town of the Langobards. The historical center of the town is dominated by Piazza Duomo and Palazzo Pretorio, where you can have a rest. The longer tour in addition leads you to the university city of Udine. You can visit the Dome, as well as the Loggia del Lionello, in the ground floor of the town hall.

Day 3: Round trip to Slovenia and to the Brda 40 - 60 km

This day takes you across the border to Slovenia and to the Brda, meeting point of three cultures (Slavic, Romanic and Germanic). The Brda is well known mainly because of the winegrowing but also for its castles and white churches which are situated mostly on hills.

Day 4: Round trip to the castles of the Gorizia 35 - 50 km

The Gorizia Hills (Collio in Italian) became well known due to its good wine, but it offers a lot for history lovers too. Today you cycle to the castles of the Collio, among which you can discover the castle Rocca Bernarda. This castle was a fief of the patriarchy of Aquileia and had been given as a present to the city of Cividale. This city left it to the Roman family Capiferro in the 15th century. Afterwards it was sold several times to different owners and finally to the family Perusini. The beautiful castle in the style of the 16th century is situated in the midst of extensive parks, on a hill surrounded by vineyards. Thanks to the dedication and the competence of Gaetano Perusini the cultivation of the "Picolit" grapes started, which have gained worldwide renown over the years.



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Day 5: Prepotto – Cormons – Gradisca 40 km

Today you leave Prepotto and cycle to Cormons, the cultural and economic center of the Gorizia Hills (Collio). The main square of Cormons invites you to take a break and enjoy a glass of wine. Continue to Gradisca, a little village near the Slovenian border. Here we recommend to visit the Palazzo dei Provveditori in the old town with its Enoteca Regionale, where you can let the day fade away while enjoying the fine local wine. Overnight stay in Gradisca.

Day 6: Round trip to Aquileia 40 - 75 km

This bicycle journey takes you to the formerly biggest city of the Roman Empire. Today the remnants of this settlement are still to be seen. Discover the secrets of the Roman city of Aquileia, the so-called "Second Rome"; Roman ruined cities, ancient churches. It is worth visiting the Aquileia Cathedral, which interior has a mosaic pavement from the 4th century.

Day 7: Gradisca – Trieste 40 km

On the last day of the cycle holiday there will await you Trieste, the former Habsburg city. On the first part of the route, following a breathtaking coastal, the Karst Plateau accompanies you along the Adriatic Sea. Before you enter in the old seaport and commercial town of Trieste, the Castle of Miramare invites you for a visit. Handover of rental bikes in Trieste, by train you return to Gradisca.

Day 8: Departure or additional stay

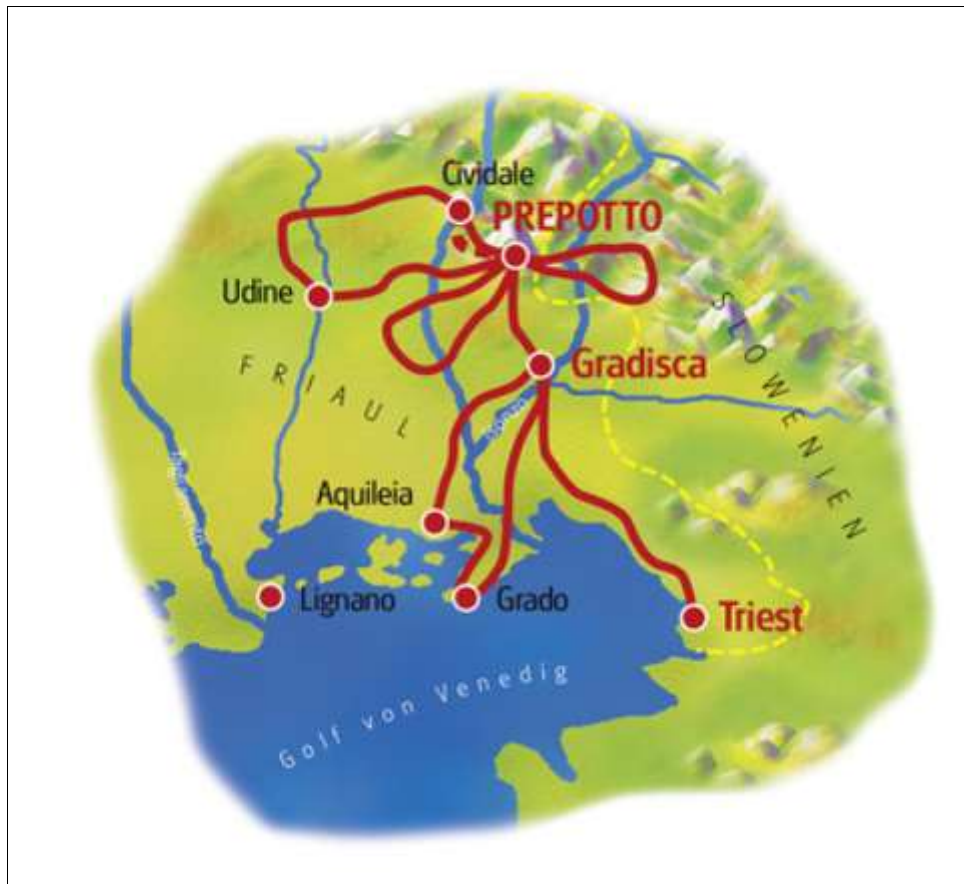


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Route



Technical Characteristics:

Route Profile: The route runs on bicycle paths and alongside roads without traffic from the vineyards of the Collio to the Adriatic Coast.

Distance: 225 - 325 km

Travel Dates: Arrival Sundays and Tuesdays March 19 to October 22, 2017

Season 1: March 19; October 22

Season 2: March 20 – April 30; July 1 – August 31; October 1 – October 21

Season 3: May 1 – June 30; September 1 – September 30



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Price per Person:

Season 1 Double Occupancy B&B	€ 509.00
Season 2 Double Occupancy B&B	€ 599.00
Season 3 Double Occupancy B&B	€ 644.00
Surcharge Single Room	€ 120.00
Rental Bike (21 gear)	€ 75.00
Electric Bike	€ 160.00
Extra Nights Prepotto Double Occupancy B&B	€ 54.00
Extra Nights Prepotto Single Occupancy B&B	€ 69.00
Extra Nights Gradisca Double Occupancy B&B	€ 59.00
Extra Nights Gradisca Single Occupancy B&B	€ 74.00

Accommodation:

Agriturismo Tinello Di San Urbano - Prepotto

The picturesque newly renovated farmhouse in Prepotto is located in between the vineyards of the “Colli Orientale del Friuli”. The 10 comfortable, silent rooms are equipped with bathroom and own entry; in parts they have a balcony. Relax in the solarium or enjoy the silence in the nature or at the pool.

Hotel Franz - Gradisca D'isonzo

The hotel is located in the center of Gradisca d'isonzo and wins over with its perfect and friendly service, which makes it easy to relax. All rooms have air conditioning, a flat TV as well as wooden floors. Furthermore they are equipped in a modern and comfortable style. The breakfast with its 40 specialties, produced with selected ingredients makes sure that you start good into the day. Near the hotel many attractions, like the boulevards, shops, restaurants, wine taverns, public gardens and a Venetian fortress from the 14th century are awaiting its guests.

Included:

- Accommodation in the mentioned category
- Breakfast buffet or extended breakfast
- Half board
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Detailed travel documents
- Journey by train Trieste - Gradisca (including own bikes)
- Service hotline

Not Included:

- Return journey to Prepotto (at least 4 persons), each Tuesday and Sunday, € 25 per person reservation necessary, and payable in advance.
- Visitor's tax



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Bikes



Hybrid Bike

Unisex frame 21-gears with free wheel sizes: 56 / 51 / 46 / 43 cm

Unisex 7-gears-bikes with back pedaling brake sizes: 56 / 51 / 46 cm

Men's speed bikes 21-gears with free wheel and crossbar sizes: 64 / 60 / 56
"slopping" cm (note: a reservation is necessary!)

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



Electric Bike

A Pedelec is an electro bike which assists with electric support only when pedaling. Composed on basis of KTM-bikes, adequate for our missions. The bike is easy to handle as you have a good weight distribution and a low balance point. Overall weight amounts to approx. 23 kg. An illuminated LCD display, a computer and a wattage display add to the comfort.

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