

Italy – Slovenia - Friuli Based in Cividale and Gradisca Bicycle Tour (2025) Individual Self-Guided 8 days / 7 nights



The starting point of this cycle tour is the medieval town of the Langobards, Cividale del Friuli/surrounding area. Cividale holds some Langobard treasures such as the famous Tempietto or the Ponte del Diavolo over the river Natisone. Carrying on your trip you will arrive at Gradisca d'Isonzo (Gradišče ob Soči in Slovenian). This little town in the east of Friuli nearby the border area of Slovenia has been the front between Austria and Italy in the First World War, well known for the 12 battles of the Isonzo.

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Itinerary Day to Day

DAY 1: Arrival at Cividale del Friuli/surroundings

Individual arrival at the hotel in Cividale del Friuli/surroundings.



DAY 2: Round trip – Cividale del Friuli – Udine (approx. 30 km or 60 km for the longer option)

On the first day you have the option of choosing between a shorter and a slightly longer round trip tour. The shorter tour takes you to Prepotto (Prapotno in Slovenian), a small picturesque town with winding alleys and old houses in the province of Udine. The longer route takes you to the university town of Udine. Here, too, the cathedral and the Loggia del Lionello on the ground floor of the town hall invite you to visit.

Day 3: Round trip to Slovenia and to the Brda 45 - 65 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 Collio 40 - 45 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.







DAY 5: Cividale del Friuli – Cormons – Gradisca d'Isonzo (approx. 35 or 45 km – option via Görz)

Today you leave Cividale Prepotto and cycle to Cormons, the cultural and economic centre 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 d'Isonzo.

Day 6: Round trip to Aquileia 45 - 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 socalled "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 d'Isonzo – Trieste 40 km

On the last day of the cycle holiday Trieste, the former Habsburg city, is waiting for you. 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. Return by train.



Day 8: Departure

Individual departure or additional stay



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Route



Technical Characteristics:

Route Profile: Relatively Easy. The route runs on bicycle paths and alongside roads without traffic from the vineyards of the Collio to the Adriatic Coast. **Distance:** 235 - 330 km

Travel Season: Arrival Sundays and Tuesdays April 8 to October 7 Season 1: arrival dates 08/04/2025 und 07/10/2025 Season 2: arrival dates from 09/04/2025 to 14/06/2025 and from 09/09/2025 to 06/10/2025 (incl.) Season 3: arrival dates from 15/06/2025 to 08/09/2025 (incl).



Price per Person: all prices subject to confirmation on booking

€ 849
€ 969
€1049
€ 239
€ 99
€ 169
€ 269
€ 79
€ 108
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Included:

- Accommodation in agriturismo oder 3***Hotel in Cividale and in hotel 4****category in Gradisca d`Isonzo
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- Dinner (at least three course menu)
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Transfer from Trieste to Sagrado by train (bicycles included)
- Video Briefing
- Well planned routes
- Detailed documents (maps, route description, places to visit, important telephone numbers)
- Telephone service hotline for the whole tour
- Navigation app

Not Included:

- Departure at the end of the tour
- Drinks, tourist tax and all extras
- Lunch
- Not mentioned entries
- Rental bikes and travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under the item "Included services"
- It is possible to add a rental bike disclaimer to your booking. Price is € 24/ per trekking bike and € 49/ per TOP bike/ e-bike /mountain bike.





<u>Bikes</u>

<u>Hybrid Bike</u> Mens Trekking Aluminum, with water bottle holder, Shimano Alivio/Deore 21 gear freewheel, Royal saddle, size S-X Women's Trekking Shimano Alivio/Deore, 21 gear freewheel, Royal saddle, step-through frame, size S-XL





Electric Bike

Step through frame, Bosch Performance Line Motor, 8 gear, range performance: approx. 200 km (using middle/constant speed)



<u>Top Bike</u> Aluminum, Shimano Deore XT 21-speed gears, freewheel Sizes s-xl

This is a partner tour

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