



Italy – From Lake Garda to Venice Hiking Tour (2025)
Individual Self-Guided
8 days/7 nights



From the north shores of Lake Garda you walk along ancient pilgrim routes through the rock deserts of the Sarca valley down into the Etsch valley to Trento. From there you proceed into the wonderful quiet valley of Valsugana, which was already utilized by the romans along the Via Claudia in order to reach the Adriatic Sea. Here you come across imperial spa towns and historic forts, busy village centers invite you to an adventurous exploration. You experience Lake Garda Mountains, the Vizentiner Alps, the high summits of the Cima Dodoci, you walk through an open air art exhibition and get to know the rivers Brenta, Sile, Sarca and Etsch. Glistening lakes and high mountains are your constant companion. The high altitude paths above the Brenta valley guide you downhill into the wine growing region of Bassano del Grappa. Through the impressive river landscape of the Sile Nature Park you reach the lagoon region of the UNESCO World Heritage site of Venice.



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Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Riva

Discover the beautiful historic center of Riva and enjoy a cappuccino on the Piazza at the shore. The southern flair on mild summer evenings gets you in the right mood for the days to come.



Day 2: Riva - Pietramurata “Rock DesertMarroche” 13 km + 300 m – 150 m

In Ceniga you start your hiking tour and proceed through the vines of the Sarca valley. Soon you come to a giant rock fall area, which resembles a rock desert. With a view onto Lago di Cavedine you walk past fruit and vegetable fields into the little village of Pietramurata, surrounded by the highest walls of rock of the Lake Garda Mountains in the Sarca river valley.

Day 3: Pietramurata – Trento ‘High above the Etsch Valley’ 13 km + 400 m – 650 m

By bus along the renowned Castello di Toblino into the ‘Valley of Lakes’. Hiking tour to Lago Terlagio, the trailhead for the high altitude

you uphill to the ancient fortress and bulwarks. Fabulous views down into the Etsch valley and onto the Dolomites followed by a descent to Trento where you enjoy a visit to the historic center with numerous churches and Palazzi.

Day 4: Trento – Levico Terme ‘Val Sugana and Lago di Levico’ 12 km + 250 m – 250 m

Short train journey and walk to the romantic center of Pergine. Then via the historic roman road Via Claudia Augusta, leading you above the giant Lago di Caldonazzo, onwards to Lake Levicosee. The idyllic lakeside path invites you to a refreshing dip into the warmest Italian alpine lake before you reach the neat spa town of Levico.





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Day 5: Levico Terme Spa – Borgo Valsugana ‘Nature art in front of Alpine backdrop’ 16 km + 450 m – 650 m

Today a wonderful high altitude hiking tour is planned for you across alpine pastures framed by high scarps. Accompanied by waterfalls and roaring mountain streams you reach the impressive open air nature art exhibition. Via the Sentiero Don Cesare to the mountain hut Cipriani, where you take a break below the steep mountain prongs. A spectacular steep path takes you to Borgo Valsugana with its initial Venetian bridges and pergolas.

Day 6: Borgo Valsugana – Bassano del Grappa ‘Alta Via del Tabacco’ 13 km + 500 m – 550 m

Ascent to the Alta Via del Tabacco, a fabulous high altitude path situated above the Brenta valley. Via the San Bovo hermitage you get back to the valley floor and continue now leisurely along the green river Brenta. You cross the famous bridge Ponte Vecchio and reach your day’s end in Bassano del Grappa.

Day 7: Bassano del Grappa – Venice/Mestre ‘Sile Nature Park’ 17 km + 20 m – 20 m

You walk across wooden bridges and foot bridges into the nature park of the river Sile, the renowned cycling route Munich – Venice finally leads you into your end destination of Quarto d’Altino. By train to the end of your day on the mainland before Venice with excellent bus connections to the lagoon city. As a finale of the holiday a small grappa sampling awaits not far from St. Mark’s Square.



Day 8: Individual departure or extension





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Route



Technical Characteristics:

Tour Profile: Relatively Easy. You will walk along diverse hiking paths and trails, partly on gravel roads and forest paths. Only a few sections are rocky and narrow, otherwise the paths run on easy terrain and are nice to walk on. Nearly everywhere you have a choice of a shorter and easier option. The route leads you on nice paths along rivers, lakes and through forests, often you walk high above a valley and enjoy unique long distance views.

Total Distance: 87 km

Travel Season Saturdays 03.05. – 04.10.

Saison 1: 03.05. – 17.05. | 21.09. – 04.10.

Saison 2: 18.05. – 14.06. | 31.08. – 20.09.

Saison 3: 15.06. – 30.08.



Prices per person: *all prices subject to confirmation on booking*

Season 1 Double Occupancy B&B	€979
Season 2 Double Occupancy B&B	€1089
Season 3 Double Occupancy B&B	€1169
Single Room Surcharge	€339
Extra Nights Riva del Garda Season 1 & 2 Double Occupancy B&B	€99
Extra Nights Riva del Garda Season 3 Double Occupancy B&B	€115
Extra Nights Riva del Garda Single Room Surcharge B&B	€69
Extra Nights Venice/Mestre All Seasons Double Occupancy B&B	€95
Extra Nights Venice/Mestre Single Room Surcharge B&B	€85

Accommodation:

3* and 4* hotels

Included:

- 7 overnight stays, as indicated, breakfast included
- Luggage transfer
- Welcome briefing
- Transfers according to program
- 1x small grappa sampling in Bassano or Venice
- Carefully elaborated route description
- Detailed travel documents 1 per room
- App for navigation and GPS data
- Service hotline

Not Included:

- Bus journey to Toblino, approximately 8 euros per person
- Any visitor's taxes, payable locally
- Bus journey Levico-Barco, approximately EUR 4 per person

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