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**Slovenia - Italy - Cycling Lake Bled to Venice (2024)**  
**Self-Guided Tour**  
**8 days / 7 nights**



The fairytale world of Lake Bled, its island church and clifftop castle will be your starting point, after which you'll cycle onwards through the majestic Julian Alps, over a high pass and down into the western valleys. The alpine meadows soon give way to terraced hills dotted with vineyards that lead you all the way into Italy and on towards the coast, where lazy promenades and beautiful Venetian architecture await you. This is a cycling holiday for people who want the perfect mix of amazing landscapes, great food and wine, and historic sights.

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### Itinerary Day to Day

#### **Day 1: Arrival at Lake Bled**

To begin, you can dip your feet in the beautiful glacial Lake Bled. This shimmering body of water is famous for its distinctive island church and the clifftop castle all backed by the beautiful Karavanke Mountains. Bled is one of Slovenia's most popular tourist attractions. You can take a stroll around the western side of the lake for some of the best views and photographs, and then have lunch and the locally famous cream cake (Kremšnita) on the eastern lakeside while watching the sunset over the mountains.



#### **Day 2: Bled – Bohinjska Bistrica 27 km or 43 km with side trip**

A short car transfer leaves you on the high plateau at Pokljuka. From here you'll cycle through alpine villages to Lake Bohinj, the jewel of the Triglav National Park. Encircled by tall mountain peaks, Bohinj is the largest and deepest lake in the national park. Savica Waterfall is the source of the lake and the Sava Bohinjka River. A cable car runs up to Vogel Mountain, where you can get a spectacular view into the Bohinj Valley and of Mount Triglav, the highest peak in the Julian Alps.

#### **Day 3: Bohinj – Tolmin 56 km or 35 km if taking train to Podbrdo**

Today you can cycle over the Sorica Pass over the Julian Alps or take the train through the Bohinj Tunnel to Podbrdo. Then continue cycling through a narrow valley where you will join the beautiful emerald green Soča River as it tumbles out of the mountains towards the west side of the Julian Alps. Hurry up and visit the Tolmin Gorge with its breathtaking scenery, like the Bear's Head - a natural bridge made of a huge boulder wedged into a narrow part of the gorge.



#### **Day 4: Tolmin – Šmartno 46 km; or 57 km without lift up, ↑ 690 m, ↓ 1.600 m)**

Car transfer to Kolovrat Saddle. The picturesque ridge of Kolovrat, offers you a magnificent vantage point high above the Soča Valley, which serves as the border between Slovenia and Italy. This ridge spans approximately 7 kilometers and lies at altitudes ranging from 800 to 1150 meters. Don't miss the opportunity to visit Mrs. Josephine's old-fashioned pub in the first village (Kambreško) you encounter along the way. As you descend, you'll eventually arrive at your destination for the day – Solkan.



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#### **Day 5: Šmartno - Grado 65 km**

Starting from Solkan, you'll swiftly make your way to the so-called "Southern City of Berlin" – Gorizia. This city was once the pivotal point dividing Italy and Yugoslavia. Here, you can explore a highly interesting museum that offers insights into the region's history. Continuing along the border, you'll encounter the world's smallest military museum, located in an old Yugoslavian outpost. Nearby, you'll find the ancient Kostanjevica Monastery, which serves as the resting place of the last French king. From there, you'll head south, crossing into Italy and soon reaching the coast. The afternoon will be spent in the Friuli Venezia Giulia region, passing by rivers, canals, and ancient Roman cities. Your ultimate destination will be Grado, a historic resort situated on a lagoon island. Both offer unique opportunities for exploration and discovery.



#### **Day 6: Grado - Portogruaro 87 km or 59 km if shortened by train ride**

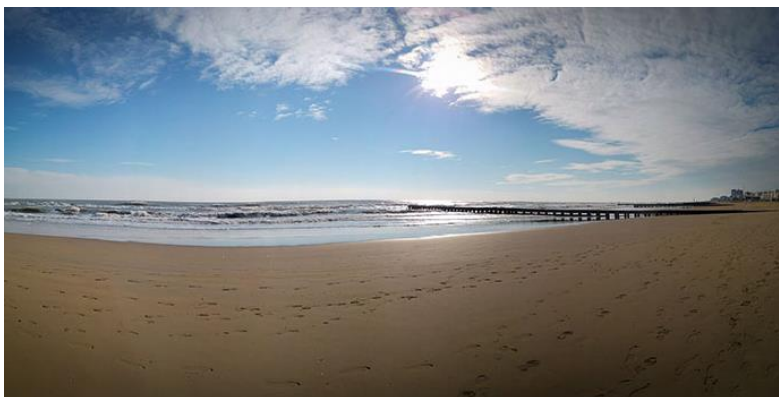
This morning you will head back inland a bit, leaving the sea behind you. You will pass through a multitude of "Valli da pesca" (stretches of lagoon enclosed by earthen dikes where extensive fish farming is practised) and "casoni" (constructions used by fishermen in the past during the fishing season). Your destination is the town of Portogruaro, one of the main centres in the period of the "Serenissima Republic of Venice", which is still impressive even today with its glorious "Palazzi" or "palaces".

#### **Day 7: Portogruaro – Lido Di Jesolo 67 km**

From Portogruaro you can look forward to a wonderful easy cycle westwards along the beautiful beaches of the Adriatic Coast. There are numerous opportunities to relax and swim so be sure to pack your swim gear. You will stay overnight in one of the two towns along this famous coastline, depending on availability. Jesolo is a gateway to Venice, from here you can easily travel onward to the airport or old city on the lagoon.

#### **Day 8: Departure from Lido Di Jesolo**

After breakfast, your tour ends. However, you can prolong your stay or continue your trip by visiting ancient Serrenissima - Venice.

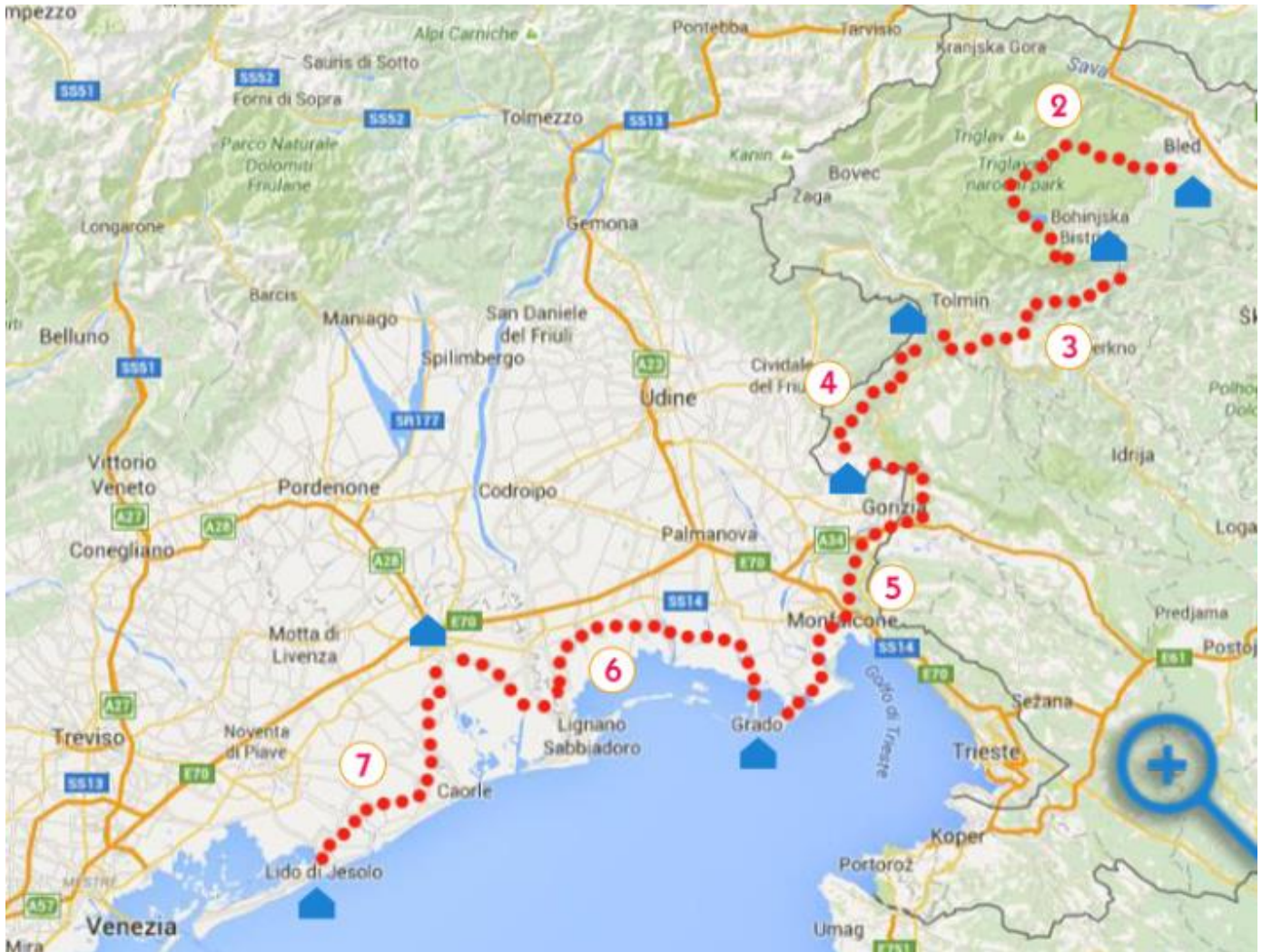




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## Route



### Technical Characteristics:

**Tour Profile:** Relatively Easy. Suitable for cyclists of average fitness.

**Distance:** 289 - 366 km

**Travel Season:** Departures on Saturdays and Sundays April 13 to October 12

Low Season: April 13- May 10 and September 21 – October 12

High Season: May 11 – September 20

No departures from 27.7 to 24.8



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**Price per person:** all prices per person in euros – subject to confirmation on booking

Low Season Double Occupancy B&B	€1155
High Season Double Occupancy B&B	€1195
Supplement Single Room	€345
Supplement Single Room high season	€375
Solo Traveller	€490
Bike rental	€130
Bike rental extra days (per day)	€25
E-bike rental	€300
Helmet	€12
Additional Nights 4* Hotel in Bled Double Occupancy Standard Room	€130
Additional Nights 4* Hotel in Bled Single Occupancy Standard Room	€170
Additional nights in other locations	On request
Transfer Bled to Ljubljana Airport (minimum 2 persons, one way)	On request
Transfer Bled to Klagenfurt Airport (minimum 2 persons, one way)	On request

\*E-Bike not available for this tour

## **Included:**

accommodation in twin room DWC, based on bed and breakfast

- luggage transfer between hotels, (one piece per person max. 23 kg / 50 lb). Every additional piece 60 EUR per trip, payable on spot.
- transfers on days 2 and 4
- tour description and maps in GUIBO application electronic form
- welcome meeting and bike handover
- local tourist taxes in Slovenia
- service hotline

## **Not Included:**

- Optional train ticket to Podbrdo on day 3
- entrance fees
- snacks, drinks with meals
- saunas and massages in the hotels
- tourist and local taxes in Italy
- additional transfer to Sorica pass on day 3 30 EUR per person
- printed information pack with route descriptions and relevant maps on arrival - 30 EUR



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### Bikes

Hybrid touring bikes are equipped with 21 gears, cyclometer, lock, one pannier, one spare tube, set of Allen keys and basic puncture repair kit.

#### Ladies Hybrid Bike



#### Mens Hybrid Bike



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