

Via Claudia Augusta

Across the Alps from AUGSBURG to VERONA via LAKE GARDA – sporty

The Via Claudia Augusta Cycle Route follows the Alpine Lech River through the botanical treasures of the Bavarian Alpine foothills. In the distance, the silhouette of the Bavarian Alps rises, sometimes elegantly shrouded in a delicate veil. Passing the photogenic Lechfall waterfall near Füssen, the cycle route follows the course of the river into the Tyrolean Außerfern region. The veils fall and the rugged elegance of the Lechtal Alps and the Zugspitze massif flank the cycle route to the Ehrwald Basin, a protected moorland area where parts of a Roman “Prügel road” of the *Via Claudia Augusta* are preserved underground. An organized transfer takes you to Fernsteinsee Castle, and the cycle path continues through the picturesque Tyrolean Oberland. The lush vineyards that characterize the Etschtal valley nestle gently against the foothills of the mountains, surrounding many a pretty village and forming a picturesque ensemble with the stately castles.

In addition to the harmonious landscapes that you can literally breathe in on your cycling tour, renowned cities such as Füssen, Bolzano, Trento, and Rovereto also enrich your journey with their atmosphere and attractive sights. Last but not least, Lake Garda scores with its alpine elegance before you cycle into the picture-perfect city of Verona.

Highlights

- 🌀 Roman museum in the Augsburg armoury
- 🌀 Historic Augsburg water management (UNESCO world heritage site)
- 🌀 Natural element water and wildly romantic mountainside – appealing and vast
- 🌀 Sunken church tower of Altgraun (14th century), Reschenstausee water reservoir
- 🌀 Original milestone of Rabland, city museum of Bolzano
- 🌀 Lake Caldaro, South Tyrolean Wine Road
- 🌀 Tridentum. The Roman underground city - S.A.S.S., Trento
- 🌀 Anfiteatro Arena, Ponte Pietra, Castelvecchio, Verona

Route characteristics

- ~ Mostly paved/asphalted bike paths, farm roads, quiet side roads and local thoroughfares
- ~ Transfer across the toughest ascent across Fernpass (Biberwier - Fernsteinsee lake)
- ~ Ascent of approx. 700 metres between Pfunds and Reschen pass
- ~ From Reschenstausee water reservoir to Merano are some longer descents

Level of difficulty

Touring bicycle 

Pedelec/E-Bike 

Suitable for families with children from the age of approx. 14 years (appropriate cycling enthusiasm required)

Arrival | Travel time | Type of trip

- ☑ Every Sunday from May 1st to September 25th 2026
- ☑ 10 days | 9 nights (incl. days of arrival and departure)
- ☑ Stretch trip - approx. 585 cycling kilometres
- ☑ Individual cycling trip
- ☑ From 2 persons (single travellers on application)

Itinerary

Day 1: Individual journey to Augsburg

Visit of the Roman provincial capital „Augusta Vindelicorum“

Day 2: Augsburg – Region Schongau (approx. 85 km)

The place name Augsburg derives from the Roman name of the town „Augusta Vindelicorum“, which was founded in 15 B.C. under the rule of Emperor Augustus. Augsburg’s popularity however, was established with its role as a Fuggertown. Therefore, a visit of the Fuggerei, which is the world’s oldest project for social housing still in use today, is a must. Schongau features a picturesque old town and almost completely preserved town wall.

Day 3: Region Schongau – Nature Park region Reutte (approx. 55 km)

Having left the beautiful old town of Schongau the cycling path along River Lech takes you into the Tyrol. Before heading over the border from Germany to Austria the beautiful fairy tale-like castle Neuschwanstein awaits you.

Day 4: Nature Park region Reutte – Landeck (approx. 65 km | without transfer approx. 75 km)

Shortly after Reutte the “Ehrenberger Klause”, a fortress built in the time of the Thirty Years’ War that is well worth seeing can be visited. From Lermoos or Biberwier respectively you can take the VCA-Pickaback shuttle to cover the demanding route up Fern Pass. From Fernstein castle you cycle past Nassereith and the picturesque Gurgltal Valley to Imst. A “beery” adventure awaits you at the microbrewery at Starkenberg castle. From the town of Imst you will pedal along Inn Valley to the town of Landeck.

Day 5: Landeck – Holiday region Lago di Resia & Alta Venosta (approx. 85 km)

Next to river Inn the cycle way leads from Landeck to the so called Oberes Gericht and on to Pfunds. Past Pfunds the cycle way is on Swiss state territory for approx. 10km. From Martina/Untere Engadin you’ll conquer 400m of height distance along the winding but not too steep road of Norbertshöhe. A short coast down to Nauders is followed by a short and easy uphill passage where 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 6: Holiday region Lago di Resia & Alta Venosta – Merano (approx. 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 7: Merano – Salorno/Mezzocorona (approx. 65 - 75 km)

Whether it's the Sarntal Alps, the Dolomites, or the Mendel Ridge that point the way to the Adige Valley, the cycle path winds its way through the lush South Tyrolean lowlands, following the Adige River, slipping through the historically significant Salurn Pass, and continuing into the Trentino basin. The unspoiled villages in this northern Italian wine region invite you to end your day's cycling in a relaxed atmosphere.

Day 8: Salorno/Mezzocorona – Torbole sul Garda/Region Lake Garda North (approx. 75 km)

The journey continues downstream along the Adige River until the Doss Trento pushes its rocky flanks into the Adige River. The old town of Trento at its feet, with its interesting and historically significant monuments, as well as the small town of Rovereto further south, where modern architecture successfully bridges the gap to Venetian history, provide nature-loving cyclists with a taste of culture. At Mori, you leave the Adige Valley and, after a gentle climb to the Passo San Giovanni (287 m), you roll downhill through picturesque surroundings to your stage destination on the shore of the deep mountain lake.

Day 9: Torbole sul Garda/Region Lake Garda North – Verona (approx. 80 km)

The route takes you briefly uphill and back into Vallagarina. Continuing south, the Adige Valley becomes increasingly charming. Although the flanks of the Lessini Mountains move closer again and narrow the traffic routes in the Adige Valley, you can enjoy a magnificent view of the Valpolicella wine hills north of Verona from the hilltop.

You roll energetically along the Adige canals into the much-vaunted and music-loving city of Verona.

Day 10: Individual Return Journey or Extension

Included Services | Price per Person | Extras

Included services

- ✓ 9 Overnight stays including large breakfast buffet in hotels of the 3-star category *
- ✓ Luggage transport from hotel to hotel
- ✓ Shuttle transfer from Biberwier to Fernsteinsee lake
- ✓ Reutte Aktiv Card (reduced admission to Thermal Resort Ehrenberg, Adventure Museum...)
- ✓ Tirol West Card (reduced admission to Museums, such as Via Claudia Augusta-Centre...)
- ✓ Extensive travel papers | INNTOUR Navigation app | GPS-data available via Navigation App
- ✓ Phone service daily from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm

Price

	per person
- Accommodation in a double room (arrival from May 1 st)	Euro 1.629,00
- Accommodation in a double room (arrival from May 15 th)	Euro 1.699,00
- Accommodation in a double room (arrival from July 15 th)	Euro 1.749,00
- Single room surcharge	Euro 399,00

Locally varying charges (local taxes, etc.) - if applicable - are not included in the tour price; payable on site

Extras

	per person
- Rental touring bicycle classic	Euro 105,00
- Rental touring bicycle superior	Euro 185,00
- Rental of Pedelec/E-Bike	Euro 260,00
- Rental of E-MTB	Euro 380,00
- Extra night in Augsburg in DR/B&B	Euro 89,00
- Extra night in Augsburg in SR/B&B	Euro 128,00
- Extra night in Verona in DR/B&B	Euro 99,00
- Extra night in Verona in SR/B&B	Euro 139,00
- Return transfer Verona-Augsburg incl. bicycle (Tues, Thurs, Sun)	Euro 290,00

* Restaurant recommendations for dinner in all stage towns can be found in the travel information after booking