Via Claudia Augusta

Across the Alps from FÜSSEN to LAKE GARDA – relax

Relaxed cycling in the footsteps of the Romans!
Your cycling tour across the Alps begins along the antique route of the *Via Claudia Augusta* past the Forggen Reservoir, the largest reservoir in Germany. After a brief intermezzo with King Ludwig's visionary Neuschwanstein Castle, the cycle path follows the alpine river network of the Lech into the Tyrolean Alps. From Reutte an organised shuttle-transfer takes you to Fernsteinsee Castle. The route continues through the picturesque Gurgltal (Gurgl Valley) and into the Upper Inn Valley. Another shuttle-transfer takes you from Landeck to Nauders near the Reschen Pass. From Reschensee (Lake Reschen) in South Tyrol, the Adige Cycle Path leads along the gracefully flowing Adige River (Etsch) through the enchanting landscape of the Vinschgau Valley with its lush fruit trees to the Mediterranean spa town of Merano.
The vineyards create a southern flair, surrounding Kalterer Lake and stretching seamlessly from the South Tyrolean lowlands into Trentino. Sometimes you can see imposing castles on steeply sloping high plateaus. Now it is almost only a stone's throw from Trento to Riva del Garda, where the deep blue Lake Garda beckons with its rugged rocks and the delicate pink of the oleander bushes.

Highlights

- Roman Villa Rustica, Schwangau near Füssen
- King Ludwig's fairy-tale castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau, Füssen/Schwangau
- Sunken Church Tower of Altgraun (14th century), Reschen Reservoir/Lake Reschen (Reschensee)
- Botanical Gardens of Trauttmansdorff Castle, Merano
- Original milestone of Rabland, City Museum of Bolzano
- Tridentum. The Roman Underground City - S.A.S.S., Trento
- City Tower/Torre Apponale, Moated Castle/Rocca di Riva, Riva del Garda

Route characteristics

- Mostly paved/asphalted bike paths, farm roads, quiet side roads and local thoroughfares
- Transfer across the toughest ascents across Fernpass (Reutte - Fernsteinsee lake) and Reschenpass (Landeck - Nauders)
- 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. 12 years (appropriate cycling enthusiasm required)

Arrival | Travel time | Type of trip

- Every Tuesday and Sunday from May 1st to September 30th 2027
- 9 days | 8 nights (incl. days of arrival and departure)
- Stretch trip - approx. 310 cycling kilometres
- Individual cycling trip
- From 2 persons (single travellers on application)

Itinerary

Day 1: Individual journey to Füssen
King Ludwig II. and his fairy-tale castle welcome you in Füssen.

Day 2: Füssen/Schwangau – Imst (approx. 40 km | without transfer approx. 70 km)
Today the tour takes you from Füssen to Reutte. From there our transfer brings you across Fern Pass in a comfortable way. From Fernstein Castle you cycle past Nassereith and through the picturesque Gurgl Valley to Imst. A "beery" experience awaits you at Starkenberg Castle with its traditional private brewery.

Day 3: Imst – Holiday region Lago di Resia & Alta Venosta (approx. 55 km | without transfer approx. 105 km)
After a hearty breakfast you cycle from Imst to Landeck. From there, you take the shuttle up to Nauders. Soon afterwards you cross the border to Italy at the Reschen Pass and with it the main Alpine ridge. You cycle downwards and past the Reschen Lake with the sunken church tower of Altgraun, one of the most famous photo motifs in South Tyrol, to one of the tranquil villages around the natural jewel of Malser Haide. Enjoy the first evening in South Tyrol in the pretty little streets of your stage town.

Day 4: Holiday region Lago di Resia & Alta Venosta – Merano (approx. 65 km)
Today, the Adige Cycle Path takes you through the entire Vinschgau Valley and you leave almost 1,000 meters of altitude behind you as you roll comfortably downhill on your bike. For the most part, the Adige Cycle Path follows the course of the young Adige River and takes you through the well-kept villages.
Striking mountain ranges compete with equally striking castles and line your route to the spa town of Merano (Meran). Enjoy an evening stroll along the Passer Promenade, surrounded by subtropical plants.

Day 5: Experience Merano
Variety is the order of the day - and the spa town of Merano/Meran offers great opportunities for this: a visit to the gardens of Trauttmansdorff Castle, a panoramic walk in the historic Dorf Tirol with a magnificent view of the imposing mountains or simply a wellness day in the thermal baths? An excursion by bike along the Passer River to St. Leonhard and a visit to the interactive museum of Tyrolean freedom fighter Andreas Hofer round off the day's cultural program.

Day 6: Merano – Castelfeder Holiday Region (approx. 50 km)
There is a lot to marvel at along this route. The famous Schnatterpeckaltar, a Gothic wing altar in the church in Niederlana, the highest church tower in South Tyrol in Terlan and numerous castles and ruins on both valley sides - the idyllically situated Kalterer Lake, on the other hand, invites you to take a dip in the usually pleasantly temperate water.
The lovingly maintained villages around the Castelfeder biotope are ideal for relaxing and enjoying the finely processed specialties of this fertile region.

Day 7: Castelfeder Holiday Region – Trento (approx. 50 km)
The route continues along the Adige River through orchards and vineyards to Salurn, where the German-speaking part of South Tyrol ends. Trento welcomes you with its beautiful old town, the colossal cathedral and the historic Buonconsiglio Castle.

Day 8: Trento – Lake Garda (Riva del Garda/Torbole sul Garda) (approx. 50 km)
The last stage leads past Rovereto and Mori to Lake Garda. After a brief ascent up Passo S. Giovanni (150m) you can enjoy a fantastic view while riding downhill to the lake and Riva/Torbole.

Day 9: Individual return trip, optional additional nights, or return transfer

Included Services | Price per Person | Extras

Included services

- ✓ 8 Overnight stays including large breakfast buffet in hotels of the 3-star category *
- ✓ Luggage transport from hotel to hotel
- ✓ Shuttle transfer from Reutte to Fernsteinsee lake and from Landeck to Nauders
- ✓ 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 1st)	Euro 1.459,00
- Accommodation in a double room (arrival from May 15th)	Euro 1.539,00
- Accommodation in a double room (arrival from July 15th)	Euro 1.585,00
- Single room surcharge	Euro 449,00

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 bicycle helmet	Euro 28,00
- Extra night in Füssen in DR/B&B	Euro 114,00
- Extra night in Füssen in SR/B&B	Euro 185,00
- Extra night in Riva del Garda/Torbole in DR/B&B	Euro 120,00
- Extra night in Riva del Garda/Torbole in SR/B&B	Euro 182,00
- Return transfer Lake Garda – Füssen incl. bicycle (Tues, Thurs, Sun)	Euro 200,00

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