

# Via Claudia Augusta

## Across the Alps from FÜSSEN to BOLZANO – 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 Forggensee 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 to Imst with its many fountains. 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 and via the spa town of Merano to the lively trading town of Bolzano.

### Highlights

- 🚲 Roman Villa Rustica, Schwangau near Füssen
- 🚲 King Ludwig's fairy-tale castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau, Füssen/Schwangau
- 🚲 Sunken Church Tower of Altgraun (14<sup>th</sup> century), Reschen Reservoir/Lake Reschen (Reschensee)
- 🚲 Botanical Gardens of Trauttmansdorff Castle, Merano
- 🚲 Original Milestone of Rabland, City Museum of Bolzano
- 🚲 Walther Square, fruit market, „Ötzi-Museum“, Bolzano

### Route characteristics

- ~ Mostly paved/asphalted bike paths, farm roads, quiet side roads and local thoroughfares
- ~ Transfer across the toughest ascents across Fern Pass (Reutte - Fernstein Lake) and Reschen Pass (Landeck - Nauders)
- ~ From Reschen Lake 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 Saturday from May 1<sup>st</sup> to September 25<sup>th</sup> 2025
- 📅 8 days | 7 nights (incl. days of arrival and departure)
- 📅 Stretch trip - approx. 240 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 – Bolzano (approx. 30 km)

Today the tour takes you either on a very direct route along the Adige River to Bolzano or as part of a short tour extension (including a climb) along the very scenic route along the Montiggler Seen (Lakes Montiggler) to the center of Bolzano. We hope you enjoy walking in the footsteps of Ötzi or simply relaxing on Waltherplatz square ...

### Day 8: Individual Return Journey or Extension

## Included Services | Price per Person | Extras

### Included services

- ✓ 7 Overnight stays including large breakfast buffet in hotels of the 3-star category \*
- ✓ Luggage transport from hotel to hotel
- ✓ Shuttle transfer from Reutte to Fernstein Lake and from Landeck to Nauders
- ✓ Extensive travel papers | GPS-data available on demand
- ✓ Local tax in all places of accommodation
- ✓ Phone service daily from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm

### Price

	<b>per person</b>
- Accommodation in a double room (arrival from May 1 <sup>st</sup> )	Euro 1.249,00
- Accommodation in a double room (arrival from May 15 <sup>th</sup> )	Euro 1.289,00
- Accommodation in a double room (arrival from July 15 <sup>th</sup> )	Euro 1.329,00
- Single room surcharge	Euro 309,00

### Extras

	<b>per person</b>
- Rental of 21-gear touring bicycle	Euro 100,00
- Rental of Pedelec/E-Bike	Euro 240,00
- Extra night in Füssen in DR/B&B	Euro 110,00
- Extra night in Füssen in SR/B&B	Euro 152,00
- Extra night in Bolzano in DR/B&B	Euro 102,00
- Extra night in Bolzano in SR/B&B	Euro 140,00
- Return transfer Bolzano-Füssen (every Tues, Thurs, Sun)	Euro 155,00

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