

Self-Guided Bicycle Tours in Italy: Discover the Adriatic Riviera's hidden beauty

Tour Fact Sheet

Explore the Adriatic Riviera and its inland valleys, hamlets and castles. This is a fixed base cycling holiday, with a loop ride for each day to bring you back to your seafront hotel with pool and dinner included.

Highlights	Fisherman village of Cesenatico; Ravenna and its Byzantine Mosaics; Medieval and Roman hamlets; Malatestiana Library in Cesena
Price	€1050 Single Supplement: €180 June 15 to August 3 hotel supplement: 60€
Includes	6 nights lodging in 4 star charm hotel on the seaside; all breakfasts; 5 dinners at the hotel; use of a high quality titanium racing or hybrid bicycle; use of GPS with preloaded tracks; briefing by our staff; cultural information and map
Countries	Italy
Begin/End	Cesenatico/Cesenatico
Arrive/Depart	Bologna Guglielmo Marconi Airport (BLQ)
Total Distance	300 km (190)
Daily Distance	50-80 km (30-50 miles)
What to Expect	Flat to rolling terrain with some climbs, the road to Ravenna includes cycling on a pineforest which is ok with our bikes
Rating	201 to 301 – View Tour Rating Descriptions
Terms	Terms & Conditions



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Tour's Dates:

Can begin all days between April 13th and September 22nd - excluding August 3rd to 31st.

Your Itinerary

<p>Day 1: Welcome to Cesenatico, on the Adriatic Riviera <i>Highlights: fisherman village, Marco Pantani's birth place, eat your first piadina!</i></p> <p>We will meet you at your hotel in Cesenatico today (or will pick you up from Bologna airport if you request this service) for the bike fitting and briefing. Take some time to explore this fisherman village and test your bike: - The Leonardo's Canal: designed by Leonardo Da Vinci, where you can see the open air floating maritime museum with fishing and sailing boats. - The Conserve square: cone shaped ice wells used between the 16th-20th century to preserve fish - Pantani museum</p>	<p><i>Accommodation:</i> Hotel Nettuno</p> <p>Or Hotel Valverde</p>
<p>Day 2: Loop ride through Sogliano, Sant'Arcangelo <i>Highlights: Cheese maker and tastings, visit sandstone caves</i></p> <p>Today you will cycle to the town of Sogliano where you have the option to visit an artisanal cheese maker shop and taste some Fossa cheese. Towards the end of the loop you will stop in Sant'arcangelo di Romagna where you can visit its underground city. This town is famous for its caves made of sandstone and clay, probably used in the past to preserve wine and food.</p>	<p>Mileage: 67 km (42 miles)</p> <p><i>Accommodation:</i> Hotel Nettuno</p> <p>Or Hotel Valverde</p>
<p>Day 3: Cycle to Ravenna <i>Highlights: Highlights: Byzantine mosaics, 8 UNESCO World Heritage Sites</i></p> <p>You will cycle today to what was the capital of the Western Roman Empire. Plenty of sites to visit: Dante's Tomb, the UNESCO World Heritage mosaics of San Vitale, Sant'Apollinare Nuovo and the Mausoleum of Galla Placidia. Don't miss these early Byzantine churches with their colorful mosaics that draw travelers from all around the world. After such a deepening cultural and aesthetic experience you might want to take a train back to your hotel for dinner.</p>	<p>Mileage: 61 km (38 miles)</p> <p><i>Accommodation:</i> Hotel Nettuno</p> <p>Or Hotel Valverde</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Day 4: Cycle to Bertinoro and Cesena <i>Highlights: Malatestiana Library and Medieval wine town</i></p> <p>Today you will cycle to a lovely mediaeval town on top of a hill, where we suggest to have lunch at a typical local tavern with a great view. Bertinoro is well known for its wine so don't forget to sip some. After lunch you will cycle to the vibrant city of Cesena where you should not miss a visit to the UNESCO Malatestiana library, which was the first European public library, opened more than 550 years ago. Explore the city hidden squares and alleys or climb up to the fortress.</p>	<p>Mileage: 70 km (44 miles)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Accommodation:</i> Hotel Nettuno</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hotel Valverde</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Day 5: Cycle to Medieval and Roman hamlets <i>Highlights: Canvas printing shop, castles, hamlets, great views</i></p> <p>We recommend a visit to a traditional craft canvas shop today. Then keep cycling to the castle of Monteleone, visited by the English poet Lord Byron. You will find a sequence of hamlets of this valley called Rubicone. This river is famous in Roman history as by crossing it Julius Caesar disobeyed Pompey, this led to the demise of the Roman Republic and to the rise of the Roman Empire.</p>	<p>Mileage: 55 km (34 miles)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Accommodation:</i> Hotel Nettuno</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hotel Valverde</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Day 6: Cycle to Verucchio and Rimini <i>Highlights: Rimini, hometown of the film director Federico Fellini and the hilltop town of Verucchio</i></p> <p>Today you can decide if cycling to Rimini along the coast or take the train there, from where you will start your ride to reach Verucchio, a town perched on a rock, hometown of the Malatesta family which was one of the ruling noble family of Romagna. Take some time today to spend wandering around the many art attractions of Rimini: Arch of Augustus, Tiberius Bridge, Malatesta Temple. Daily mileage: 50-67km (30-42 miles)</p>	<p>Mileage: 50-67 km (30-42 miles)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Accommodation:</i> Hotel Nettuno</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hotel Valverde</p>
<p>Day 8: Tour ends</p> <p>Thanks for joining us and buon viaggio!</p>	

NOTE: This hotel itinerary is subjected to changes according to availability. City taxes are not included.

LODGING UPGRADE:

Room upgrades are possible. Ask for availability.

GTA: How to get there and away

Starting and ending point:

Hotel Nettuno or Hotel Valverde

The airport closest to the tour start is Bologna's Marconi Airport.

Private transfer is available from Bologna airport to hotel in Cesenatico. Ask for prices.

Once you book the tour we will send you detailed information and different options on how to get to the starting point and away from the ending point of the tour.

Services available at an additional cost (ask for prices and availability)

- **Private transfer** from Bologna airport to hotel in Cesenatico is 155€ for up to 4 people and 175€ for 5 to 8 people.
- **Electric bikes** The extra price for e-bike rental is €20 per day per bike. Please inquire about availability.
- **Extra nights** are available for 90€ per person per night (half board) or 65€ per person per night (B&B).

Bicycle Specification

All bikes come with a pump, rear rack, lock, and an under-seat pack that contains a spare tube, tire irons, and patch kit. We can provide flat pedals and pedals with cage but no straps - you can choose the type you prefer during the bike fitting. We don't provide clipless pedals as there are different kinds, so you'll have to bring your own pedals with you and we'll mount them on your rented bike. The bikes come also with a rear rack bag for carrying personal items.

Accessories on request:



Titanium road bike specifications



Frame / Fork	Van Nicholas Yukon 3AL/2,5V or Nevi titanium road frame and carbon fork
Group / transmission	Shimano 105 2x11: compact crank 34-50 and 11-32 cassette; Sram Rival 1x11: 40t chainring and 11-42 cassette
Weight	8.3kg / 18.2 lbs. (size 56)
Tires	700x25
Equipment	cyclometer, bell, lock, pump, 2 water bottle cages, a water bottle, an under-seat pack that contains a spare tube, tire irons and patch kit. Rear rack and rear light (can be removed on request).

Titanium hybrid bike specifications



Frame / Fork	Van Nicholas Amazon 3AL/2,5V titanium hybrid / mixte (step through) frame and VN SLx carbon fork
Shifters/Crankset	Shimano SLX 3x10: 24-32-42 or 26-36-46 teeth
Rear derailleur /Cassette	Shimano SLX long cage rear derailleur and 11-34 cassette 10 speed cassette
Weight	11,5 kg
Tires	700x25
Equipment	cyclometer, bell, lock, pump, water bottle cage/s, a water bottle, an under-seat pack that contains a spare tube, tire irons and patch kit. Rear rack and rear light.

E-bike specifications

Cycle Europe is excited to announce a growing fleet of e-bikes, mostly made up of Kalkhoff and KTM e-bikes. These bikes feature state of the art technology and are a fantastic option for bicycle travelers who need a little push. Are you afraid of that steep hill? You think the mileage is too much for you? Although you still have to pedal, the E-bike drive provides a nice boost for your efforts. Pedal assist e-bikes give you a constant nudge on your ride and conform to your pedal cadence and torque – up to 25km per hours, they are a solid help on the climbs and they increase your average speed! For example, when your pedal stroke increases to get up a hill so does the amount of power the electric motor outputs. Less effort on your part translates to less power assist.

These bikes come with rapid-fire shifters that operate in the same way as a regular hybrid bike. The drive train offer gear ratios that are very similar to what you'd find on a mountain bike, which means you have a great range for climbing.

A few things to consider:

- These bikes are much heavier than a regular bike so they handle differently.
- Bikes come with 700x40 Schwalbe Energizer Pro tires that are made specifically for e-bikes. The tires feature an anti-puncture layer, good grip, and minimal rolling resistance.
- The e-bike drive automatically switches off if speeds exceed 25km/h (15 mph).
- Though the bikes are very quiet the electric engine does produce a light but constant noise.
- The bikes can be ridden without assist though as mentioned above they are much heavier than a regular bike.
- Operating range depends on many factors such as the assistance level, gear switching behaviour, route profile, head wind, temperatures but in general the average range of our battery packs is 110km (68 miles).
- Riding an e-bike is easy and we will offer you instructions at the bike fitting!





Shifters	9-10-speed drive train with gear ratios very similar to those on a mountain bike
Tires	700x47 Schwalbe Energizer Pro tires that feature an anti-puncture layer, good grip and minimal rolling resistance.
Weight	23 kg / 53 lbs.
Equipment	cyclometer, pump, lock and an under-seat pack that contains a spare tube, tire irons and patch kit. Rear rack, fenders and lights.

Tandem Bike



Frame / Fork	Cannondale tandem road 6061 smart formed alloy frame and Cannondale Fatty tandem fork /Comotion tandem with zonally-buttet cro-moly steel tubing and taper gauge w/CNC tandem steerer fork
Shifters/Crankset/Cassette	Shimano 105 shifters, FSA triple crankset 30-39-52 teeth and 10 speed 11-32 cassette
Weight	10 kg
Tires	Schwalbe Marathon Racer 700x30
Equipment	Adjustable captain stem and stoker stem, cyclometer, bell, lock, pump, 2 water bottle cages, a water bottle, an under-seat pack that contains a spare tube, tire irons and patch kit. Rear rack and rear light (can be removed on request).

CoMotion Torpedo Periscope: <http://co-motion.com/bikes/periscope-torpedo>

Cannondale road tandem

<http://www.cannondale.com/it-IT/Europe/Bike/ProductDetail?id=2c2c06f9-1d25-4b67-b357-70d84f53f672&parentid=undefined>

Trailer for child XLC Mono BS-C01 2014

Single-seater with safety flag, stroller kit and walker kit (16" front wheel), double cover (against insects and bad weather).

Innovative folding system, parking brake easily usable in order to lock the wheels.

Reflective materials for the marking of the height and width of the trailer.

TÜV certificate with Toxproof quality seal.

- Places: Single-seater
- Shoulders width: 44cm
- Leg length: 60cm
- Head Height: 61cm
- Seat: 5-point harness
- L x W x H: 106cm / 70cm / 81cm
- L x W x H folded 109cm / 70cm / 26cm H
- Handle height: 95-107cm
- Weight / load: 14kg / 35kg
- Frame: steel, aluminum body, bumpers
- Wheel size: 47- 406/20 x 1.75 steel wheels with spokes in zinc
- Helm attack Ø 28.6mm
- Suitable for a baby seat (bottle holder Weber)



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