

Self-Guided Bicycle Tours in Italy: Bicycle Romagna, Heartland of Italy's Homemade Pasta Tour Facts Sheet

This tour allows you to explore the famous ceramics town of Faenza, medieval villages such as Brisighella and Dozza and the planned renaissance village of Terra del Sole, built by the Medici family to protect the northern flank of Tuscany in 1564. Start in Ravenna once the capital of the Western Roman Empire and cycle through Romagna region all the way to Bologna, the culinary capital of Italy. Easy, flat rides and more serious hill rides make for a cycling paradise through the heartland of homemade pasta, so don't wait until you arrive to Bologna to delight your culinary taste buds with freshly made "tagliatelle", "lasagna", "ravioli" and more, all washed down with local Sangiovese wine.

Highlights	Wide choice of easy or challenging rides, Medieval town of Brisighella, Ravenna and its 6th century mosaics, Bologna and its 60km of porticoes, Faenza, one of Italy's most famous ceramics towns, Wine village of Dozza and Emilia-Romagna Regional Wine Museum, Planned Renaissance town of Terra del Sole built by the Medici family in 1564
Price	€950 per person sharing a double room Single Supplement: €200 (solo travelers pay €435) GROUP DISCOUNTS 5% (6 people or more) Please note that a High-Season Supplement fee may apply for May and September
Includes	6-night lodging in 3-4 star hotels, all breakfasts, 2 dinners; use of GPS with preloaded tracks; detailed routes description; map; dinner suggestions; luggage transfers
Countries	Italy
Begin/End	Ravenna/Bologna
Arrive/Depart	Bologna Guglielmo Marconi Airport (BLQ)
Total Distance	181 - 261 km (112 - 162) more by choice
Daily Distance	0 - 62 km (0 - 39 miles) No mileage on rest days by choice
What to Expect	Choices of easy rides on the flat or serious hill rides for those with energy to burn
Rating	2 – View Tour Rating Descriptions Optional hill rides make this a dream trip for those who want to alternate easy rides with more challenging rides.
Terms	Terms & Conditions



Visit our website for tour dates, price and full itinerary description at www.cycleeurope.com.

Do you need more information? Read our Self Guided Tour FAQ Sheet [here](#).

Tour's Dates:

Standard starting day: Saturday. Other weekly start days may be available - please inquire.

Your Itinerary

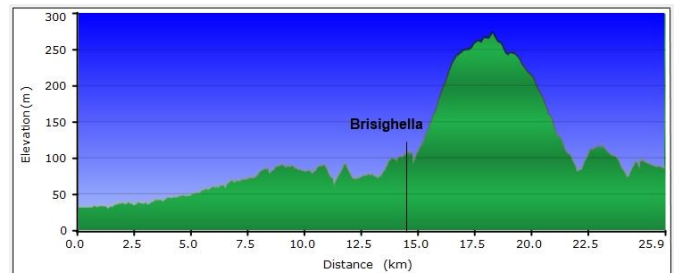
<p style="text-align: center;">Day 1: Arrive in Ravenna. Fit bicycles <i>Highlights: Byzantine mosaics, 8 UNESCO World Heritage Sites</i></p> <p>Arrive in Ravenna today, once the capital of the Western Roman Empire. Your centrally located hotel allows you to walk to Dante's Tomb and the UNESCO World Heritage mosaics of San Vitale, Sant'Apollinare Nuovo and the Mausoleum of Galla Placidia this afternoon. Don't miss these early Byzantine churches with their colorful mosaics that draw travelers from around the world.</p>	<p>Mileage: your option</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Accommodation:</i> Ostello Galletti Abbiosi</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Day 2: Ravenna to Faenza <i>Highlights: Faenza International Ceramics Museum and Renaissance Town Square</i></p> <p>Exiting Ravenna, you have the choice to visit another very important Byzantine masterpiece: Sant'Apollinare in Classe. Cross the plains through fruit plantations and arrive to Faenza. Your hotel is a restored convent near the central square of this regional market center and famous ceramics town. Enjoy the bustle in the market square and the main "piazza" which is always full of bicycle riders of all ages. Faenza is world-renowned for its hand decorated ceramics; we recommend a visit to the International Ceramics Museum as well as several of the local artists' studios specialized in this colorful pottery.</p>	<p>Mileage: 51 km (32 miles)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Accommodation:</i> Hotel Vittoria</p>

Day 3: Bicycle Faenza to Brisighella and on to Riolo Terme

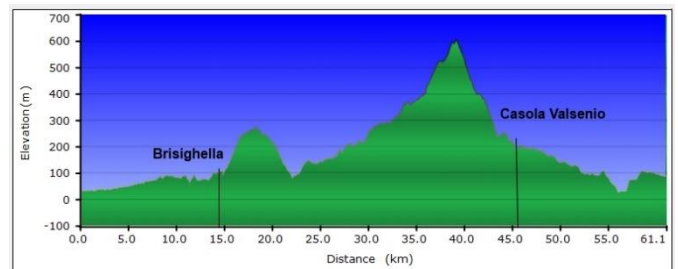
Highlights: Medieval Brisighella; Via degli Asini

Enjoy a quiet ride through vineyards and kiwi orchards on your way to the enchanting Medieval town of Brisighella. You should certainly plan to explore the historic town center and to see the unique Via degli Asini, one of the best preserved medieval artisan streets anywhere in Italy. The homemade pasta in Brisighella is worth a lunch stop (and the gelato is not bad, either)! Your ride continues on to your Agriturismo, a country house hotel with a working farm just outside Riolo Terme. Dinner is included tonight at the agriturismo.

Short option. Mileage: 26 km (16 miles)



Long option. Mileage: 61 km (38 miles)



Accommodation: [Agriturismo Rio Manzolo](#)

Day 4: Riolo Terme loop ride

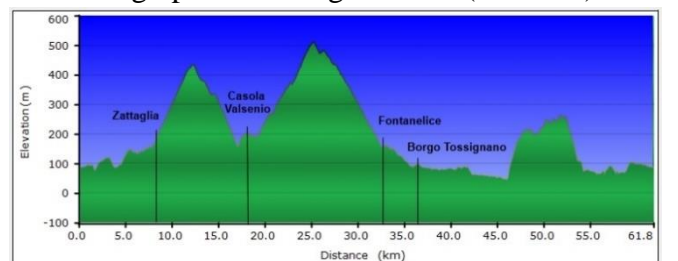
Highlights: Delightful hill and ridge rides through vineyards and orchards; alternative easy ride to Castel Bolognese

Today offers options for the avid cyclist and options for the more relaxed rider. Riolo Terme is a spa town so you can always elect to relax in town, enjoy a plethora of thermal water spa treatments, play a round of golf, get a massage, and just take it easy. We'll recommend a long ride into the hills for those wanting to put some hill rides on their legs and an easy ride to Castel Bolognese for those who want just a little exercise.

Short option. Mileage: 31 km (19 miles)



Long option. Mileage: 62 km (39 miles)



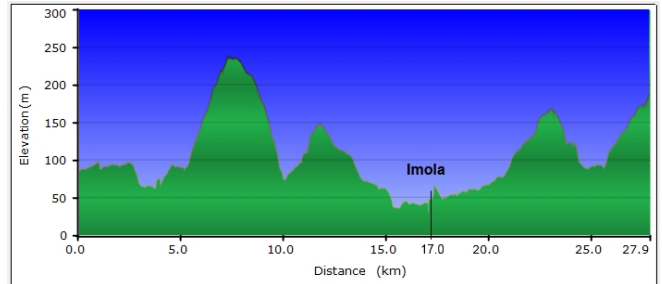
Accommodation: [Agriturismo Rio Manzolo](#)

Day 5: Bicycle from Riolo Terme to Dozza

Highlights: Wine village of Dozza; beautiful views across the Po Valley; wall murals in Dozza

Your ride today takes you through more vineyards and rich orchards to the Medieval hill town of Dozza, famous for its wall murals. The castle in Dozza houses the Emilia-Romagna Regional Enoteca or wine museum. Regional specialties include the red Sangiovese (father grape of Chianti) which is gaining more and more worldwide recognition as an important wine in and of itself, the light and fizzy Lambrusco from the hills of Modena and Bologna (excellent accompaniment to the regional cold cuts like prosciutto and salame), or the sweet Albana di Romagna. Plan to arrive mid-afternoon so you can tour the castle and taste a little wine!

Short option. Mileage: 28 km (17 miles)



Long option. Mileage: 42 km (26 miles)



Accommodation: [Albergo Ristorante Cane'](#)

Day 6: Bicycle from Dozza to Bologna

Highlights: Bologna - Italy's culinary capital

We'll leave the hills of Dozza to ride to Bologna today, Emilia Romagna's administrative capital, and, arguably, its culinary capital too. Home to the oldest continually operating university in the world, Bologna has a long tradition of studies, arts, and gastronomy. Speaking of gastronomy, Bologna gave birth to the mortadella, vulgarly distorted abroad as "bologna," although the fresh, artisanal mortadella has nothing to do with processed ham! Make sure you put this culinary delight on your 'must try' list!

Short option. Mileage: 45 km (28 miles). Then by train from Budrio to Bologna.



Long option. Mileage: 71 km (44 miles)

Accommodation: [Hotel Touring](#)

Day 7: Tour ends in Bologna

Highlights: Tour End

Your bicycle ride in Emilia Romagna ends this morning in Bologna. If you have the time you might consider an extra night or two in Bologna to enjoy the rich cultural history here. Alternatively, train connections are convenient to Rome, Venice or Milan. Thanks for joining us and buon viaggio!

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

LODGING UPGRADE:

Room upgrades are possible in some hotels. Ask for availability.

GTA: How to get there and away

Starting point:

Ostello Galletti Abbiosi – Via Di Roma, 140 - Ravenna

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

Take a shuttle bus to Bologna train station, then a train to Ravenna.

Ending point:

Hotel Touring, Via De' Mattuiani, 1/2 40124 - Bologna

You can fly out from Bologna's Marconi Airport.

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.

Luggage Transfers

Luggage transfer is included in your package. Normally, the luggage is collected from 09.00 am at the reception of the hotel and is delivered at the following hotel by 3.30 pm.

Every luggage must be marked with a visible luggage tag. Please make sure yours have correct tags.

If your luggage is not ready by the time the driver comes to collect it, you may need to have to pay directly a local taxi for the service.

Please consider that the luggage is not insured during the transport. You need to have your own insurance. Do not leave valuables or fragile items in your luggage.

Normally you cannot use the luggage transport service to skip the stage. In case you need help to skip the stage, please contact our emergency number.

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

Private transfers (subject to change depending on flight time and delays):

Bologna airport – Hotel in Ravenna		€ 155 (1-6 pax)
Bologna - Bologna airport		€40 (1-3 pax) € 50 (4-6 pax)

Extra nights at tour start and end (please inquire about adding nights along the itinerary)

Prices for double rooms:

Ravenna:		€ 150/room/night
Bologna:		€ 170/room/night

Extra meals and activities:

Day 1 - Dinner in Ravenna	€30 / pax (drinks not included)
Day 2 – Guided visit of Ravenna (approx. 3 hours long) Price does not include the cumulative ticket required for the visits, to be paid on the spot (around €10 per person).	€130 (up to 20 people)
Day 2 – Dinner in Faenza	€30 / pax (drinks not included)
Day 3 – Olive oil tasting	€5 / pax
Day 3 and 4 – Cooking class at the Agriturismo (see additional dinner option below)	€60 for 2 people / €100 for 4 people
Day 3 and 4 – Dinner at the Agriturismo You can have this dinner after the cooking class, tasting the result of your work!	€26 / pax (drinks not included)
Day 6 – Dinner at the hotel in Dozza	€35 / pax (drinks not included)
Day 7 – Dinner in Bologna	€35/pax (drinks not included)

The **Dinners** you book through us consist of 3-course set menus (some restaurants allow multiple choice menu). Drinks are not included. Please check the scheduled time of your dinner, as some restaurants in Italy open for dinner as late as 7:30 or 8:00 pm.

Room upgrade: please inquire about price

Frescoed room at Ostello Galletti Abbiosi in Ravenna

Jr Suite at Hotel Vittoria in Faenza

Gold room at Hotel Touring in Bologna

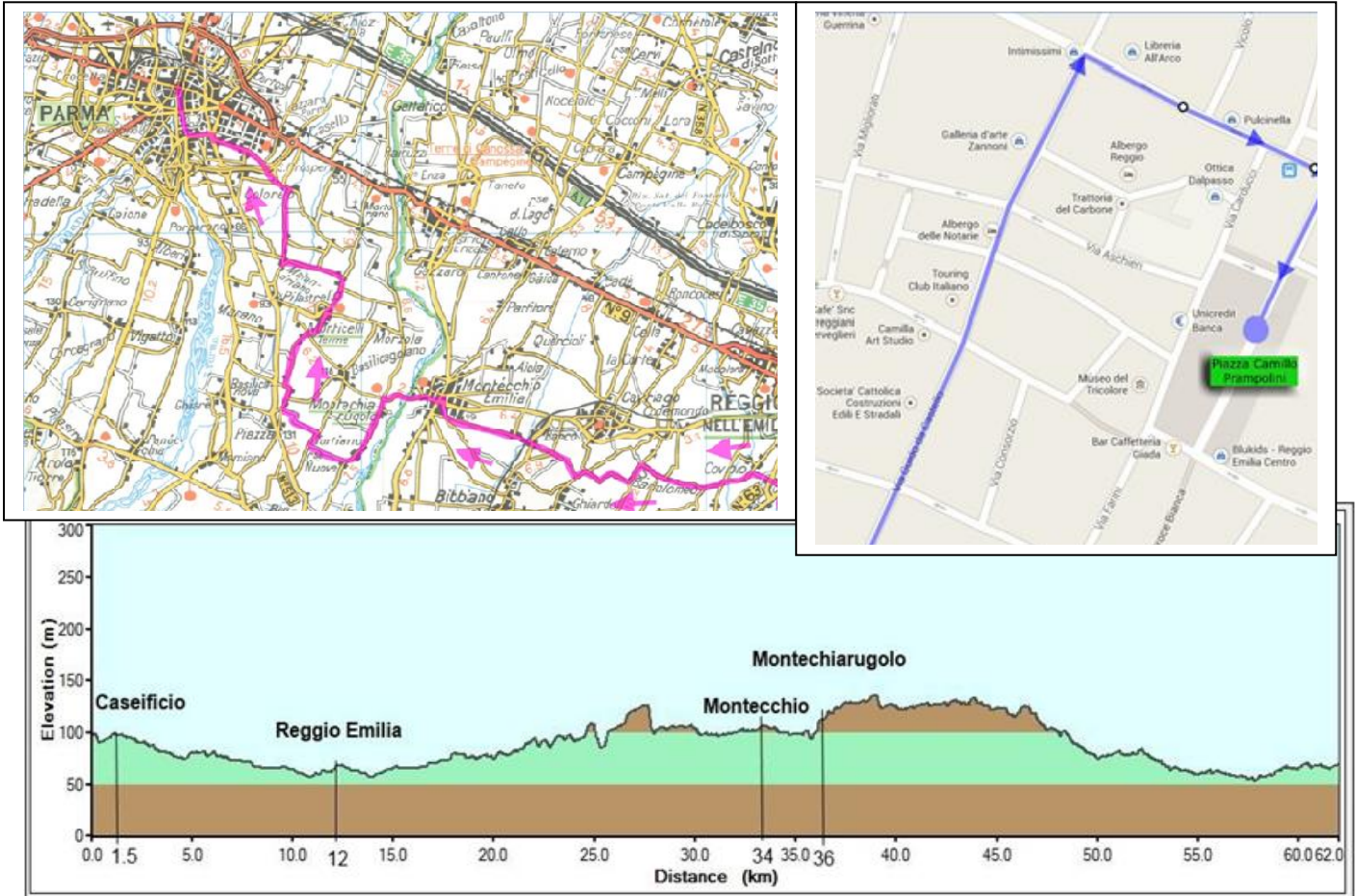
Bike Rental (for a standard 7-day tour. Please inquire about longer tours)



- Titanium road or hybrid bikes: €140
- Tandem: €245
- E-bikes: €210

For detailed specs and photos of our bikes, see our website - [Bike Rentals Italy](#).

Your roadbook

Here below you'll find a snapshot as a sample of what you'll have in your roadbook day by day. As you can see, you will find the map with the marked itinerary, the elevation profile, maps for entering and leaving the towns and step by step instructions. Together with this, we'll provide cultural information, lunch and dinner suggestions, a list of bike shops and taxi numbers.



Total Distance	Partial Distance	Symbol	Descriptions
4,4	0,1	↑	Go straight on ZTL on Via Panciroli
4,6	0,2	↑	At  go straight on Via Guido da Castello
4,9	0,3	→	TR on Via Emilia (INA building)
5,0	0,1	→	TR at Albergo Posta on Piazza del Monte
5,1	0,1		You're in the main square in Reggio Emilia . (Piazza Camillo Prampolini). Several lunch options here