
Dolomiti_GT

A Gran Turismo route for roaring hearts! You are been having Dolomites dreams for a long time. On your nights, misty clouds were unveiling pale and dramatic rocky shapes. Your legs muscle were contracting involuntarily. Imagine now to finally get to your departure spot on the Dolomites. And start to cycle still in the dark. Very similar to your room obscurity. Let the dawn catch you in front of some of the most unreal mountains you've ever seen. Now is not a dream anymore: now is real! Enjoy one of the most beautiful, challenging, once in a lifetime experience gravel cycling adventure across one of our most beloved Dolomite's area.

5 days - 272km/170mi - 10.540mt+/34.580ft+ - demanding



DolomitiGT starts nearby **Misurina Lake**, doorway to the most famous of all the Dolomites' peaks: the **Tre Cime**. After the overnight at the local guesthouse you will have **two options**: start cycling still in the dark - to skip crowds and trails closed to bicycles then - and go for one of the most epic days of your life, arriving at dawn at the feet of the Tre Cime. Hike-a-bike on rugged terrain with continuous challenges will be mandatory; you will be rewarded by a crazy wild landscape. If you don't like this idea, you can take a shortcut and re-join the main route down on the next valley. Next highlight will come immediately after the 3 Cime: you will cycle across the whole **Fanes-Sennes Natural Park** (MountainBike Action USA magazine has defined this part one of the most beautiful off-road rides in the world). You will follow the I°WW mule tracks network then, exploring the **Dolomiti d'Ampezzo Natural Park** and cycling around the colossal shape of the **Tofane** you will take a glimpse to the town of Cortina d'Ampezzo, small, down in the valley.



One of the most amazing and of unbelievable beauty mountain crossing of the whole Dolomites awaits you: crazy steep ramps will test you while climbing to reach **Federa Lake**, surrounded by some of our most beloved peaks ever. Enjoy the view over the **Croda da Lago**, the Monte **Cernera**, **Beco de Mezodì** and the **Pelmo'** mighty peaks.

Explore the beautiful **Val Zoldana** with its king mountain, the **Civetta**; cycle across tiny mountain villages with perfectly kept stone and wooded houses dated back to the 17th century. Enter the historical area of the **Cadore** (from where all the logs to build the city of Venice were made floating on the river down to the lagoon on the 16th century), get impressed by the unbelievable shape of the **Monte Antelao** (the second highest peak of all the Dolomites), enjoy best **gelato** ever and get to a cozy guesthouse for the overnight.

Enjoy a day out exploring the less known, dense forested area of the **Comelico** (the Eastern side of the Dolomites), home for century of shepherds, whose job, together with their whistles and the sound of the flocks, are still today a live cultural identity of these mountains: take a break to taste some of the best homemade cheese ever at the local hut!

With a last, epic stage - long and challenging day ahead! - you will ride a beautiful ridge with breathtaking views over the **Monte Popera** and **Cima Bagni**, some of the most impenetrable rock formations of the Dolomites, with their hundreds of sharp needles and towers. Once in **Auronzo** you have to try the two **gelato shop** in town: they are rivals, you'll judge who will win! If the weather is fine, go for a dip on its beautiful lake, but please get well refueled before to jump back on the bike. A tough second part of the day awaits you, with a kind of mythologic climb, the best way to say thanks to the Dolomites for all their beauty. With a long, final descent you'll get back to the shores of the Misurina Lake, where the dream has begun.



How to:

Access town: Cortina or Dobbiaco, then bus to

Starting point: Misurina Lake

Ending point: Misurina Lake

Stages&Overnights

- Guesthouse overnight in Misurina Lake the day before the tour starts
- Day 1_ 47km/29,2mi - 2120mt+/6955ft+_ mountain rifugio overnight
- Day 2_ 37,5km/23,3mi - 1600mt+/5250ft+_ mountain rifugio overnight
- Day 3_ 63km/39,2mi - 1670mt+/5480ft+_ guesthouse overnight
- Day 4_ 46km/28,6mi - 1950mt+/6400ft+_ mountain rifugio overnight
- Day 5_ 78,5km/48,8mi - 3200mt+/10.500ft+_ back to Misurina_ guesthouse

overnight

Note: some hike-a-bike (not only on the Tre Cime area) has to be taken into account: please enjoy!

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