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# The North Loop

The best gravel cycling loop in the very heart of South Tyrol, linking together all the most beautiful valley with dramatic mountain views, finest gravel roads and world' best accommodation facilities. A ride of a lifetime with countless gourmet stops where to enjoy amazing homemade food, coffee shops, gelatos and draft beers



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The North Loop starts and ends in **Tires**, a town placed at the feet of the impressive **Catinaccio/Rosengarten mountain range**. Your cycling adventure will start exploring the beautiful countryside at the foot of the **Sciliar massif**, meeting one of the best preserved medieval castle of the region and visiting historical towns where to taste the unique South Tyrol atmosphere (and the best coffee with a stop at the local roastery!). A climb to the **Alpe di Siusi** will let you ride in a gravel bike heaven facing the impressive shapes of **Sassopiatto & Sassolungo mountains**. Cycle the **Val Gardena**, find out where our favourite gelato shop is and have a stroll in Ortisei, one of the most famous - and touristic - town of the Dolomites.



Head North and explore the **Val di Funes** and the **Puez-Odle Natural Park** to ride in the **Val Badia** then. You will enjoy the most iconic landscape of all Dolomites cycling through epic mountain peaks with dramatic shapes. The finest gravel roads and the best 360° views awaits you before reaching **Arabba**, turning point of the tour. Cycle along the legendary **Pordoi Pass** under the stern look of the colossal **Sella group**: this is a climb that belongs to the world famous **Sellaronda** cycling loop, a ride that must be done once in a lifetime. Once on the other side of the pass you'll ride all the way down to meet the **Val di Fassa** where to enjoy a gelato in the town of **Canazei**: your epic day will finish nearby relaxing at the **local thermae** PS: do not forget flip-flops! On the last stage you will climb till the turquoise waters of **Carezza lake** reflecting the vertical spires of **Latemar mountain**. Enjoy life laying down on soft green meadows and with a daisy in your mouth admire the mighty serrated profile of the Catinaccio mountain. Take the chance to stop for a gourmet lunch at our neighbors' mountain super panoramic hut before to tackle the long downhill that will take you back to Tires.



## How to:

**Access town:** Bolzano, then by public bus to:

**Starting point:** Tires

**Ending point:** Tires

## The North Loop can be ridden in 4 different difficulty rated options:

- **Standard** (rated as moderate to demanding)
- **Moderate** (rated as easy to moderate)
- **Lifts** (rated as easy thanks to ski-lifts and gondolas to skip the main climbs)
- **Unplugged** (rated as demanding+ with a near 100% off-road riding surface)

### Stages&Overnights\_Standard

- Guesthouse/hotel overnight in Tires the day before the tour starts
- **Day 1\_ 37km/23mi - 1600mt+/5250ft+\_mountain rifugio overnight**
- **Day 2\_47km/29mi - 2220mt+/7284ft+\_mountain rifugio overnight**
- **Day 3\_ 33km/20,5mi - 1100mt+/3600ft+\_mountain rifugio overnight**
- **Day 4\_60km/37,3mi - 2100mt+/6890ft+\_mountain rifugio overnight**
- **Day 5\_44km/27,3mi - 1350mt+/4430ft+\_guesthouse/hotel overnight in Tires**

### Stages&Overnights\_Moderate

- Guesthouse/hotel overnight in Tires the day before the tour starts
- **Day 1\_ 37km/23mi - 1600mt+/5250ft+\_mountain rifugio overnight**
- **Day 2\_50km/32mi - 1300mt+/4265ft+\_guesthouse overnight**
- **Day 3\_ 43km/26,7mi - 1400mt+/4600ft+\_hotel overnight**
- **Day 4\_45km/28mi - 1600mt+/5250ft+\_guesthouse overnight**
- **Day 5\_50km/32mi - 1400mt+/4600ft+\_guesthouse/hotel overnight in Tires**

### Stages&Overnights\_Lifts

- Guesthouse/hotel overnight in Tires the day before the tour starts
  - **Day 1\_ 30,5km/19mi - 800mt+/2625ft+\_mountain rifugio overnight**
  - **Day 2\_50km/32mi - 1300mt+/4265ft+\_guesthouse overnight**
  - **Day 3\_ 43km/26,7mi - 1400mt+/4600ft+\_hotel overnight**
  - **Day 4\_42km/26,1mi - 600mt+/1970ft+\_guesthouse overnight**
  - **Day 5\_42km/26,1mi - 1100mt+/3600ft+\_guesthouse/hotel overnight in Tires**
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## **Stages&Overnights\_Unplugged**

- Guesthouse/hotel overnight in Tires the day before the tour starts
- Day 1\_ 45km/28mi - 2070mt+/6800ft+\_mountain rifugio overnight
- Day 2\_38km/23,6mi - 1950mt+/6400ft+\_mountain rifugio overnight
- Day 3\_ 33km/20,5mi - 1100mt+/3600ft+\_mountain rifugio overnight
- Day 4\_65km/40,4mi - 2550mt+/8400ft+\_mountain rifugio overnight
- Day 5\_56km/34,8mi - 1400mt+/4600ft+\_guesthouse/hotel overnight in Tires

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