

# Kat's Great Adventures

## Italy – Venice to Florence Bicycle Tour 2022 Self-Guided Tour 8 Days / 7 Nights



From the lagoon city of Venice to historic Florence in eight days – that doesn't just sound incredible – it is! In addition to the two major travel highlights, discover the delightful smaller towns along the route and marvel at the breath taking nature in the 'Delta del Po' National Park. Hardly any other country in the world is better known for its culinary delights – enjoy cappuccino, cornetto, fresh fish and cool gelato! What better way to start a trip to Italy than with a grappa? After a stroll through the magnificent area around St. Mark's Square, you can taste the fine Italian wines. The first cycling stage leads to the romantic Chioggia or to the Sottomarina beach, which belongs to the city and where the Adriatic Sea can be enjoyed fully. The journey continues via the charming towns of Adria and Comacchio to Revenna, a pearl of the Italian east coast. Here it is important to soak up the cultural delights – e.g. the famous mosaics – to stroll in the Piazza de Popolo and drink an aperitivo. Via Brisighella (tip: the old town and fortress Rocco Manfrediana) you finally meet a breath taking view of the Tuscan capital: Florence is waiting!

## Itinerary Day to Day

### **Day 1: Arrival in Venice/Mestre/Marghera**

The hotel is located on the mainland before Venice with excellent bus links to the lagoon city. At the beginning of your tour, not far from Marcus square, you can look forward to a little Grappa tasting session.

### **Day 2: Marghera/Mestre/Venice – Chioggia/Sottomarina 35 km**

In the morning, you will have your tour information. Then you will cycle on the bike path over the Liberty Bridge to Venice. Afterwards, you will take the ferry to Lido and then you will cycle via Pellestrina with stunning views of the sea, to Chioggia which is a quiet little town, reminiscent of the Venetian naval supremacy, where you can take a rest in one of the typical fish restaurants. Tonight, you will stay in Chioggia/Sottomarina, where there is a wide sandy beach.



### **Day 3: Chioggia/Sottomarina – Adria 50 km**

On quiet roads you will cycle back to the river Adige, which will lead you through fertile fields, melon plantations, and tranquil villages to Adria, a small, friendly city with lots of charm. Founded by the

Etruscans because of its proximity to the rivers Adige and Po, now especially the branched channels, narrow streets, cosy cafes, and friendly people attract visitors.



### **Day 4: Adria – Comacchio 65 km**

You will cycle a short part of today's route along the longest river in Italy, the river Po. Then, one of its branches, called Po di Goro, will lead you right through its delta towards the sea. Perhaps you want to cool off in the Adriatic Sea before you get to the charming town of Comacchio? Magnificent palazzi, ornate churches, and numerous bridges still bear witness of the prosperity once gained by salt production.

### **Day 5: Comacchio – Ravenna 65 km**

The first half of the day's bike tour is dedicated to the natural park "Delta del Po" with its unique flora and fauna. Riding your bike on a dam, you will feel like cycling straight through the water while flamingos are nesting only a few metres away from you. After two short ferry rides

(tickets not included in the tour price, about € 2,-) you will reach the Adriatic Sea. There are wide beaches on the way to Ravenna, where you will be enchanted by the art and culture of the port city.

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## Day 6: Ravenna – Brisighella 55 km

The foothills of the Apennines form gently rolling hills which change the landscape. Even earlier, on the edge of the vast plains, you will get to Faenza – an enchanting little city where world-famous ceramics are produced. The artists will be happy to let you watch while they are painting the artefacts. Now it is not far to Brisighella anymore – an idyllic, medieval village, overlooked by the Rocca Veneziana and the Torre Orologio. Tranquillity and pure relaxation are waiting for the cyclists.

## Day 7: Brisighella – Florence 35 km + train Journey

The day starts with a wonderful train journey through the wild mountain world of the Apennines to Borgo San Lorenzo. Today, you will cycle up two short climbs. Your reward will be a fantastic descent via Fiesole to Florence, the history charged capital of Tuscany.

## Day 8: Departure or Extension of Trip



## Route



### Technical Characteristics:

**Route Profile:** Medium. For the first four days, you will cycle on flat terrain. On the sixth day, the route will lead over three to four small hills. On the seventh day, there will be two short climbs and a long descent. You will cycle on dams, farm tracks and side roads with little traffic. Only very short sections have to be cycled on roads with more traffic. Nearly all of the roads are asphalted. A bike tour for everyone!

**Distance:** 305 km

**Travel Season:** Departures Saturdays between April 2 and October 9, 2022

Season 1: April 2 – April 15 and October 1 – October 8

Season 2: April 16 - May 13 and September 10 – September 30

Season 3: May 14 – September 9



**Price per Person:**

Double Occupancy B&B Season 1	€ 949.00
Double Occupancy B&B Season 2	€ 999.00
Double Occupancy B&B Season 3	€ 1049.00
Surcharge Single Occupancy	€ 279.00
Rental Hybrid Bike Plus	€ 139.00
Rental Electric Bike	€ 199.00
Extra Nights Double Occupancy Venice/Mestre B&B	€ 69.00
Extra Nights Single Occupancy Venice/Mestre B&B	€ 118.00
Extra Nights Double Occupancy Florence B&B	€ 115.00
Extra Nights Single Occupancy Florence B&B	€ 204.00

**Accommodation:**

Category: 3\* and 4\* hotels

**Included:**

- Accommodation at the listed hotels
- Breakfast buffet or an extensive breakfast
- Welcome briefing
- Luggage transfer between hotels
- Excellently planned routes
- Detailed travel documents 1 per room (route maps, route description, local attractions, important telephone numbers)
- 24 hour ticket for Venice (valid for public transportation)
- Train journey from Brisighella to Borgo San Lorenzo including bike
- 1 little Grappa tasting session in Venice
- Tour signposting
- App for navigation and GPS data is available
- Service hotline

**Not Included:**

- Local taxes payable locally
- Return transfer by minibus every Sunday morning, 80 euros per person including your bike, reserved in advance, paid locally
- Ferry tickets for trips in Venice 3 euros per bike
- Ferry tickets to Marinas di Ravenna 2 euros per person including bike

## Bikes



### Hybrid Bike

Rental Bike Plus allows for a slightly sportier sitting posture, 27 gears offer the highest flexibility and a high quality Suntour suspension fork provides the best possible comfort across all surfaces.

Available in 63/60/56-51 sloping/46 cm sizes

**Also includes** Saddle bag (water-repellent), handlebar bag (water-repellent), service-Set with tools and extra bicycle tube, pump and combination lock



### Electric Bike

You need no driver's license, the electric bike assists up to a speed of 25 km/h. The handling is easy and manageable after a short explanation. These bikes are supported through an electric motor that is fixed in the bottom bracket. The supply of energy takes place through a removable battery, which permits a reach of 120-180 kilometers.

Sizes: 56/51/46/46 "xs" cm