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INSIDE THE GIRO D'ITALIA

BORMIO, ITALIAN ALPS

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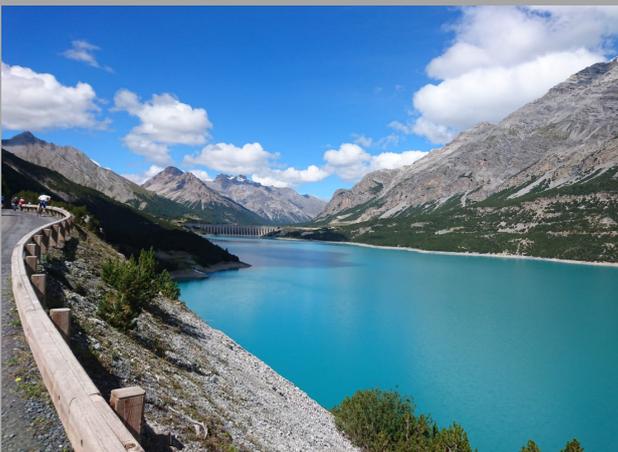
OVERVIEW

Bormio is regarded as a paradise for road cyclists, and is the location of some of the most iconic (and intimidating!) climbs in the world! The trip provides you with the opportunity to ride the wild and beautiful Gavia Pass, the famous Mortirolo Pass and the Stelvio with its 48 hairpins, which are enough to test the legs of the any climber!

The mountains around Bormio have been graced by some of the biggest names in cycling, from legends such as Eddy Merckx and Marco Pantani to the giants of today such as Nibali and Froome.

The climbs here are firmly planted in the history of cycling, and we look forward to giving you the opportunity to tackle them for yourself.

What's more, you'll get the unique opportunity to see the peloton of the Giro as they tackle the monstrous Mortirolo, one of Europe's hardest climbs - you simply cannot beat watching these events first hand, the atmosphere is incredible. Plus, as an added bonus, we'll pay a visit to a Pro-Tour-Canyon Sponsored Team to top it all off.



The team will be there to support you every step of the way, with detailed briefings, ride leader support, scheduled food stops and quality hotel accommodation. In addition, we have Canyon rental bikes available on request.

This week is not just a training camp, its an incredible once in a lifetime experience for any cycling enthusiast.

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PACKAGE

Your package includes:

- 6 nights accommodation at a four-star hotel including breakfast (prices based on a twin share)
- 6 dinners
- Group transfer from Milan airport to Bormio
- Daily route briefings and ride support
- The support and guidance of our experienced team

From **£1,225 per person**

(twin share - single supplement of £250)

Note: Excludes Flight tickets; Lunches and Extras in hotel; Drinks during dinner, City tax, Travel insurance. Anything not mentioned above in “your package includes”.



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We've put together an action packed itinerary for your week in Bormio. Here's what we've got in store for you...

Day 1: Arrival

Arrival at Milan airport and group transfer over to Bormio in the Italian Alps. Here you'll have the opportunity to settle in and meet your new cycling companions over dinner at our hotel.

Day 2: Mortirolo Pass, Ponte de Legno and Gavia Pass - 105km, 3200m of climbing

Due to its height and length (17km) the Passo Gavia is a very challenging climb. At 2600m the air is thin, which makes this even tougher! For this reason, we take our time going up and save our legs as much as possible. We start the climb from Ponte di Legno, following the route of the 97th Giro D'Italia in 2014, which was won by the Colombian Nairo Quintana of Movistar.

Day 3: The Two Sides of the Stelvio Pass - 60km, 2200m of climbing

The Stelvio pass has been a cycling legend since 1953, when 34 year old Fausto Coppi was able to take his last Giro D'Italia, dropping the GC leader, the Swiss Hugo Koblet, in what turned out to be a legendary day.

There's a big debate amongst cyclists as to which side of the Stelvio is the nicest; the Lombardy side from Bormio or the Trentino side from Prato allo Stelvio. We don't want to influence your opinion, so we've given you the opportunity to do both and you can make up your own mind! We ride up from Bormio, traverse all the way down across Switzerland, and back up again from Prato allo Stelvio, making the most of each and every one of those 48 hairpins to the top!

Day 4: Ride up the Mortirolo to watch the Giro Queen's Stage on the top of the pass. Return through Tirano - 80km, 1,925m of climbing

Today we dedicate to watching the Giro from the sidelines of one of Europe's toughest climbs, the Mortirolo pass. This 'must do' haute category climb is world famous. It was included in the 1990 Giro, and became famous for the legendary stage in 1994 when a very young Maro Pantani dropped 'his majesty' Miguel Indurain, making his mark as a new star of the cycling world. A monument to the famous Italian climber is located at km 8. We take a break just before the top of the climb at the rifugio and select a good spot to watch the riders.

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Day 5: Ride to Cancano Lakes - 25km, 1000m of climbing

We take things a bit easier today and give our legs a chance to recover! We'll do a shorter ride up to the Cancano Lakes to explore the lovely mountains closer to Bormio. Short, but beautiful, this gives us the time to take an afternoon stroll in the town and watch the end of the Giro's stage.

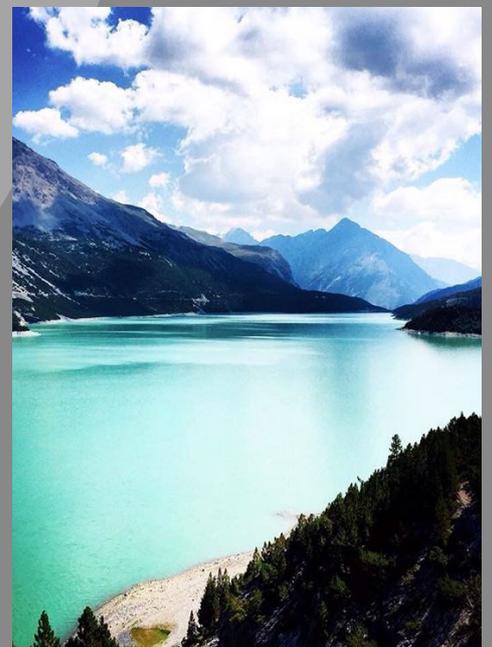
Day 6: Livigno and Stelvio's swiss side - 108km, 3,100m of climbing

Is it possible that the Stelvio can offer three totally different, yet amazing routes? Today we'll cross the Foscagno Pass, west of Bormio, to reach the highest Italian village, the lovely Livigno. From there we pass the Livigno lake and cross over into Switzerland. Approximately 75km into the ride we reach Mustair (or Santa Maria as the Italians call it) and start our third climb up the Stelvio Pass. Normally the question amongst riders is 'which of the two Stelvio sides do you like best?', but you'll be one of the few cyclists that can debate between the three ways up.

After a cappuccino and some local pies, we descend to Bormio and celebrate a glorious week of cycling in the Alps.

Day 7: Farewell and departure day

Today we say goodbye and after breakfast transfer back to Milan airport for the journey home



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THE HOTEL

Hotel Baita Clementi, Bormio

Our hotel is located near the historical centre of Bormio and is an ideal base for us to explore the wider area.

This four-star property is designed in the style of a mountain chalet, and is equipped with comfortable rooms, bike storage area including bike wash facilities, a gym and spa. The team here are used to catering for cyclists and offer an 'energetic' continental breakfast, and a varied dinner menu including healthy, nutritious food.



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BIKE HIRE

Italy Cycle Tours' partnership with Canyon ensures that rental bikes are of the highest quality to make the most of your cycling holiday.

Rental bikes come with standard flat pedals, handpump, computer, seatbag with a spare tube and two tyre levers.

Prices and specification are as follows:



Canyon Endurace CF9 - CF8 or Canyon Ultimate CF9

Carbon frame with Shimano Ultegra groupset

€ 175 p.p. per week



Canyon Endurace AL8

Aluminium frame with Shimano Ultegra groupset

€ 149 p.p. per week

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WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO JOIN US!

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