



MTB GUIDE - NCC/TAXI - TAYLOR-MADE TOURS

CYCLING ALONG THE MOST FAMOUS “GIRO D'ITALIA” PASSES

Tour for passionate road cyclists



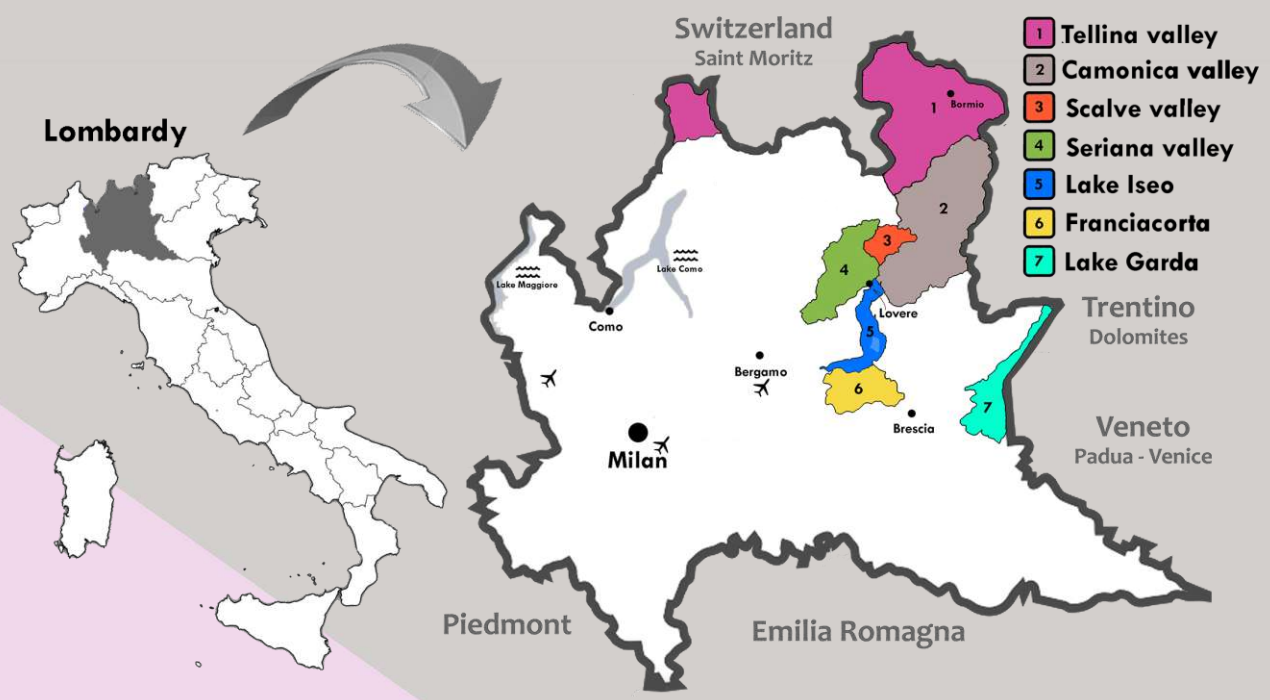
WHAT YOU'LL DISCOVER

In these tours you will cycle along Lombardy, among the most famous passes of the "Giro d'Italia": in **CAMONICA VALLEY (2)** and in **TELLINA VALLEY (1)**.

The color that represents the **Camonica Valley** is **GREY**, the color of the **UNESCO** heritage rocks engraved in the Neolithic, and the high peaks, cradle of the majestic **Presena glacier**.

Camonica valley is also a **UNESCO Biosphere Reserve** since 2019.

The color of **Valtellina** is **VIOLET**, which represents the crisp air of high mountains between the famous passes of northern Italy: **Stelvio, Gavia** but also towns like **Bormio, Livigno** and **Saint Moritz** in nearby **Switzerland**. **Violet** are also the grapes and the wines produced in this land



CHOOSE WHAT SUITS YOU BEST!

Here you will find some passes routes for cycling enthusiasts. They are all part of the “Giro d’Italia” the most famous and important annual multiple-stage bicycle race. The passes we chose are all located in north-eastern Lombardy in Camonica Valley and Valtellina. You have to know that we could personalize everything for you, as ascent and distance. Choose far in advance which of these routes you will want to ride with other people or with a groups of friends. This way you will be sure to reserve the best period for you and to do it with our organization.

Lovere (Bg) my little town, is situated in the upper Sebino (lake Iseo) and in 2019 was the starting point of the most hard step of the much followed tour “Giro d’Italia”.

Our tours will take you to ride in Valcamonica passes: Crocedomini, Aprica, Tonale, Vivione and lake Iseo.

On the two sides between Valcamonica and Valtellina you can ride the Mortirolo and Gavia passes.

In Valtellina you will ride to Stelvio Pass, and Lakes Cancano. Stelvio is the highest road Pass in Italy and the second highest in Europe at 2757m above sea level, on the border between Lombardy and Trentino Alto Adige regions.

A bike shuttle will follow the bikers for assistance, with a spare bike and everything you need, providing water, supplements, and photoshoot. If you need a particular bike in case you don't use yours, we will provide for it, and the expert will calibrate the chosen bike to your measure.

If you want, at the end of the day you can combine various services including:

- a relaxing bath in the Roman or modern thermal baths
- an exclusive musical/cultural evening for you
- a wine and local products tasting

or other unmissable experiences that we can organize for you on request.

THESE ARE THE LOMBARDY PASS IN OUR TOURS:

Crocedomini

Tonale

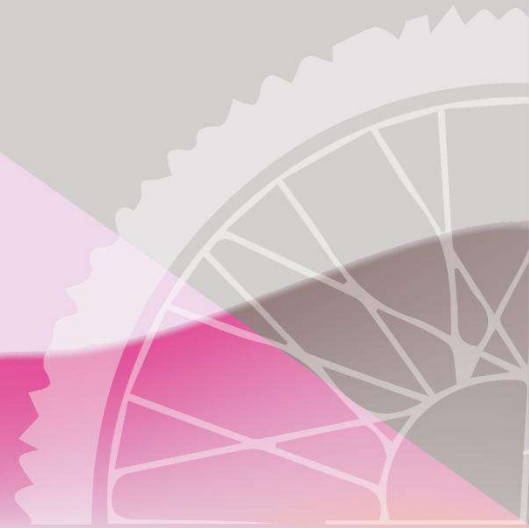
Aprica

Vivione

Mortirolo

Gavia

Stelvio



CROCEDOMINI



TONALE



APRICA



VIVIONE



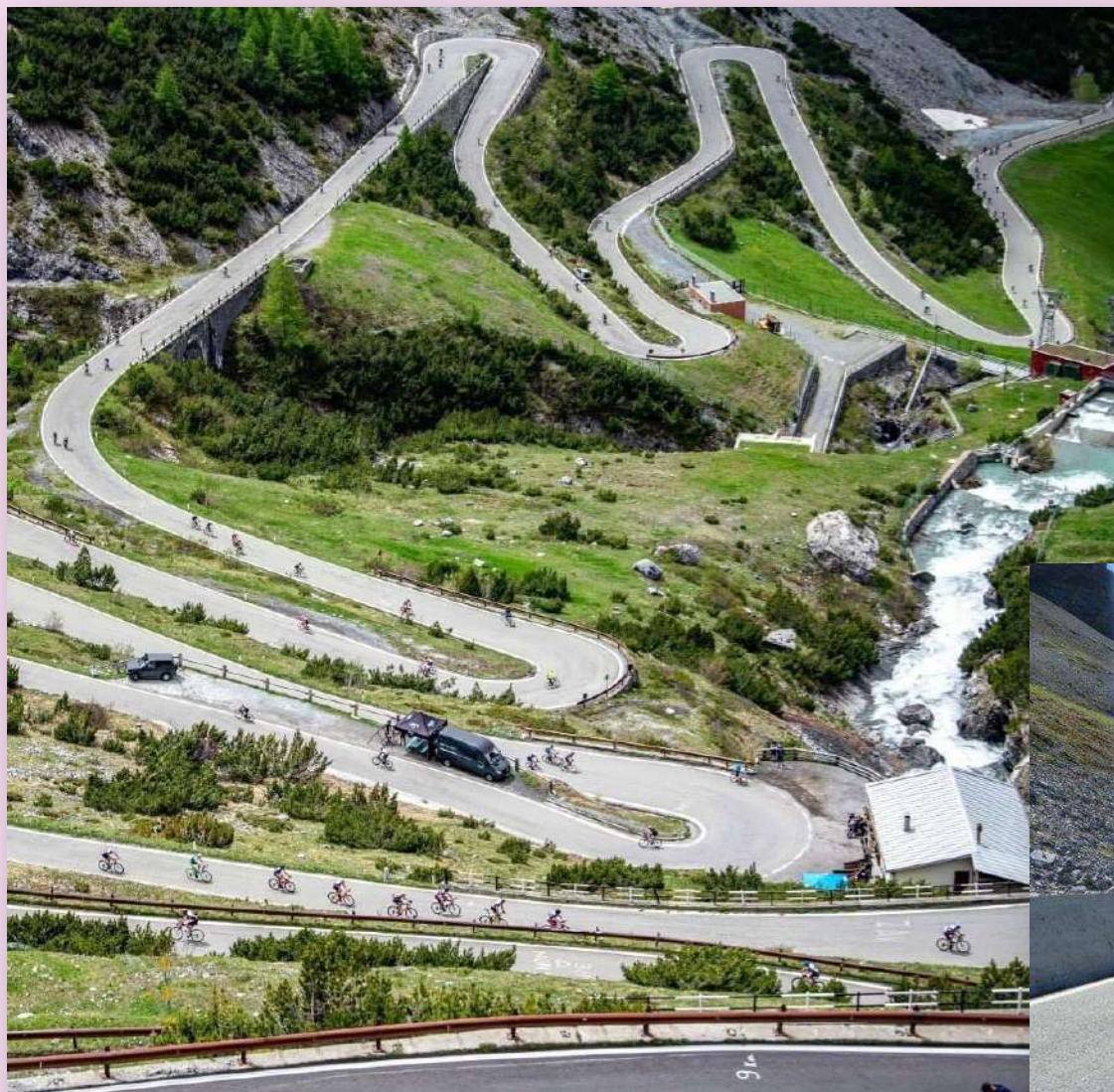
MORTIROLO



GAVIA



STELVIO





OUR TOURS SUGGESTIONS

- **FULL ITINERANT TOUR "BETWEEN LAKE AND MOUNTAINS".**

You will pedal between all the passes showed below, between the two famous valleys: VALTELLINA and VALCAMONICA. You will get on the bus only for some stretches and changing accommodation only for some nights. The tour could takes 4-5-6-7 days, but according to your requests and your physical training, for groups already organized, we can consider cycling more passes per day.

- **THE WHOLE CAMONICA VALLEY**

You will cycle along the mountain passes of the unexplored and beautiful Camonica Valley.

- **THE WHOLE VALTELLINA**

You will cycle along the mountain passes in the famous and beautiful upper Valtellina.



TOUR N° 1 First proposal

4-DAY TOUR BETWEEN THE TWO VALLEYS

4 days among the most famous Passes of the “Giro d’Italia” starting from the most famous tourist resort in Valtellina and the harshest and unknown Camonica Valley



DAY 1

Arrival in Bormio or surrounding areas for lunch time. Luggage accommodation in the hotel and after a light lunch, climb to the lakes of Cancano at an altitude of 1902m, home of the arrival of the queen stage of the Giro d'Italia 2020. Return to the hotel at sunset.

Technical details: 40km; 900m ascent (Bormio to Bormio)

DAY 2

Today on the saddle of your bicycles, the goal is to reach the Stelvio Pass at an altitude 2758m, one of the highest alpine road Pass in Europe. A unique road, with its countless hairpin bands, immersed in waterfalls, pastures and rocks. A destination of many cyclists and many organized competitions that take place during the summer season. Return to the Hotel, free time around the little town of Bormio or for an aperitif. Dinner and overnight-stay.

Technical details: 50 km; 1600m ascent (Bormio to Bormio)

DAY 3

After breakfast and after loading the luggage and bike bags for those who don't rent them, let's be ready on the saddle of your bikes. This panoramic and naturalistic stage, it will take you pedalling to move from the airy and well-known Valtellina to the more harsh and wild Camonica Valley. You will proceed to reach Santa Caterina di Valfurva and from here towards the summit of the Gavia Pass (2652m). After a well-deserved break and a ritual photo, you will keep descending on the opposite slope with a very long downhill reaching the most beautiful little town of the upper Camonica Valley, "Ponte di Legno". For all those who wish to pedal yet for 11 km of ascent, to reach also Tonale Pass (1884m altitude), the support Van will follow you, doing assistance until you go back. Dinner and overnight-stay.

Technical details: 45 km; 1450m ascent (Bormio-Ponte di Legno).

DAY 4

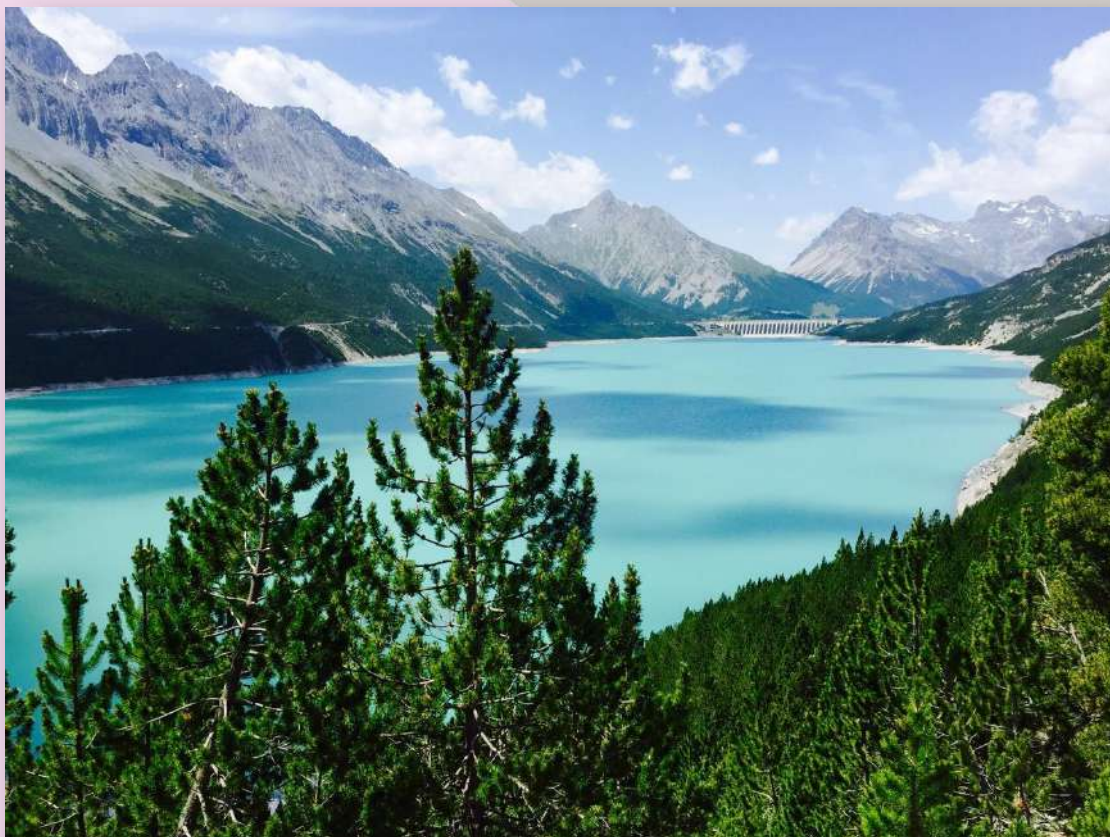
In this second stage, you will move from upper Camonica Valley to the near Lake Iseo reaching one of the best known Passes of the "Giro d'Italia" the Mortirolo Pass 1852m. You will continue arriving to Aprica Pass and then to Edolo, important ancient intersection since the oldest times, between Camonica Valley and Valtellina.

DAY 5

Departure from the hotel/railway or to reach your cars at the agreed starting point.

TOUR N° 1 Second proposal

4-DAY TOUR BETWEEN THE TWO VALLEYS



DAY 1

Arrival in Bormio or surrounding areas for lunch time. Luggage accommodation in the hotel and after a light lunch, climb to the lakes of Cancano at an altitude of 1902m, home of the arrival of the queen stage of the Giro d'Italia 2020. Return to the hotel at sunset.

Technical details: 40km; 900m ascent (Bormio to Bormio)

DAY 2

Today's stage is very naturalistic and panoramic. Starting from the Hotel on the saddle of your bicycles, you will proceed reaching Santa Caterina di Valfurva passing among little typical mountain villages. Santa Caterina di Valfurva is today, as in the past time, a well-known tourist destination. Once, the wealthy families, used to go up to spend their holidays there, enjoying also the thermal springs. Nowadays, Santa Caterina di Valfurva is famous for cross-country ski too. Past the little town, the route becomes typical of the high mountain up to the summit of the Gavia Pass (2652m). After a well-deserved break and a ritual photo, you will go back to the Hotel. Free time around the little town of Bormio or for an aperitif. For those who wish, the Van will be available to drive you to the ancient Roman baths at dusk. Dinner and overnight stay.

Technical detail: 55 km; 1450m ascent (Bormio to Bormio)

DAY 3

After breakfast and after loading the luggage and bike bags for those who don't rent them, let's get ready on the saddle of your bikes. Today you will start pedalling along the wonderful cycling road of the upper Valtellina just in time for a good warm-up. From there, in no time, you will start pedalling in one of the hardest climbs of the Alps in the Valtellina side until you reach Mortirolo Pass (1852m). From there, in a pleasant descent through the green of the woods, you will get to Capo di Ponte in the middle Camonica Valley. This area is famous for the rock engravings, first Italian Unesco Heritage site. From there, on a comfortable Van, you will reach the Hotel. Later in the afternoon, the Van will be available for those of you who wish to visit one of the many hidden pearls in this Valley. Dinner and overnight stay.

Technical details: 75km; 1400m ascent (Bormio to Capo di Ponte)

DAY 4

After the three wonderful previous stages, among the high-altitude lakes Cancano, Gavia, and Mortirolo Passes you will arrive to the ancient Hamlets of the Camonica Valley and pedal until you reach the no less wonderful "Vivione Pass" 1827m on sea level. This is a destination for cyclists and motorcyclists crossing the Swiss border and the nearby Germany. A break for a drink, a light snack or a lunch in a typical restaurant, and then...down you go along this descent alongside the natural canyon called Via Mala. Technical details: 90km; 1850m ascent. You will need to have the flashlight on the bicycle. (Boario Terme or Middle Camonica Valley to Boario Terme or Middle Camonica Valley)

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Departure from the hotel for the airport/station or to take you back to your cars.

TOUR N° 2

6/7-DAY FULL TOUR BETWEEN THE TWO VALLEYS

6/7 days among the most famous passes of the Giro d'Italia with departure from the renowned tourist resort of upper Valtellina and the more wild and unknown Camonica valley.



DAY 1

Arrival in Bormio or nearby areas for lunchtime. Luggage storage at the hotel and after a light lunch climb to the Cancano lakes at 1902m, the location of the arrival of the queen stage of the 2020 Giro d'Italia, return to the hotel at sunset.

Technical data: 40 km; 900m dsl+ (departure: Bormio; arrival: Bormio)

DAY 2

Today in the saddle of the bicycles the goal is to reach the Stelvio Pass at an altitude of 2758m, one of the highest Alpine passes in Europe. A unique road with its countless hairpin bends, surrounded by waterfalls, pastures and rocks and a destination for many cyclists and many organized competitions that take place during the summer season. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

Technical data: 50 km; 1600 m dsl+ (departure: Bormio; arrival: Bormio)

DAY 3

After breakfast and having loaded your luggage and your bike bags for those who have not rented them, you're ready to ride. This scenic, naturalistic stage will take you pedaling from the airy and well-known upper Valtellina to the more wild upper Camonica valley. You will proceed to Santa Caterina di Valfurva and from there to the summit of the Gavia Pass (2652 m). After a well-deserved stop and the usual photos, we will continue down the opposite side with a long descent to the most beautiful town in the upper Camonica Valley "Ponte di Legno".

For all those who wish to pedal further uphill for 11 km to reach the Tonale Pass at an altitude of 1884m, the support bus will follow and assist you.

Dinner and overnight stay

Technical data: 45 km; 1430 m dsl+



DAY 4

Second stage of moving luggage and bike bags for those who have not rented them, to ride from the upper Camonica Valley to the nearby Lake Iseo arriving at one of the most famous passes of the Giro d'Italia "Mortirolo Pass" (1852 m). You will continue reaching the Aprica Pass, arriving in Edolo, an important crossroads between the Camonica Valley and Valtellina in ancient times. You will continue on to Capo di Ponte, famous for its rock engravings, the first Italian UNESCO World Heritage Site, and from there you will sit on a comfortable minibus to reach the hotel. Dinner and overnight stay.

Technical data: 90km; 1370 m dsl+ (departure: Ponte di Legno; arrival: Capo di Ponte)

DAY 5

Today's stage, which has little uphill elevation gain, is for admiring the sights and resting your legs, and will take you pedaling along the shores of Lake Iseo in a full loop ride almost all along the edge of the lake. You will be able to admire in this way the diversity of the two shores of the lake: Bergamasque and Brescian with the famous Monte Isola almost in the center (floating Piers event 2016 artist Christo) and the nearby islets of San Paolo and Loreto and pedaling also for the beautiful bike path Vello-Toline.

Technical data: 85km; 600m dsl+ (start: Darfo Boario Terme; finish: Darfo Boario Terme) Lights are required on the bikes.

DAY 6

After a tasty breakfast departure from the hotel by bike. Today's stage immerses us again in the ancient history of Camonica valley reaching Cividate Camuno, political and administrative center already in Roman times. You will admire the still evident remains of some houses and its Amphitheater. But do not lose concentration because this stage will require commitment, your goal is to reach the "Crocedomini Pass" at an altitude of 1895m.

Technical data: 65km; 1780m dsl+ (departure: Darfo Boario Terme; arrival: Darfo Boario Terme)

DAY 7

Departure from the hotel for the airport/station or to take you back to your cars.

TOUR N° 3

6-DAY TOUR

“THE WHOLE CAMONICA VALLEY”

Between water and mountains in an ancient and still preserved land for you to discover





DAY 1

Arrival at the Hotel in Pisogne, lively town on the Brescia side of Lake Iseo. We'll leave our luggage and in the early afternoon you'll start pedaling along the Vello-Toline bike path that runs along the lake shore in what was once the old connection road with the Camonica Valley. Continue uphill until you reach and admire the beautiful natural pyramids in the town of Zone and destination of many tourists.

The mountain Monte Guglielmo at 2000m above sea level towers above you. The island Monte Isola, famous for the event of the artist Christo with "floating piers" in 2016 and right in front of you. Return to the hotel dinner and overnight stay

Technical data: 35 km; 900m dsl+ (departure: Pisogne; arrival: Pisogne)

DAY 2

Departure from the hotel towards Montecampione at an altitude of 1800 m where you can take a picture with the new statue dedicated to the great Marco Pantani, as Montecampione was the site of the arrival of a stage of the Giro d'Italia. For those who wish and are fond of flying, we will leave the bike in custody to the organization returning to the valley in paragliding accompanied by the instructor.

Technical data: 50 km; 1580 mt dsl+ (departure: Pisogne; arrival: Pisogne)

DAY 3

After a tasty breakfast we'll load our luggage and bike bags for those who haven't rented them, leaving the hotel by bike. Today's stage initially immerses us in the ancient history of the middle Camonica Valley reaching Cividate Camuno, political and administrative center already in Roman times. You will admire the still evident remains of some houses and its Amphitheater. But don't lose concentration because this stage will require commitment, your goal is to reach the "Crocedomini Pass" at an altitude of 1895m. Many "malghe" (shepherd's huts) can be visited not far from here, which produce high quality cheese.

Return to the hotel: Dinner and overnight stay

Technical data: 80 km; 1920 m dsl+ (departure: Pisogne; arrival: Darfo Boario Terme)

DAY 4

After the previous three stupendous stages between Lake Iseo and the natural pyramids of Zone, Monte Campione with the possibility of descending by hang-glider and the spectacular Crocedomini Pass, today you will pedal up to the no less impressive "Passo del Vivione" at an altitude of 1827m. This is a destination for cyclists and motorcyclists from Switzerland and neighbouring Germany who come to admire the most important peaks of Medium Camonica valley, such as Pizzo Badile and Concarena. A stop for a drink or a snack or lunch in a typical inn and then off in a long descent along a natural canyon along the Via Mala to reach the hotel.

Technical data: 90 km; 1850 mt dsl+ (P:Darfo Boario Terme A:Darfo Boario Terme) Bicycles must be equipped with lights.

DAY 5

After the three wonderful previous stages between Lake Iseo and the Dolomites, after breakfast we will load our luggage and bike bags for those who have not rented them, to move to the upper Camonica Valley. Today's stage will take you to the Tonale Pass on the border with Trentino Alto Adige and is designed to introduce you to the atmosphere of the high mountains of this valley, but also not to tire your legs too much in preparation for the last stage scheduled for the next day.

Departure from Edolo, arrival at Passo del Tonale at an altitude of 1884m, then descent to Ponte di Legno. In this small town, the meeting of two springs, "Frigidolfo and Narcanello", form the Oglio River, which flows 280 km into the Po River near Mantua.

Dinner and overnight stay

Technical data: 39 km; 1260m dsl+.

DAY 6

And here is the grand finale, a must in a tour like this. To top it off this tour around Camonica valley, we propose the classic loop tour, famous for the legendary climbs from the cycling point of view, and for the numerous passages of the Giro d'Italia.

Departure from Ponte di Legno, up to the Gavia Pass and the Mortirolo Pass, completing the tour in the town of Edolo between the middle and upper Valle Camonica where still today the only grappa shop in the valley, produces an excellent local grappa made from herbs. From here we will return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Technical data: 95 km; 2650 m dsl+ (departure: Ponte di Legno; arrival: Edolo)

DAY 7

Departure from the hotel for the airport/station or to take you back to your cars.

TOUR N° 4

4-DAY TOUR “THE WHOLE VALTELLINA”

In the territories famous also for the world championships of alpine and track skiing that are disputed there



DAY 1

Arrival in Bormio or nearby areas for lunchtime. Luggage storage at the hotel and after a light lunch climb to the Cancano lakes at 1902m, the location of the arrival of the queen stage of the 2020 Giro d'Italia, return to the hotel at sunset.

Technical data: 40 km; 900m dsl+ (departure: Bormio; arrival: Bormio)

DAY 2

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Dinner and overnight stay.

Technical data: 50 km; 1600 mt dsl+ (departure: Bormio; arrival: Bormio)

DAY 3

This stage is very naturalistic and panoramic. Starting from the hotel on the saddle of the bicycles we will proceed to Santa Caterina di Valfurva passing through small characteristic mountain hamlets. Santa Caterina di Valfurva today, as in times past, is a well-known tourist resort. The wealthy families of the past used to spend their vacations here, taking advantage of the presence of thermal springs. Today it is also known for cross-country skiing. After passing the small town, the route becomes typical of high mountains up to the summit of the Gavia Pass (2652 m).

After a well-deserved stop and the usual photos, return to the hotel. Free time to visit the town of Bormio or for an aperitif. For those who wish, the minibus will be available to take you to the ancient Roman baths almost in the evening. Dinner and overnight stay

Technical data: 55 km; 1450m dsl+ (departure: Bormio; arrival: Bormio)

DAY 4

Also this last proposal, a real prestige stage. After breakfast on the saddle of the bicycles we will start riding along the beautiful cycle path of upper Valtellina just for the time of a good warm up. In a short time you will start to pedal on one of the hardest climbs of the whole Alpine range and on the Valtellina side until you reach the Mortirolo Pass (1852m).

Technical data: 72km; 1910m dsl+ (departure from Bormio; arrival in Bormio)

DAY 5

Departure from the hotel for the airport/station or to take you back to your cars.

CREATE YOU PERFECT JOURNEY

Choose among the services below, the one that suits you best



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Km, Ascents, Cycling times, Breaks.

Water and snacks on board.

Road bike guides at your service or a master-mechanic road cyclist
at your side.



TRANSPORT + ASSISTANCE

Throughout the whole tour and rides.

Bring your bikes with you if you wish, we will keep your bicycle bags with us for the whole tour

TRANSPORT ONLY

From the airport/train station to your accommodation, with or without bikes and luggage storage

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You can choose to use our bikes, your bikes or you can rent the best bikes for you

Road bikes or E-bikes, all with transport included

Small bike workshop and tools on board

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