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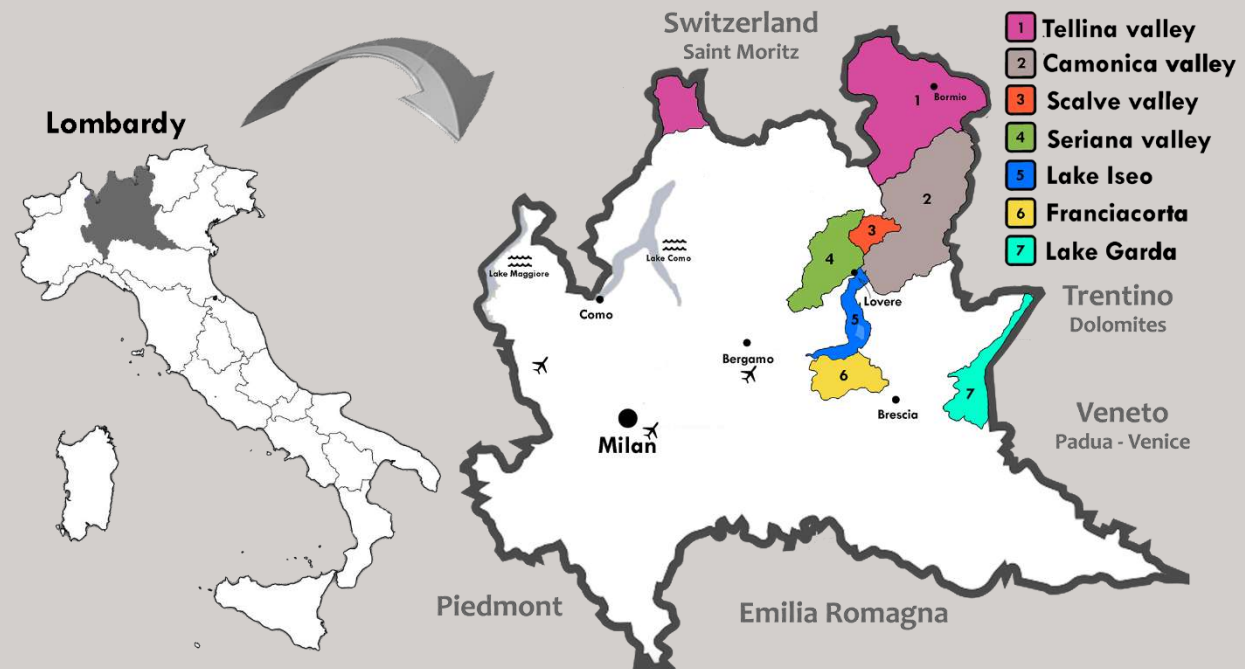
THE RIVER OGLIO GREENWAY

**Tour in 4 stops to be covered in 4 days or to be split at will
in tours of one day or 2-3 days.**



WHAT YOU'LL DISCOVER

In these tours and stops you will cycle along a portion of the **RIVER OGLIO GREENWAY**: a route that will take you from the mountains of the upper **Camonica Valley (2)** along the shores of **Lake Iseo (5)** reaching the vineyards of **Franciacorta (6)**.



This greenway was awarded as the most beautiful cycle path in Italy at the Italian Green Road Awards 2019, it starts from the Tonale Pass at an altitude of 1883 and ends in the plain, in the province of Mantua, with an altitude difference of 1862mt, spread along its 280 km. The colors of the different areas will accompany you in the description of these stops. The tour can be cycled completely or can be split into 1- or 2-3-days tours.

STOP N° 1

UPPER CAMONICA VALLEY



You will set off from Tonale Pass riding along a dirt road, then reach Ponte di Legno, a nice high mountain town in Camonica Valley, where the two springs Frigidolfo and Narcanello merge and create the River Oglio.

Tonale Pass, that marks the border between Lombardy and Trentino regions, is surrounded by the mountains where soldiers fought WW1 at the foot of Mount Adamello. We will cycle across part of Camonica Valley, stopping at a typical Italian trattoria if you wish. Then on to the land of the prehistoric Camuni, the first Italian Unesco World Heritage site: the rock engravings.

We will get to the middle Camonica Valley, riding through ancient villages along the historic Valeriana Road, which was once the only possible connection to the Venetian Republic. On the way, Edolo has been fundamental crossroad and junction between Camonica Valley and Valtellina (Switzerland) since ancient times, nowadays well known for its Mountain University.



In just one day we will go from 1880mt above sea level to 421m above sea level among high mountains, beautiful and rich in history.

You will not have to worry about anything, without any hurry, you will get anywhere having fun in any weather condition.

If you want to complete the entire route of the Camonica Valley up to Lake Iseo and continuing to Franciacorta, staying 3 nights, the following day we will start from here, from our final point of the day in Middle Valley, Upper Lake Iseo, Lower Lake Iseo.



Consider altogether about: 190km with an ascent of 1800m and descent of 3400m. The route does not present technical difficulties if not for the few kilometers from the pass to descend that can be avoided on request, but certainly you have to stay in the saddle for 4 consecutive days. MC medium capacity

Otherwise we will take you back to your accommodation collection points or departure: Lovere, for the request of stages of one or more days.

PERIOD: All year long in absence of snow.

1st stop: TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY: The route is initially on dirt road until Ponte di Legno, a good ability to ride is required.

If the group is already formed we will be able to go down the paved road reducing the difficulty of the whole route in MC medium capacity

STOP N° 2

MIDDLE CAMONICA VALLEY



In this stop you will cycle into the heart of the Middle Camonica Valley starting from the end of the first stop to reach Lake Iseo. This stop, along the river Oglio, will be both on dirt road and on asphalt.

Along the way you will visit some of the many attractions scattered in this land. We will discover fortifications built on the remains of houses before medieval times, and we will get to know how art developed in this valley.

The sacred mountains Concarena and Pizzo Badile Camuno will please us with wonderful views, at times along the river bank and others between ruined villages. We will reach a pagan temple and the ancient Roman city with its amphitheater.

You will get to know what Brè is and the cellars where it is seasoned.



We will stop for lunch, if we wish, in a local trattoria and we will taste the craft beer as we arrive on the lake.

In the tour we will cycle in a simple and fun way, stopping to discover the territory that surrounds us, taking our time to enjoy it.

Life in this Valley is in fact still authentic both people and nature-wise. A territory rich in iron, as the nearby Scalve valley, extracted and processed until a few decades ago.

Art, here, is free to express its beauty everywhere but in particular in some small churches and in the first Italian UNESCO world heritage site, the rock engravings, that represent our most precious treasure.



PERIOD: All year long in absence of snow.

TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY: The route is not difficult; a minimum of training is required.

STOP N° 3

LAKE ISEO AND MONTISOLA





Here the river Oglio flows into Lake Iseo and marks the border between the provinces of Bergamo and Brescia. We will ride along its bank as far as the pier and embark on the ferry with our bikes (tickets included in the price) to reach Montisola, one of the most beautiful villages in Italy and the biggest inhabited European lake Island. Here in 2016 the famous artist Christo exhibited his work *The Floating Piers*. Pictures of this event you will see on display on the island.



We will go on cycling on a complete round-trip of the island, through medieval hamlets, and up to the Virgin Mary of the Ceriola (600mt above sea level), if you wish. The Net Museum, not far from our way, tells about the life of women on this amazing Island, where the youngest master carpenter lives.

We will have lunch or coffee break at a beautiful panoramic terrace.

Once we finish cycling along Montisola, we will take the ferry back to the land, reaching our departing point or the accommodation of your choice.

PERIOD: All year long in absence of snow.

PHYSICAL DIFFICULTY: easy, with a minimum training. Those who want to reach the Madonna della Ceriola on the top of Montisola, for the % gradient of some stretches to climb, can ride pushing the bike by hand.

STOP N° 4

FRANCIACORTA



In this stop, after leaving the Lake Iseo shore, we will cycle through the vineyards of Franciacorta in a unique landscape between the Torbiere of Sebino and the mountains all around, which protect this land and make it famous for its wine all over the world.

We will pass through villages, wineries, castles and vineyards, tasting the famous Franciacorta sparkling wines.



Almost the whole road will be on dirt paths surrounded by greenery between rows and vineyards, crossing at times the famous "Gimondi Bike" route.

As for the other stops we will be led by a certified Mountain Bike guide and an authorized service (NCC as Taxi) for the transfer of people and bikes.

We will eat if we want, in a farmhouse or trattoria for lunch.

At the end of the Tour we will be offered a taste of the grappa produced in Franciacorta.



PERIOD: All year long in absence of snow.

TECHNICAL AND PHYSICAL DIFFICULTY: Easy but almost all on dirt road and between the vineyards. You will be required to stay in the saddle for long hours.

LAKE ISEO TRANSPORT AND BIKE TOUR

CUSTOMIZATION OF ALL OUR TOURS

MTB certified guides. NCC authorized as Taxi for people and bikes. Bicycle MTB and E-bike.

Mercedes Sprinter minibus authorized for transport up to 8 passengers and bicycles.

Kangoo car authorized with bike shuttle useful to quickly transport up to 6 bicycles and 4 passengers.

Daily sanitization, disinfectant, masks, face shields, temperature measurement.

If required on the minibus, for a smaller number of people up to 5, the safe distancing is also guaranteed. Tours are also organized for larger groups. Details and costs upon request.

Payment can be made by credit card, bank transfer or cash, regular tax document will follow.

As for the reservation for dinners, lunches, aperitifs or entrance tickets to facilities or events, the reservation will be made by the Tour Operator or Travel Agency or otherwise if not requested, we will stop by deciding according to your needs and your choice and will be paid by you directly.



OUR SERVICES

Our fees for the tours and stops presented in this leaflet include:

- **Transfer by authorized bike-shuttle NCC same as Taxi for bikes and people;**
- **Certified MTB guide, cycling along with you;**
- **Bikes Trek X-Caliber 8 and n. 2 E-Bike Trek Powerfly 5+;**
- **Helmets and lights;**
- **If you want to bring your own bikes, loading and unloading is included;**
- **Snack or aperitif at the end of each tour;**
- **Rock engravings ticket to the UNESCO parks (STOP 1)**
- **Ferry ticket to Montisola for people and bikes, and landing fee (STOP 3)**
- **Franciacorta Grappa or wine tasting at the end of the tour, only for adults, above 18 years of age (STOP 4) only for those who will do the one-day tour.**
- **Cellar visit in Franciacorta for those who cycle in the whole tour, upon request**

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

For the tours mentioned above, we can add the following additional services, not included in the fee:

- **Lunch: along the way we can stop for lunch in a trattoria to taste some local dishes, or for a pic-nick;**
- **Additional bikes and e-bikes (if you need more than 8 bikes and 2 e-bikes, the additional ones are not included in the fee); quotation upon request**
- **Tour guide for the UNESCO world heritage rock engraving parks (upon request for STOP 1);**
- **Ticket for the net museum (upon request for STOP 3);**
- **For the one-day tour in Franciacorta visit and tasting in wine cellar (upon request for STOP 4); second cellar visits upon request for the whole-tour bikers**
- **In case of multiple-days tours accommodation, breakfasts and dinners are not included. For the accommodation you can follow our advice, book through our partner-agency, or book the accommodation of your choice on your own.**

FURTHER INFORMATION

We will pick you up from the airport or at the accommodation where you will be staying. The rate will vary according to the distance covered according to the following criteria:

- From Lovere and covering an area up to a radius of 15 km (eg: Pisogne, Boario Terme, Solto Collina, Riva di Solto)**
- From Lovere and covering an area up to a radius of 50 km. (ex: Bergamo airport/train station, Brescia station, Scalve ans Seriana valley)**

You have the possibility to reserve the bus.

The cost of the trip will vary according to the number of participants. Hurry up if you wanna travel with other groups and lower the price.

Trek X-Caliber 8 and n 2 E-BIKE Trek bikes already included in the offer. For further E-Bikes in addition to the 2.

For families with children under 14 years of age, 10% discount reserved only for minors.

The helmet is mandatory.

For the one-day tours we will leave in the morning and get back in the afternoon.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- **For the full tour, the reservation must be made at least 15 days in advance.**
- **For the two-days tours, if including overnight stay, the reservation must be made at least 6 days in advance.**

For the two formulas above, the reservation is not refundable. The organization will evaluate the possibility to schedule it on another date under the same conditions.

- **For one-day tours, the reservation must be made at least 2 days in advance. Cancellation is free within 48 hours for actual bad weather. The organization will reserve the right to postpone the experience, notifying the participants.**

For everything not specified above: logistics, insurance and additional requests or needs, if you travel in a group we will give you all the information and you will be able to book on your own.

On the contrary, if you want the booking to be handled by an agency, we will plan everything for you.

Payment is to be made at the time of booking by credit card or bank transfer. Contact us for a quotation by cellphone or e-mail

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