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ITALY DOLOMITES PEAKS FROM VENICE (TOUR CODE: 14377)

STARTS AND ENDS in Venice TRAVEL PERIODS 01 Apr 25 - 27 Oct 25 EXPERIENCE Walk & Hike TRAVEL STYLE Independent Holiday Packages

Discover Northern Italy's charm: from Venice's canals to the Dolomites' stunning peaks, vibrant Trento, and serene alpine lakes.

Highlights

- Nestled at 1,500 metres in the Fanes-Senes-Braies Natural Park, Braies Lake invites exploration by boat or a scenic walk along its shores.
- Visit Merano, the spa town on the Passirio river, known for its large parks, green walks and its botanical gardens!
- Take a panoramic cableway to Alpe di Siusi, where sweeping views of the Dolomites unfold across the vast plateau, offering an unforgettable alpine experience.
- Explore the charming village of **Ortisei**, where a leisurely walk reveals traditional wood carvings, picturesque streets, and a stunning Dolomite backdrop in the heart of Val Gardena.

Ideal for couples, small groups of friends, and families, this itinerary offers a seamless journey from Venice, ensuring maximum comfort and flexibility. With our experienced drivers, who are attuned to your pace, you'll enjoy a relaxed and customized trip tailored to your preferences. Depart alongside your dedicated driver, ready to explore Italy at your own rhythm.

This itinerary explores **Northern Italy's scenic landscapes** and rich heritage, beginning in Venice and journeying through the Dolomites. First, travellers visit **Bassano del Grappa**, a charming village along the Brenta River known for its iconic Ponte Vecchio bridge and famous grappa distilleries. The trip then moves to Trento, a vibrant city with a storied past, from Roman rule to Austro-Hungarian influence.

Next, the route leads to Ortisei in Val Gardena, famous for its traditional wood carvings, and the Alpe di Siusi plateau, where stunning Dolomite vistas await. Merano offers a tranquil spa experience, with botanical gardens and Art Nouveau architecture, while **Bolzano** surprises with its unique blend of Northern European and Mediterranean charm.

The journey continues along the **South Tyrolean** Wine Road to Caldaro Lake, featuring a wine tasting and light lunch. Guests will then discover the enchanting Braies and Misurina lakes, set against breathtaking alpine backdrops. The trip concludes in **Cortina d'Ampezzo**, the "Queen of

the Dolomites," followed by a day in Venice, where they explore iconic landmarks such as St. Mark's Square, the Rialto Bridge, and the Grand Canal.

INCLUSIONS

- 5 nights accommodation in 4-star hotels in Trento and Treviso
- Transportation by air-conditioned minivan
- Daily Buffet Breakfast
- · Lunch with a wine tasting experiences in typical wineries along the Wine Route in South Tyrol
- 1 grappa tasting
- · Round trip Ticket Ortisei Alpe di Siusi Ropeway
- Rowing boat rental on Braies Lake (30 minutes)
- English speaking guide service as per program
- 1 luggage + 1 carry-on luggage per person allowed

ITINERARY

I Venice Bassano del Grappa Trento

Depart from Venice to Bassano del Grappa, a picturesque village overlooking the Brenta River, steeped in history and renowned for its grappa.

Start with a visit to the iconic "Ponte degli Alpini," a historic bridge that played a key role in the city's WWII defence. Take a scenic walk along the Brenta River to the "tobacco road" and discover the charming Villa Angarano Bianchi Michiel, a UNESCO-listed Palladian residence.

Enjoy a grappa tasting before continuing to Trento, the capital of Trentino, known for its vibrant history, from Celtic roots to Roman and Austro-Hungarian influences. End with free time to relax and acclimatis.

Overnight stay in Trento at NH Trento or similar.



Breakfast at the hotel and departure for **Ortisei**, a village where a simple walk leads to a discovery of its charm. Along with the nearby villages of SS. Cristina and Selva, Ortisei is nestled in Val Gardena, one of Italy's most beautiful Dolomite valleys. Famous for its artistic wooden sculptures, Ortisei has been home to expert carvers for generations, producing globally known wood works, sculptures, and objects. The entire town centre maintains a perfect balance of history, architecture, landscape, and local economy. Ortisei's pedestrian area, often regarded as the most beautiful in the Dolomites, connects St. Ulrico's Church with St. Antony's Church, offering a perfect starting point for scenic hikes, including the tour of Castelrotto hill or the "Mushroom Path" in Laranza.

After exploring, we'll take a lift to the "Alpe di Siusi" plateau, offering panoramic views of the stunning surrounding landscape before returning to Trento.

Overnight stay in Trento at NH Trento or similar.

Breakfast



3 Trento Merano & Bolzano Trento

After breakfast at the hotel, depart for a tour of **Merano**, the spa town on the Passirio River, known for its large parks, green walks, and botanical gardens. The historic centre, with its medieval arcades and elegant Art Nouveau buildings, offers a refined and welcoming atmosphere. The whitewashed peaks of the glaciers provide a natural backdrop of rare beauty. Don't miss a visit to the wonderful botanical gardens of Trauttmansdorff Castle.

Continue to **Bolzano**, a city that blends Northern European and Mediterranean influences, evident in its historical and artistic landmarks and authentic cuisine. For centuries, Bolzano has been a trade hub between Italy and Germany. Today, it is a cosmopolitan city that is lively, modern, and refined. With a perfect balance of living spaces and green areas, there are numerous walks for both casual and avid hikers. Three cable cars provide access to the surrounding highlands, where nature's beauty shines. Return to Trento.

Overnight stay in Trento at NH Trento or similar.

Breakfast



4 Trento South Tyrolean Wine Route Trento

After breakfast at the hotel, depart for Caldaro Lake, one of the largest and warmest swimming lakes in South Tyrol, located 216 metres above sea level. With an average depth of just 4 metres, the water temperature reaches 17°-19°C in spring and can exceed 28°C in summer.

The day will be dedicated to exploring the **South Tyrolean Wine Route** (Südtiroler Wein Strasse), including a visit to a renowned local winery.

Enjoy a light lunch featuring typical local products and wine tastings at the estate. Return to Trento.

Overnight stay in Trento at NH Trento or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



After breakfast at the hotel, depart for the picturesque **Braies Lake**, located 1,500 metres above sea level in the Fanes-Senes-Braies natural park. Known for its turquoise waters and idyllic position at the base of the Braies Valley, the lake attracts hikers, cyclists, and climbers year-round. Take a boat ride to explore the lake's mysteries, linked to the legend of the underground kingdom of the Fanes.

Next, visit **Misurina Lake**, the largest in Cadore, known for its healing microclimate and stunning mountain views. Enjoy a walk around the lake, with panoramic views of the Dolomites, including the famous "**Tre Cime di Lavaredo**".

The final stop is **Cortina d'Ampezzo**, the Queen of the Dolomites, where you can stroll through Corso Italia, lined with shops and cafés, before continuing to Treviso in the evening.

Overnight stay in Treviso at Relais Monaco Country or similar.

Breakfast



6 Treviso Venice

After breakfast, depart for Venice, a stunning city made up of 118 islands connected by bridges.

End of our service.

Breakfast

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

LOCAL CURRENCY EURO

We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means we may need to offer an alternative hotel of equivalent or better quality. Our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit.

Excluded

- · International airfares and taxes
- · Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- · Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- · Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- · Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package