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Veneto by bicycle,  
the myth of the Giro d'Italia.



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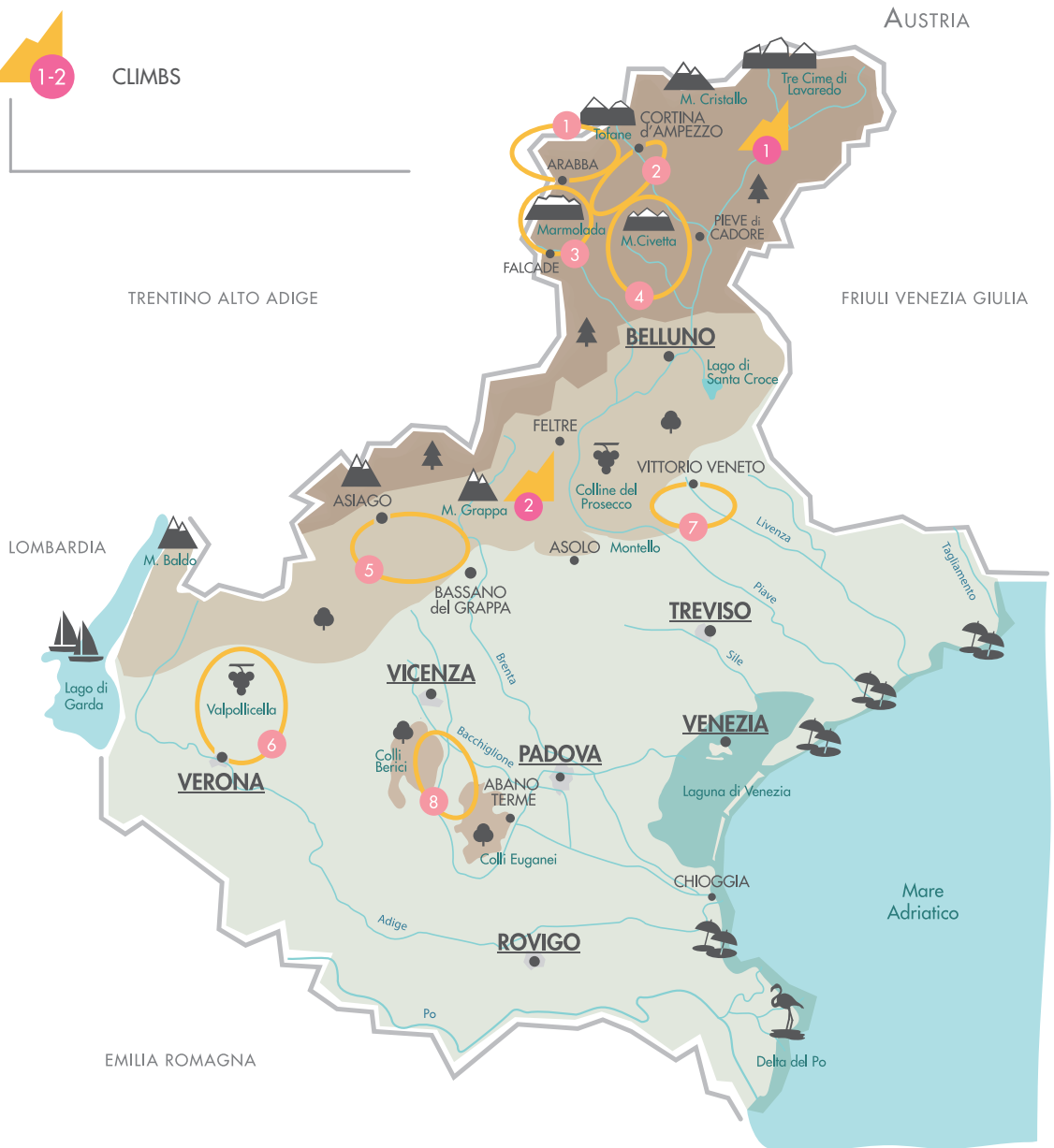


# Veneto by bicycle.



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During springtime, when fields and forests dress in a bright green, the Veneto roads become pink to host one of the most important stage races in the world: the **Giro d'Italia**. Bike lovers and locals get the party started to support the bike champions challenge from the countryside roads up to the top of Dolomite mountain passes. A new page of the myth is written year after year and a unique and incomparable environment shields this fascinating event. Cheering voices along the streets shout down: only rural countryside sounds and deep mountain silence can be heard. **This guide invites all tourists** on its excursions and climbings: from beginners to the most experienced riders. Dolomites, Asiago plateau and the Prosecco, Valpolicella, Euganean and Berici hills: unforgettable landscapes and enjoyable downhill will gratify the fatigue.

## Club, events and long-distance races.

A unique combination of specialized bike resorts and a smooth climate offer all-season tailor-made solutions for riders. Having the Giro d'Italia crossing the **Dolomites** passes and roads is the beginning of the cycling season, even if snow

may still cover fields. Thousands of warm colours set the woods on fire along the Prealpi slopes, the **grape harvest** goes on stage on the hills: this is autumn, a magical season where you can enjoy a pleasant bike ride. The wintry mild climate of Euganean hills and **Lake Garda**

helps to keep fit by holiday packages organized in **thermal and lake resorts**. Veneto is a land of great bike champions and has a long sport tradition. All major sport **events** and **long-distance races** calendar open to tourists are shown at the end of of this guide.

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Length: 51 Km

Difference in height:  
1.729 m

Info: [www.arabba.it](http://www.arabba.it)  
[www.dolomiti.org/it/arabba/](http://www.dolomiti.org/it/arabba/)

Start and finish: Arabba

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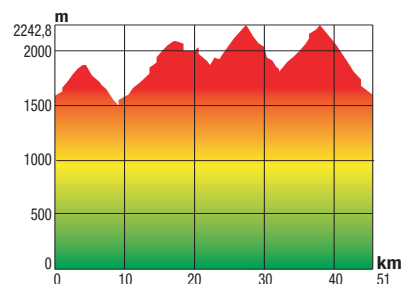
# Tour of the 4 mountain passes.

Passo Campolongo, Passo Gardena, Passo Sella, Passo Pordoi.

When snow melts, the gorgeous ski area of **Arabba** is revealed in its bike resort features, to welcome riders on its tremendously challenging slopes of the Dolomites. Plunge in the magical atmosphere

of these valleys riding your bike. An emotional and gratifying stay, ensured by specialized bike hotels and the scenery beauty. Routes suitable for everyone start and arrive here. Not to miss: **tour of the four mountain passes** around the **Sella mountain group** (1), a 51-km clockwise/anticlockwise thrilling bike ride crossing 4 Passes that have made the history of Giro d'Italia. This is also the background of several events, such as "Maratona dles Dolomites" and Sellaronda bike day. Crossed the **Campolongo pass** (2) light uphill and downhill stretches bring to Corvara, Val Badia, before facing the Gardena Pass. Fast through the spectacular Pian de Gralba to climb the 7-km steep slope to get to Sella mountain pass.

Finally the highest pass, **Passo Pordoi**, featuring smooth fields between Sasso Pordoi and Sàs Bécé leads you back to Arabba.





Length: 87 Km

Difference in height:  
2.744 m

Info: [www.dolomiti.org/it/alleghe/](http://www.dolomiti.org/it/alleghe/)

Start and finish: Alleghe

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# Dolomiti Grand Tour.

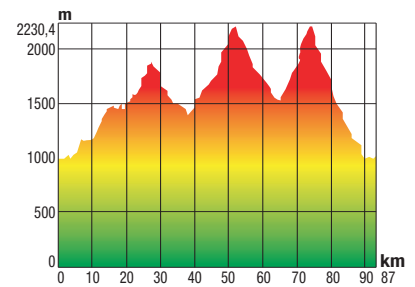
Passo Campolongo, Passo Valparola, Passo Falzarego, Passo Giau.



The “Dolomiti Grand Tour” departure is located in the spectacular frame of **Lake Alleghe** (1). Breathtaking views, historical and naturalistic important values, demanding slopes, this is all about the itinerary you will ride along with great satisfaction. The Cordevole valley brings the rider up to Arabba joining the “**Road of the Dolomites**” for a while, but a southward glance shows the magnificent Marmolada and

its glacier. Downhill after Passo Campolongo, to get to La Villa, uphill again to **Passo Valparola**: bitter battles of WWI drew the mazing lunar-like landscape here. Indeed **Passo Valparola** mountain pass was marked by the front line and is still dotted with well-kept havens of the troupes and an Austrian fort now converted into a museum. On the way down from **Passo Falzarego**, Lagazuoi cable, located on the left, gives access to other WWI remaining: the stunning caves digged by Italian troupes in the rock. On the right, though, the 5 Torri chairlift leads to perfectly signalled paths of trenches. A long 10-km downhill stretch and a passage through conifer woods, let you catch your breath before standing up on the pedals on the

hardest but most fascinating slope of the Dolomite passes: **Passo Giau** (2). Finally a fast downhill track will lead you to Selva di Cadore, along Val Fiorentina to Caprile and Alleghe.



Length: 86 Km

Difference in height:  
2.000 m

Info: [www.marmolada.com](http://www.marmolada.com)  
[www.dolomiti.org/it/falcade](http://www.dolomiti.org/it/falcade)

Start and finish: Rocca Pietore

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# Marmolada Tour.

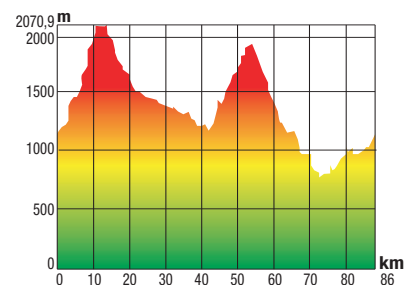
Passo Fedaia, Passo San Pellegrino.



The Marmolada tour (2) features two of the most difficult climbs in the Dolomites, often tackled by cyclists of the Giro d'Italia: Passo Fedaia and **Passo San Pellegrino**. The itinerary runs around the perimeter of the Queen of the Dolomites (Mt. Marmolada) joining the upper Agordino area to Val di Fassa. The route starts from Rocca Pietore and you will soon reach the marvellous "**Serrai di Sottoguda**", a 2 km-long

natural narrow canyon carved into the rocks by the Pettorina stream. Now the canyon is crossed by a daring road that leads to **Malga Ciapela**. Here you can find the Marmolada ski lifts and from here starts the most challenging 6 km of the climb to **Passo Fedaia**. You will first ride along the famous 3 km of straight roads with a constant gradient of 14%, then the hairpin turns that will lead you to the shores of Lake Fedaia (1). A downhill stretch will lead you to Canazei before taking you to Val di Fassa up to Moena where the Passo San Pellegrino starts. This is the centre of the "Tre Valli" ski resort and also starting point of the ski lift that goes up to **Col Margherita**, wonderful panoramic balcony at an altitude of 2,550 m. A whirling downhill stretch will take you to **Falcade**, a well-known

touristic town of the Biois valley where there are many Bike Friendly hotels. Its wonderful plain becomes an important Nordic skiing resort in winter. Shortly ahead, you will cross **Canale d'Agordo**, birth place of Pope John Paul I and then reach Cencenighe where the descent finishes. Along the shores of the Cordevole stream you will reach **Alleghe** and **Rocca Pietore**.



Length: 80 Km

Difference in height:  
2.098 m

Info: [www.dolomiti.org/it/val-di-zoldo/](http://www.dolomiti.org/it/val-di-zoldo/)  
[www.dolomiti.org/it/selva-di-cadore/](http://www.dolomiti.org/it/selva-di-cadore/)

Start and finish: Forno di Zoldo

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# Around Mount Civetta.

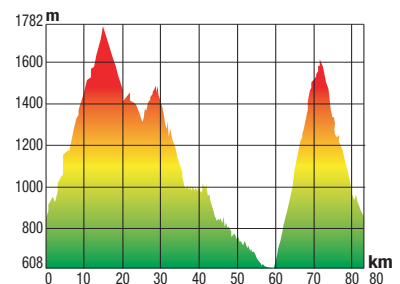
## Passo Staulanza, Passo Duran.

Civetta (2) is a mountain that evokes historical mountaineering feats and famous mountain bike races. Not everyone knows that through the challenging **Passo Duran** and **Forcella Staulanza** mountain passes runs a wonderful cycling ring, where the uphill stretches have been often tackled by the Giro d'Italia. The starting point is in **Forno di Zoldo**, one of the three municipalities of Val di Zoldo, European cradle of



handmade ice cream. The itinerary starts with a pleasant uphill stretch passing through villages rich in culture and tradition. Reached **Zoldo Alto** at your left you will see the ski lifts that serve the many ski slopes, here also lit for night skiing. Your ride will continue with many scenic hairpin turns in direction Palafavera, famous Nordic ski and Biathlon resort. Then the itinerary goes uphill towards Forcella Staulanza (1,750 m), overlooked on the right by the imposing **Mount Pelmo** (1). The downhill ride will take you to **Selva di Cadore**, ski resort and home of the Vittorino Cazzetta Museum. The itinerary continues towards Colla Santa Lucia to the "Belvedere" balcony, where you must stop. From here begins the descent towards Caprile,

**Alleghe** and **Agordo** from where starts the climb to Passo Duran mountain pass, 12 challenging kilometres with a constant gradient and a difference in height of about 1,000 m. The descent towards Val di Zoldo is tricky and requires caution down to Dont, arriving finally to Val di Zoldo, ending point of this wonderful bike ride.





Length: 131 Km

Difference in height:  
1.600 m

Info: [www.asiago.to](http://www.asiago.to)  
[www.vicenzae.org](http://www.vicenzae.org)

Start and finish: Bassano del Grappa,  
Lavarone, Asiago

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## Around the Plateau.

### Bassano del Grappa, Lavarone, Asiago.

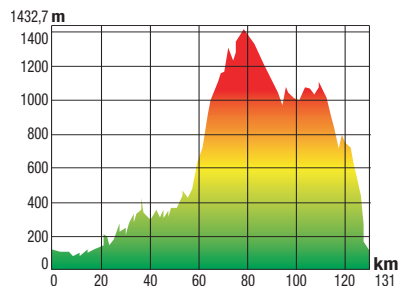
The Asiago Plateau (2) is the ideal destination for those who love outdoor activities. Thanks to an extensive network of paved roads and mountain trails, you can organize many bike trips to discover places of the Great War, interesting archaeological sites and several mountain huts all around the area



where you can stop to taste typical products immersed in a dreamlike frame.

The proposed itinerary kicks off from the plains and runs clockwise around the plateau. You will start from **Bassano del Grappa** along foothill roads with pleasant ups and downs that cross the centres of Marostica, **Breganze** and **Caltrano**. Once in Piovena Rocchetta, the most trained can choose the road that goes upwards to **Tonezza del Cimone**, Valbona (1,780 m) and Passo Coe mountain pass. As an alternative, you can follow the easier Valdastico road. The typical mountain environment is rich in pine woods (1) up to the Vezzena mountain pass (1,400 m) and then you will descend through the wonderful Val d'Assa to **Campoverere** and **Asiago**.

Crossed the city centre you will head south following the signposts for Conco, where the most enjoyable descent is in reserve for you: ten kilometres with views over the plain and **Marostica** with easy slopes and nice hairpin turns. Bassano del Grappa is now very close and here a toast with a glass of grappa is the right reward for this exciting and challenging bike ride.





Length: 150 Km

Difference in height:  
1.800 m

Info: [www.tourismverona.it](http://www.tourismverona.it)

Start and finish: Verona

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# Tour of Valpolicella.

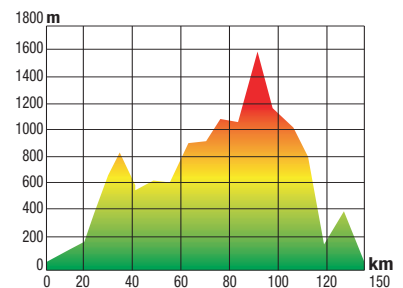
Verona, Bosco Chiesanuova, Monti Lessini.



This cycling route crosses many wonderful settings such as **Valpolicella**, famous since ancient Roman times for viticulture (2) and in particular for Amarone wine, the Lessini mountains rich in historic and naturalistic heritage protected by the **Natural Park of Lessinia** (1) and Verona, art and culture city, also a Unesco World Heritage Site. Only in the first part of the itinerary you will ride towards Valpolicella

along busy roads. When you will reach **Fumane**, you will leave the main roads and follow the beautiful Cavolo-Breonio road. The ride is smooth and pleasant, surrounded by varied landscapes: the romantic city of Romeo and Juliet in the distance, the Sanctuary of Madonna di La Salette perched on the cliff and stretches of vineyards. Overall, the climbs along the itinerary are never particularly hard, although very long and numerous. The toughest are those around Fane. The **natural bridge of Veja** that you will find during your ride is the most important natural monument of Lessinia. After catching your breath and crossed the plateau, you will face the climb from **Bosco Chiesanuova** up to the main centre of San Giorgio,

ending point of the itinerary where in winter you can enjoy Nordic skiing. The downhill stretch of about 30 km follows the ridge of Velo Veronese and ends in Mezzane di Sotto. After passing the top of the Montorio hills you will arrive to Verona.



Length: 97 Km

Difference in height:  
1.350 m

Info: [www.marcatreviso.it](http://www.marcatreviso.it)

Start and Finish: Valdobbiadene

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# Tour of the Prosecco Hills.

Valdobbiadene, Conegliano, Vittorio Veneto.

This route, also suitable for less experienced cyclists, runs along the track of the Granfondo **Prosecco** Cycling race, a well-known autumn event in the Prosecco reign. In this land boasting high hills laced with vines (1) where the most famous Italian sparkling wine is produced, bike riding has always been one of the most important activities, lived with passion and true love.

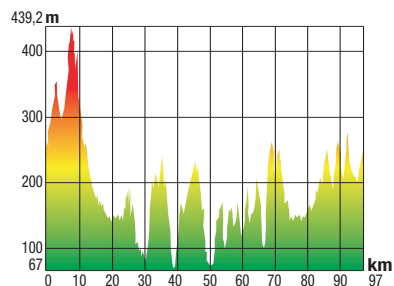
The route begins from the bell tower of **Valdobbiadene** and touches with continuous ups and downs the towns of Combai, Follina and



Pieve di Soligo. Then it reaches Collalto, Cervada and Felettano, with a stretch that almost arrives to **Vittorio Veneto** and crosses Cozzuolo, all areas that deserve a stop to taste the culinary delights of

Treviso. On the way back towards Valdobbiadene, just after Solighetto, take the direction of Guia, Follo and Santo Stefano. You will ride across an area of 107 hectares of vineyards, where the perfect mix between mild climate and varied soil produces the Prosecco's top: **Cartize**. You will ride among spectacular stretches within a

scenario that is not particularly tough. The only exception is the climb up to **Colle di Guarda** hill, 1,300 m with a maximum gradient of 17%, which you will find after 33 km of your ride. Worth a note, the stretch of Muro di Cà del Poggio (2), in **San Pietro di Feletto**, the climb which is symbol of the Prosecco land.



Length: 91 Km

Difference in height:  
750 m

Info: [www.visitabanomontegrotto.com](http://www.visitabanomontegrotto.com)  
[www.vicenzae.org](http://www.vicenzae.org)

Start and Finish: Abano Terme,  
Montegrotto Terme

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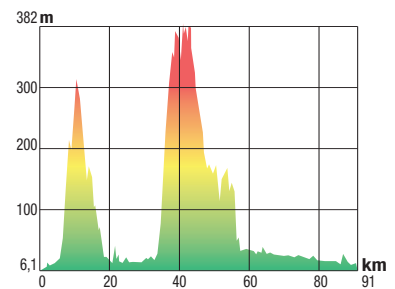
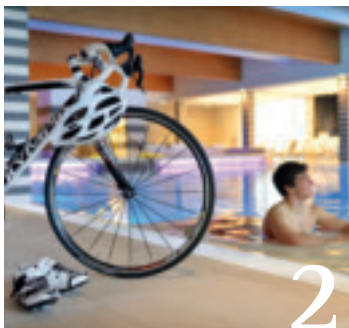
# Tour of the Euganean and Berici Hills.

Abano Terme, Teolo, Arcugnano, Vicenza.

In the heart of the Venetian plain, stand out two hills which are geographically close but have a different geological history. The Euganean hills that rise behind the thermal baths of **Abano and Montegrotto** are the product of ancient volcanic events, while the Berici hills (1), south of Vicenza, preserve the coral reefs rock

structure. These hills are the setting of a wonderful excursion, where you will ride along short climbs, pleasant ups and downs and fast plain roads. Starting from the thermal spas of Abano and Montegrotto (2), you will reach Torreglia where the first climb up to Castelnuovo starts, with slopes close to 10% of gradient. Then the downhill stretch to Teolo flanks the rocky walls of **Rocca Pendice** and quickly continues to Vò where starts the plain that divides the Euganean and Berici hills. In a short time you will reach Ponte di Barbarano where the road begins to rise sharply. Reached the top of the hill, the route takes you north towards the main city with a series of ups and downs. Arrived at **Arcugnano**, you can first see the surrounding hills, and then Lake Fimon. Reached the sanctuary

of **Mount Berico**, you must have a break in the square that overlooks the city of Vicenza. Visited the historical centre featuring several Palladian monuments, you will ride your bike to return to the starting point, where you can stop at the Spa and just relax.





Length: 22 Km

Difference in height:  
1.122 m

Info: [www.dolomiti.org/it/cortina/](http://www.dolomiti.org/it/cortina/)  
[www.auronzomisurina.it](http://www.auronzomisurina.it)

Start: Cortina d'Ampezzo  
Finish: Auronzo refuge

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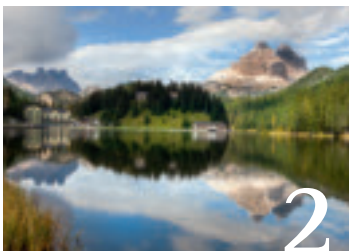


# From Cortina to Tre Cime di Lavaredo.

## Passo Tre Croci, Tre Cime di Lavaredo.

The surroundings of **Cortina d'Ampezzo** and Tre Cime di Lavaredo (2) are a truly unique setting where you can ride enclosed by amazing and unforgettable views. The proposed itinerary unwinds through the heart of the northern Dolomites, recognized by **UNESCO as World Heritage Site**.

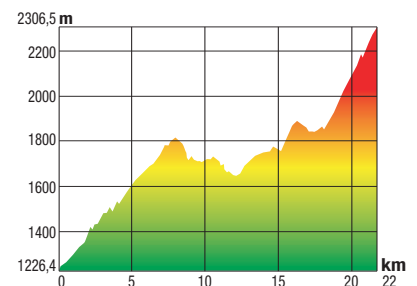
The route starts from Cortina d'Ampezzo (1,211 m), riding along the steep uphill stretch of the **Passo Tre Croci** mountain pass.



Just below the locality of Rio Gere (where the Cristallo and Faloria ski lifts start) begin long straight roads. You will arrive at an altitude of 1,805 m, between the Cristallo and the Sorapiss mountain group, from where you can admire a spectacular view over the wild Marmarole mountain chain.

Going downhill for about 3 km, turn left following the SS 48 bis road that will lead you to Misurina and then up to the Municipality of **Auronzo di Cadore**. After about a 2 km uphill climb at an altitude of 1,756 m, you can admire the breathtaking **Misurina**, whose lake not by chance is called "Pearl of the Dolomites". After crossing the small centre, take the paved road on your right that gets to Rifugio Auronzo mountain refuge and **Tre Cime di**

**Lavaredo** (2,333 m). Along these 7 km of uphill road, the history of cycling has been written, with seven stage arrivals of the Giro d'Italia.



Length: 27 Km

Difference in height:  
1.589 m

Info: [www.vicenzae.org](http://www.vicenzae.org)  
[www.marcatreviso.it](http://www.marcatreviso.it)

Start: Bassano del Grappa  
Finish: Cima Grappa

02



# From Bassano to Cima Grappa.

## Bassano del Grappa, Strada Generale Giardino.

Finally, here is the legendary Bassano - Cima Grappa climb, a charming route full of breathtaking views that is as good as the great alpine ascents.

**Bassano del Grappa** (2) hosted many times the Giro d'Italia and can boast a long sports tradition.

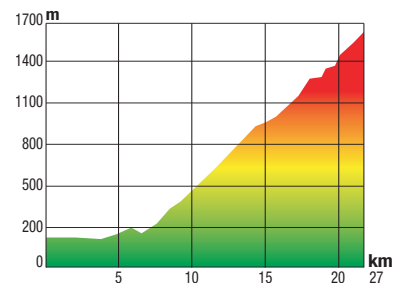
The "**Generale Giardino**" climb, here described, runs along an old military road whose technical characteristics make it ideal for

trainings, races and time trial stages of the Giro d'Italia.

Your climb will start easily, but already at the first turn the slope gradient ranges between 8 and 10%. After 10 km of continuous twists, sweat and tears you will reach **Campo Croce**, where a short descent and slight slopes will let you catch your breath before tackling the second section of the climb, even more challenging than the first part, with a slope gradient of even 14%.

Passed 1,500 m of altitude, the vegetation becomes sparser and the mountain landscape more and more fascinating. Finally you can admire the **Military Sacarium** (1) of Mount Grappa, one of the main military ossuaries of the First World War and arriving point of this legendary route. Once on the top

of Mount Grappa, all your effort will be rewarded by the priceless view over the Venetian plain and Belluno's mountain peaks. The return will be a pleasant and long downhill ride with hairpin turns for cyclists' sheer delight.





## Long-distance and classic cycle races.

Race name	Location	Month	Info
GF Città di Padova	Padova	March	<a href="http://www.gfcittadipadova.it">www.gfcittadipadova.it</a>
Monte Grappa Bike Day	Bassano	May	<a href="http://www.montegrappabikeday.it">www.montegrappabikeday.it</a>
Sportful Dolomiti Race	Feltre	June	<a href="http://www.gfsportful.it">www.gfsportful.it</a>
Granfondo Eddy Merckx	Rivalta	June	<a href="http://www.aelamerckx.com">www.aelamerckx.com</a>
Sella Ronda Bike Day	Arabba	June	<a href="http://www.sellarondabikeday.com">www.sellarondabikeday.com</a>
La Pina Cycling Marathon	Treviso	June	<a href="http://www.lapinarello.com">www.lapinarello.com</a>
Prosecco Cycling	Valdobbiadene	September	<a href="http://www.proseccocycling.it">www.proseccocycling.it</a>





## Itineraries

From Lake Garda to Venice  
 The Veneto Ring  
 Seaside Route  
 From the Dolomites to Venice

## Excursions

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 Circular Cycle Path of the Euganean Hills  
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 The GiraSile  
 The Venetian Islands Cycleway  
 The Mincio River Cycle Route  
 Riviera Berica Cycle Route



## Bike Resorts and Excursions

Arabba - Sellaronda Mtb  
 Cortina d'Ampezzo - Tour of the 5 Refuges  
 Marmolada, Falcade - Forca Rossa  
 Civetta - Superbike  
 Cadore - Titian's Dolomites bike tours  
 Comelico - Crossing Carnia  
 Valbelluna - The Champions' Circuit  
 Asiago Plateau - Tour of the Alpine dairy Huts  
 Monte Pasubio - The Heroes' Road  
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 Prosecco Hills - Montello and Mount Grappa  
 Euganean Hills - Crossing the Euganean Hills



## Excursions

- **Tour of the 4 mountain passes**

*Passo Campolongo, Passo Gardena, Passo Sella, Passo Pordoi* - [www.arabba.it](http://www.arabba.it) - [arabba.dolomiti.org](http://arabba.dolomiti.org)

- **Dolomiti Grand Tour**

*Passo Campolongo, Passo Valparola, Passo Falzarego, Passo Giau* - [www.dolomiti.org/it/alleghe/](http://www.dolomiti.org/it/alleghe/)

- **Marmolada Tour**

*Passo Fedaia, Passo San Pellegrino* - [www.marmolada.com](http://www.marmolada.com) - [www.dolomiti.org/it/falcade/](http://www.dolomiti.org/it/falcade/)

- **Around Mount Civetta**

*Passo Staulanza, Passo Duran* - [www.dolomiti.org/it/val-di-zoldo/](http://www.dolomiti.org/it/val-di-zoldo/) - [www.dolomiti.org/it/selva-di-cadore/](http://www.dolomiti.org/it/selva-di-cadore/)

- **Around the Plateau**

*Bassano del Grappa, Lavarone, Asiago* - [www.asiago.to](http://www.asiago.to) - [www.vicenzae.org](http://www.vicenzae.org)

- **Tour of Valpolicella**

*Verona, Bosco Chiesanuova, Monti Lessini* - [www.tourismverona.it](http://www.tourismverona.it)

- **Tour of the Prosecco Hills**

*Valdobbiadene, Conegliano, Vittorio Veneto* - [www.marcatreviso.it](http://www.marcatreviso.it)

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*Abano Terme, Teolo, Arcugnano, Vicenza* - [www.visitabanomontegrotto.com](http://www.visitabanomontegrotto.com) - [www.vicenzae.org](http://www.vicenzae.org)

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*Passo Tre Croci, Tre Cime di Lavaredo* - [www.dolomiti.org/it/cortina/](http://www.dolomiti.org/it/cortina/) - [www.auronzomisurina.it](http://www.auronzomisurina.it)

- **From Bassano to Cima Grappa**

*Bassano del Grappa, Strada Generale Giardino* - [www.vicenzae.org](http://www.vicenzae.org) - [www.marcatreviso.it](http://www.marcatreviso.it)



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