




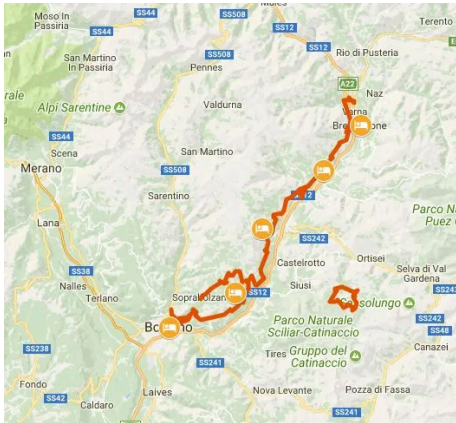
MOUNTAIN SPRING & AUTUMN

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Hiking the Dolomites Sentiero del Castagno - Italy

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8 days, PRICE FROM € 1024



Among centuries-old chestnut groves, deciduous woodlands, and lush green meadows in the heart of South Tyrol, lies the **Sentiero del Castagno**, part of the ancient **Via Romea Germanica**. This path, in the shadow of the Dolomites, offers endless views of **peaks and valleys**, castles and abbeys, farms offering zero-kilometer products – perfect for a delicious snack – and vineyards that preserve the origin of some of the **best Italian wines**.

Along the **Sentiero del Castagno** you'll find **enchanting villages** like Chiusa, home to poets and artists, and larger cities such as **Bolzano**, the gateway to the Dolomites, with a **lively center and colorful market stalls** that awaken your senses with pancakes, homemade desserts, frankfurters and beer – the perfect reward after a day of walking.

The **Sentiero del Castagno** is the ideal route if you love the **mountains**, travel with your **family**, or want to enjoy a **gentle itinerary** through the beauty of the Dolomites.

Route

Day 1 Arrive in Bressanone

Your travel starts from **Bressanone**, a colorful, lively city and the oldest of the whole Tyrol: if you arrive early, take the chance to stroll through its colorful alleys and visit the frescoed rooms of the bishops' palace.

Day 2 Bus to Novacella Abbey and walk to Velturmo, 10-15 km

A morning transfer takes you to the **Augustinian monastery of Novacella**, also well known for the delicious white wine produced here. From here you follow dirt tracks and countryside paths among woods and vineyards to reach **Velturmo**: this town surrounded by chestnut trees boasts such a great climate that it was chosen as a summer residence by several noble families throughout the centuries.

Distance: 10-15 km

Elevation gain: +720/-471 m

Day 3 From Velturmo to Barbiano, 14-16 km

Today's nice walk packs in more than a few surprises: the **Sabiona Monastery**, spiritual heart of the Tyrol area, perched on the top of a steep cliff; **Chiusa**, home to artists and poets, among the most beautiful Italian hamlets; and finally **Barbiano**, a nice village located on the banks of **River Isarco**.

Distance: 14-19 km

Elevation gain: +778/-798 m

Day 4 From Barbiano to Collalbo, 10-15 km

Today's walk takes you to **Collalbo** through woods and orchards: this village located on the **Renon plateau** is a wellknown ski centre and a real heaven for nature lovers. A brief detour along the way allows you to see a rock with prehistoric signs.

Distance: 10-15 km

Elevation gain: +713/-403 m

Day 5 Collalbo loop via Kematen and earth pyramids, 11 km

This easy, panoramic walk along the **Renon plateau** runs through forests and the typical Alpine meadows: on your way you skirt the nice Kematen lake and the typical earth pyramids, cone shaped formations created by moraine silt that was brought here by melting Ice Age glaciers. At the end of the walk you take the Renon train and go back to **Collalbo** through beautiful views on the surrounding mountains.

Distance: 11 km

Elevation gain: +400/-366 m

Day 6 Walk from Collalbo to Castel Roncolo and bus to Bolzano, 16-18 km

Today's hike is easy but not particularly difficult: from Collalbo you head to **Castel Roncolo** through orchards, forests and cultivated fields, in a countryside dotted with castles, manor houses and farms. At the end of the excursion you take a bus to **Bolzano** (you should start walking before 8am to avoid missing the last bus, but you can also walk the whole way to the city): this lively town perfectly unites Italian and Austian cultures, and boasts many artistic beauties.

Distance: 16-18 km

Elevation gain: +591/-1396 m

Day 7 Alp of Siusi loop, 13 km

After a bus ride from Bolzano to **Siusi**, you take a cable car to the **Compatsch**: here starts this easy circular walk along **the biggest Alpine plateau in Europe**. The itinerary passes through mountain huts and small hamlets, offering beautiful views on the Dolomties jagged peaks. The walk leads you back to Compatsch, from where a ride in cable car and bus takes you back to Bolzano.

Distance: 13 km

Elevation gain: +461/-502 m

Day 8 Departure from Bolzano

Our services end after breakfast.

Accommodation

7 nights in double rooms in hotel 3/4*



Resence Gasser - Bressanone

Hotel is centrally located in Bressanone and it offers comfortable, spacious and clean rooms. These have free Wifi, TV, air-conditioning/heating. The restaurant offers regionale cuisine, highly recommended. Staff are very kind and helpful. It also offers a luxurious SPA.



Hotel Feldthurnerhof - Veltuno

Hotel Feldthurnerhof is a smart hotel located on sunny slopes of Eisacktal Valley. It offers comfortable, spacious, clean and modern rooms with free Wifi, TV, telephone and a splendid balcony with an amazing view. The restaurant offers italian dishes and regional and international specialties. Breakfast is very good, rich and abundant.



Gasthof Kircher Sepp - Barbiano

Hotel Rösslwirt has a very beautiful view. It offers clean, comfortable and spacious rooms with free Wifi, TV, balcony. The restaurant is very good. Breakfast is rich with savory and sweet dishes. Staff is very kind and helpful.



Hotel Dolomiten - Collalbo

The family run Hotel Dolomiten is set in Renon and offers panoramic views of the Dolomites. It offers comfortable, welcoming and loving rooms with mountain style with free Wifi, TV. The restaurant proposes a combination of Mediterranean cuisine and specialties from South Tyrol. Breakfast is very good, savoury and sweet. Staff is very kind and welcoming.



Hotel Regina - Bolzano

This modern hotel is located only 200 m from the city center of Bolzano. Rooms are well-furnished, comfortable and clean with free Wifi, TV, telephone, air conditioning/heating. Breakfast is rich with savoury and sweet dishes. Staff is helpful and kind.

Practical info



From both Bolzano (BZO) and Innsbruck (INN) airports, you can reach the railway station by bus, and then take a train to Bressanone.

On departure, if flying from Bolzano (BZO), you can easily reach the airport by bus.

In case you are flying from Innsbruck, you can get there by train and then take a bus to the airport (INN).

Train timetables available on www.trenitalia.com.



Thanks to our special APP, you will be able to follow the track of the whole trip on your mobile phone, with no need for internet. GPS tracks are available on request.

Included

What is included

- 7 Nights in double room in **/** hotels with breakfast
- Ritten Card
- luggage transportation from hotel to hotel
- maps and detailed description of the itinerary in digital form, app
- Medical and luggage travel insurance
- 24h phone assistance

What is not included

- Transfers to the starting location and from the arriving location of the tour
- lunches and dinners, if not otherwise stated
- visits and entrance fees - tips
- personal expense
- possible sojourn taxes
- everything that is not mentioned in the "What is included" section.

Optional Services

These services can be added to the ones included in the base price of the tour:

- Single room supplement
- cancellation insurance
- Transfers to reach the starting location or to leave the arriving location of the tour, which will be quoted on request.
- travel documentation in printed form (maps and detailed description of the itinerary), shipped to the first hotel