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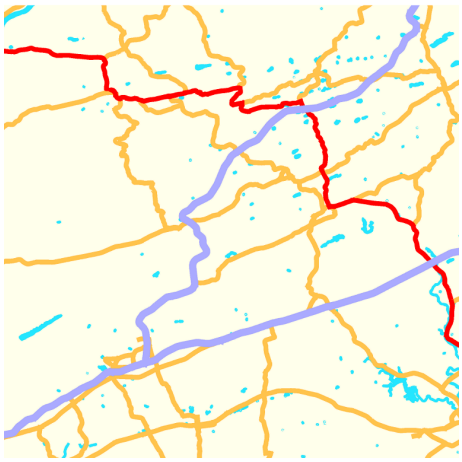


VIA FRANCIGENA SUMMER

type :	Cycling Holidays Self-Guided
level :	
duration :	5 days
period:	Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct
code:	ITSB185

Cycling on Via Francigena, from Aosta to Ivrea - Italy

5 days, PRICE FROM *€ 681*



Embark on an unforgettable journey along the **Via Francigena**, where every pedal stroke is a step deeper into a rich tapestry of experiences.

Starting at the **majestic Gran San Bernard Pass**, straddling the **Swiss-Italian border**, you'll be treated to a mesmerizing panorama of crystalline lakes guarded by towering peaks reaching for the sky. Feel the wind as you freewheel down winding roads, descending into the ancient embrace of **Aosta**, a city steeped in Roman history and charm.

Following the path of the swift-flowing Dora Baltea river, you'll traverse cycle paths and quaint stone-walled lanes, bidding farewell to the **Aosta Valley's rugged beauty**. Your journey unfolds against a backdrop of rolling hills, where every turn reveals a new wonder – be it a medieval castle perched on a hilltop, a serene chartreuse monastery, or the weathered ruins of ancient Rome.

But it's not just the sights that will captivate you; it's the **flavors of Northern Italy** that will truly enchant your palate. Indulge in the region's finest cuisine, savoring each bite of **handmade pasta**, freshly pressed **olive oil**, and exquisite *wines* that speak of centuries of tradition and craftsmanship.

And for those who crave more adventure, the journey doesn't have to end here. **Extend your voyage to the historic city of Pavia**, where ancient streets whisper tales of bygone eras and hidden treasures await around every corner.

So saddle up and let the Via Francigena guide you on a journey of epic proportions – where every mile brings you closer to the heart and soul of Italy's magnificent landscapes, culture, and cuisine.

Route

Day 1 Arrive in Aosta

Welcome to **Aosta**, a historic **Roman town** nestled within a valley embraced by majestic mountains. Begin by immersing yourself in the serene ambience of the cloisters of Sant'Orso. Then, step back in time at the impressive Roman theatre, where echoes of ancient performances still linger in the air. As the day draws to a close, meander through the charming alleys of the town center, where every twist and turn reveals stunning vistas of towering peaks peeking over the rooftops. It's a captivating blend of history, culture, and natural beauty that sets the stage for the adventures yet to come.

Day 2 Transfer to Saint Bernard Pass and ride to Aosta, 40 km

Today, a private transfer will whisk you to the majestic **Great Saint Bernard Pass**, where the first pilgrim hospice was established by Saint Bernard himself. From there, enjoy a breathtaking descent to **Aosta** along a **panoramic road**, passing through charming villages like **Saint Rhemy** and **Etroubles**, nestled amidst orchards and forests.

Distance: 40 Km

Ascent/descent: +103/-1270 m

Day 3 **Ride from Aosta to Verrès, 50 km**

Continuing across the valley floor, the journey unfolds on a **scenic cycle path tracing the tranquil River Dora**, weaving past historic castles and verdant vineyards. A highlight awaits at the enchanting **Saint Germain castle**, where the imposing Midday tower stands as a testament to the noble De Mongioveto family's legacy of defense. As the route progresses towards **Verrès**, prepare to be captivated by the breathtaking vistas that unfold around every bend.

Distance: 50 Km

Ascent/descent: +230/-450 m

Day 4 **Ride from Verrès to Ivrea, 35 km**

As you venture into **Piedmont**, the majestic alpine landscape gradually transitions into the **rolling hills** that characterize the region. With **ascents becoming gentler** and height differentials less daunting, you'll find yourself traversing **wood trails** and picturesque towns like **Ivrea**, boasting a charming old town center and the iconic tower of Santo Stefano. Continuing your journey, you'll approach the imposing **Serra of Ivrea, Europe's largest drift**, before reaching the quaint village of **Roppolo**, where a warm and welcoming family-run bed and breakfast eagerly awaits your arrival.

Distance: 35 Km

Ascent/descent: +150/-280 m

Day 5 **Arrivederci Via Francigena!**

The trip ends after breakfast, unless you have booked extra nights or other optional services with us.

Optional: It is possible to longer the Via Francigena cycling trip to Pavia.

Practical info



On arrival:

From Turin (TRN), reach the central railway station, from where you can take a train to Aosta with two changes

From Milan (LIN or MPX), you can take a train to Aosta with two changes.

On departure:

From Ivrea, you can reach any Italian airport by train.

Train timetables are available on the website www.trenitalia.com.

Included

What is included

- 4 Nights in double room in *** hotels , agriturismi and inns with breakfast
- Luggage transportation from hotel to hotel
- Travel App
- Pilgrim Passport
- 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
- Bisits 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.