



SUMMER GASTRONOMY

type : Hiking Tours Self-Guided
 level : 
 duration : 8 days
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Chestnut Mountain Trail, Dolomites - Italy

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8 days, PRICE FROM € 1018



The heart of South Tyrol, in Alto Adige, is nestled amidst age-old chestnut groves, deciduous woodlands, and lush green meadows. This pathway, in the shadow of the Dolomites, unfolds breathtaking views of peaks and valleys, adorned with castles and abbeys, and features farms offering locally sourced products – ideal for a delightful snack! Additionally, it meanders through vineyards preserving the origin of **some of Italy's finest wines**.

Scattered along the way are charming villages like Chiusa, a haven for poets and artists, and more prominent cities like Bolzano, the gateway to the Dolomites. **Bolzano** boasts a vibrant center and market stalls that stimulate your appetite with pancakes, homemade desserts, frankfurters and beer – a perfect combination for a refreshing break following a walk.

This is an ideal route for mountain enthusiasts traveling with family or those seeking a **less challenging itinerary in the stunning Dolomites**.

Route

Day 1 Arrive in Bressanone

Your journey starts from Bressanone, a vibrant and historic city, recognized as the oldest in the entire Tyrol region. If you arrive early, seize the opportunity to wander through its lively streets and explore the fresco-adorned rooms of the bishops' palace.

Day 2 Bus to Novacella Abbey and walk to Bressanone, 9 km

A morning transfer will bring you to the **Augustinian monastery of Novacella**, renowned not only for its historic significance but also for the production of delightful **white wine**. Your journey continues along **dirt tracks and rural paths**, winding through woodlands and vineyards until you reach Bressanone again.

Distance: 9 km

Elevation gain: +340/-370 m

Day 3 From Bressanone to Velturmo, 8 km

Today's walk takes you to **Velturmo**, through tree lined country lanes. This charming town, enveloped by **chestnut trees**, has a climate so favorable that it served as a summer retreat for numerous noble families across the centuries.

Distance: 8 km

Elevation gain: +550/-270 m

Day 4 Transfer from Velturo to Chiusa and walk to Barbiano, 10 km

A short transfer will take you to **Chiusa, a haven for artists and poets**, counted among the most picturesque Italian hamlets. Today's stage is filled with several unexpected treasures: the **Sabiona Monastery**, the spiritual centerpiece of the Tyrol region, sitting atop a steep cliff; and lastly, **Barbiano, a charming village** nestled along the banks of the River Isarco.

Distance: 10 km

Elevation gain: +560/-260 m

Day 5 Transfer from Barbiano to Pietrarossa and walk to Collalbo, 11 km

After an initial transfer to Pietrarossa, today's walk guides you to **Collalbo**, weaving **through woods and orchards**. Situated on the Renon plateau, this village is a renowned ski center and a true paradise for nature lovers. A short detour along the path provides an opportunity to observe a rock bearing prehistoric signs.

Distance: 11 km

Elevation gain: +710/-335 m

Day 6 From Collalbo to Soprabolzano and train to Bolzano, 11 km

Today's hike offers a pleasant journey from Collalbo to Soprabolzano. You'll encounter orchards, forests, and cultivated fields, amidst **a countryside adorned with castles, manor houses, and farms**. After completing the walk, you take a train to Bolzano.

Bolzano, a vibrant town, **seamlessly blends Italian and Austrian cultures**, boasting numerous artistic treasures.

Distance: 11 km

Elevation gain: +380/-350 m

Day 7 Alp of Siusi loop, 13 km

Following a bus ride from Bolzano to Siusi, you ascend via cable car to Compatsch, from where you start your circular walk across **the largest Alpine plateau in Europe**. The route meanders through mountain huts and quaint hamlets, providing stunning **views of the jagged peaks of the Dolomites**. Upon completing the walk, a cable car and bus ride from Compatsch will transport you back to Bolzano.

Distance: 13 km

Elevation gain: +461/-502 m

Day 8 Arrivederci Bolzano!

Our services end after breakfast.

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.

Included

What is included

- 7 Nights in double room in **/** hotels with breakfast
- Ritten Card
- luggage transportation from hotel to hotel
- taxi transfers (Velturmo-Chiusa, Barbiano-Pietrarossa)
- 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