

**Dates****17-28 May 2018****Cost****\$4960****Participants****10 people (max)****Difficulty****Medium/Hard**

Croydon Cycleworks are proud to offer another Italian cycling adventure for 2018! Cycling enthusiasts argue which is the best place to ride, but the legendary Dolomites provide a magnificent backdrop for some epic rides, which are steeped in history and Giro folklore. Stelvio is one ride that needs to be on every bucket list and who can resist the beauty of Prosecco country.

We will be running this tour during the 101st edition of the Giro d'Italia. We expect to see 2 race stages up close, aiming for one high mountain stage, and one stage start. The cycling routes in our tour will be challenging, and while all can complete these climbs, this tour is for experienced cyclists.

We will be cycling the legendary climbs of the Sella Ronda and Marmolada loops, as well as the Stelvio and Gavia. Most days you will ride from the front door, providing more time to ride and also more time to relax and enjoy the other aspects of holidaying in the Italian countryside.

All breakfasts, some picnic lunches and snack foods are included. Four dinners are included, while all other dinners are at your own cost as are lunches at cafes or restaurants.

Venice

Our pick up point will be at Marco Polo Airport on Day 1. Our recommendation is to arrive at least one day prior to the tour commencing. Explore Venice and enjoy the culinary delights of the restaurants and sights around the Grand Canal.

Dolomites - La Villa (17-20 May)

We have an amazing 4 days of riding planned in the Dolomites. Our base is in the town of La Villa with our hosts at Ciasa Montanara.

We will experience the Sella Ronde loop, Marmalada loop and the challenging Passo Giau loop. Each of these loops have climbs that have been regulars on the Giro.



Stelvio National Park - Bormio (21-24 May)

Bormio is a medieval town, where head Roman aristocracy used for hot spring baths. We, however, will head there to tackle the Stelvio, Gavia and/or the Mortirolo.

A regular on the Giro landscape. These are big climbs, but definitely achievable for all. We have some amazing accommodation here.



Valdobbiadene (25-28 May)

Valdobbiadene is in the province of Treviso, and right in the heart of Prosecco country. While the climbing is not as high as the Dolomites or the Stelvio National Park, but it can be just as breathtaking. We will do loops that tackle the mighty Monte Grappa, plus another that will take you up Passo San Boldo, one of the most amazing feats of engineering. The final day sees us return to Venice as our tour concludes.



Key Points/Dates

- Holding Deposit \$500 – immediately. Remaining deposit \$2000 – due 31 Oct 17
- Balance \$2490 – due 9 Mar 2018
- Price does not include airfares or travel insurance
- Accommodation is twin share. Single supplement on request to be quoted
- Passports require 6 months remaining before expiry