



# **Around Lake Garda**

# Glittering lakes, green valleys and fortified castles

While the completion of Italy's largest lake's cycling path may still be a few years away, you don't have to wait to fulfil this dream. With us, you can make it a reality today. Pedal along the water's edge, tracing flower-adorned promenades, and let your gaze wander across the expansive, shimmering expanse of the lake. Immerse yourself in the experience by taking a refreshing plunge in lesser-known yet equally captivating Lake Ledro and Lake Idro.

As you journey through the valley, be prepared for spectacular vistas. The well-designed cycle paths wind through the lush Etsch Adige river valley, the panoramic Sarcatal (Valle del Sarca) valley, and the romantically charming Val Sabbia. Beyond the awe-inspiring landscapes, the Lake Garda region offers an exceptional culinary journey. Indulge in the finest olive oil, exquisite wines, succulent citrus fruits, and delectable freshwater fish at each stage of your daily adventure.

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### Details about the cycling holiday around Lake Garda

The round tour starts at the southern Lake Garda in Desenzano/Sirmione. You then cycle counter-clockwise around the sparkling lake and experience not only the fascination of the water but also the beautiful regions that surround Lake Garda. Because the surrounding area can also be seen and, above all, tasted. Regional delicacies await you everywhere along the way.

### The highlights of the Lake Garda cycling holiday at a glance:

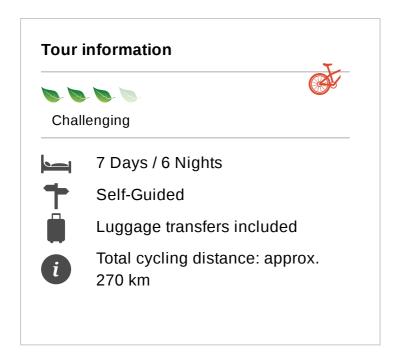
- Fortress of Peschiera: Already on the second day our cycle tour takes you to a historical highlight, the fortress of Peschiera. It used to be a stone gatehouse in the city wall, today it is a fascinating gateway to the old town. The star-shaped fortress, surrounded by water, impresses with its old and romantic charm.
- Sarca Valley: One of the largest rivers in Trentino is the Sarca. The Saractal of the same name runs north of Lake Garda to the Adamello-Brenta Nature Park. Our tour also offers you unique views of the valley.
- The Alpine Lakes: Two other lakes almost steal the show from Lake Garda on this tour, we are talking about Lake Ledro and Lake Idro. The alpine lakes have excellent water quality and are located in a picturesque mountain panorama.

### Worth knowing about the cycle tour in Lake Garda

After you arrive in Desenzano/Sirmione, cycle around Lake Garda in just eight days. However, since there is unfortunately no cycle path that runs directly along the shore, this route often deviates inland. But that's not a disadvantage at all, because it gives you a great insight into the regions that surround Lake Garda.

This tour has been graded as **Challenging**. Find out more about our **cycling holiday difficulty levels**.

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# **Itinerary**

D A Y **1** 

### Arrival in Desenzano/Sirmione

Stroll through the historic town centres and along the lake shore.

D A Y **2** 

**Desenzano/Sirmione – Garda** approx. 45 km

You cycle gently undulating through the Lugana wine-growing region to the banks of the Mincio. This river takes you to the historic fortifications of Peschiera and back to Lake Garda. The cycle path runs along the lake shore for a few kilometres and later takes you a bit into the hinterland. Through apple orchards and the Bardolino vineyards, you return to the shore, which you follow under shady pine trees to the charming lakeside town of Garda.

D A Y **3** 

Garda - Torbole/Riva approx. 65 km

You leave the shore in the direction of the Adige Valley. You can once again enjoy wonderful views over the lake and follow the cycle route through olive groves and vineyards. On the Adige cycle path, you then roll leisurely to the north, always accompanied by countless fruit trees. Already in Mori, you leave the river again and drive over the Passo San Giovanni to Torbole or on to Riva. Shortly before you reach Lake Garda again, you have another breathtaking view over the lake and the Sarca Valley.

D A Y **4** 

### **Excursion to the Sarca Valley** approx. 50 km

One of the largest rivers in Trentino is the Sarca. You follow it on a well-developed cycle path from Torbole into the valley to Pietramurata. The village is surrounded by the highest cliffs of the Lake Garda mountains and offers a fantastic view. Enjoy the tranquillity of this natural park and pay a visit to the Arco Fortress before returning to the shores of Lake Garda.

D A Y **5** 

Torbole/Riva – Salò

approx. 65 km + transfer

In the morning our transfer will take you up to Lake Ledro. Follow the valley of the same name to the next picturesque alpine lake. Lake Idro is now your companion for a while. Its excellent water quality and its magnificent mountain panorama will inspire you. On the cycle path through the Val Sabbia, it's always slightly downhill until the mighty Lake Garda opens up in front of you again. In Salò, stroll leisurely along the flower-decked promenade and treat yourself to a creamy gelato.

DAY 6

Salò – Desenzano/Sirmione

approx. 40 - 45 km

Gently hilly, the last cycling stage takes you into the hinterland. With the Lugana, the Chiaretto and the Groppello, the typical and historic wines of Lake Garda are pressed here. At the latest when you have reached the starting point of your journey again, you should toast an eventful and wonderful bike tour with one of these varieties.

DAY

7

**Departure or extension** 

# **Route information**

You cycle on cycle paths and side streets with little traffic. Overall, a gently hilly route with several long climbs. A little more traffic must be expected at city entrances and exits as well as on short connecting sections.



## **Prices and dates**

Price calculation and check availability: Around Lake Garda

### Place of arrival: Desenzano/Sirmione

	<b>Season 1</b> 31.03.2024 - 13.04.2024 29.09.2024 - 13.10.2024 Sunday	<b>Season 2</b> 14.04.2024 - 11.05.2024 08.09.2024 - 28.09.2024 Sunday	<b>Season 3</b> 12.05.2024 - 07.09.2024 Sunday		
Around Lake Garda, IT-GARDD-07X					
Base price	1,049.00	1,119.00	1,189.00		
Single room surcharge	299.00	299.00	299.00		

**Hotel information:** 3\*\*\* and 4\*\*\*\* hotels.

# **Additional nights**

### Place of arrival: Desenzano/Sirmione

	Season 1 Mar 31, 2024 - Apr 13, 2024 Sep 29, 2024 - Oct 13, 2024 Sunday	Season 2 Apr 14, 2024 - May 11, 2024 Sep 8, 2024 - Sep 28, 2024 Sunday	Season 3 May 12, 2024 - Sep 7, 2024 Sunday
Desenzano/Sirmione			
Double room p.p	75.00	75.00	75.00
Single room surcharge	35.00	35.00	35.00

## Our rental bikes

**Price** 

21-Speed Unisex Bike	99.00
21-Speed Men's Bike	99.00
27-Speed Bike PLUS	159.00
Unisex E-Bike	239.00

Prices per person in GBP

# Included services and travel information

#### Services

#### Included:

- Overnight stays as stated
- Breakfast
- Personal tour information (DE, EN)
- Luggage transfer
- Well-planned route guidance
- Detailed travel documents 1 x per room (DE, EN)
- 1 transfer Torbole/Riva Ledrosee incl. bike
- 1 freshly squeezed fruit juice on the way to Torbole/Riva
- Navigation app and GPS data available
- Service hotline

### Optional:

Rental bikes including rental bike insurance

### Information

### Arrival / Parking / Departure:

- Desenzano del Garda railway station
- Verona, Venice and Bergamo airports
- Public garage/parking lot approx.
   €12/day,
   free, unguarded parking lots outside of the town centres

#### Important information:

 Visitor's tax, if due, not included in the travel price!