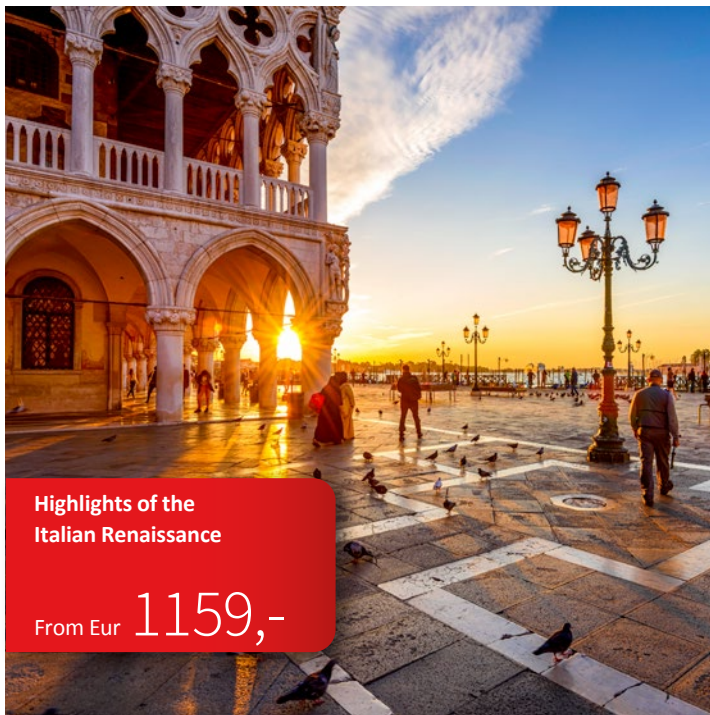


# Bike and boat in Italy: from Mantua to Venice

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 200 KM  
BOOKING CODE: IT-ABS

DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ●●●●●  
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Highlights of the Italian Renaissance

From Eur 1159,-



## Your tour

The fertile, flat landscape along the Po Valley is a true paradise for a vacation by bike and boat in Italy. Unique natural landscapes await you along your bike routes between Mantua and Venice. Not Venice, but the other cities were centers of art, culture and architecture centuries ago. The starting point alternates between Mantua and Venice.

## Itinerary

<b>Day 1</b>	Individual arrival to Mantova
<b>Day 2</b>	Round trip around Mantua, about 35 km
<b>Day 3</b>	Mantua – Governolo (boat), Governolo – Zelo, approx. 50 km
<b>Day 4</b>	Zelo – Ferrara, approx. 50 km, Ferrara – Adria (Bus transfer)
<b>Day 5</b>	Adria – Porto Viro (boat), Porto Viro – Chioggia, approx. 40 km, Chioggia – Insel Pellestrina (boat)
<b>Day 6</b>	Island Pellestrina – Lido – Venice, approx. 25 km
<b>Day 7</b>	Stay in Venice
<b>Day 8</b>	Individual departure

## Travel time

<b>Season A</b>	06.04. – 13.04.	
<b>Season B</b>	20.04. – 27.04.	29.06. – 17.08.
<b>Season C</b>	04.05. – 22.06.	19.10. – 26.10.
<b>Season D</b>	24.08. – 12.10.	

Arrival Saturday 06.04. – 26.10.2024  
The season is dictated by the arrival date.

## Additional services per person

Surcharge electric bike / pedelec*	159,-
Special diet (gluten-free, lactose-free and vegan diet)	50,-
Unisex bike (27 speed)*	inkl.

\*including rental bike insurance

## Services

- 7 nights on board in double cabins with shower / WC
- All port, bridge and lock fees
- Welcome drink, Coffee and tea in the afternoon
- Visit to a historic glassblowing factory in Murano
- Visit cheese dairy with cheese tasting
- Bed linen and towels (no bath towels)
- Bus transfer Ferrara – Adria
- Digital travel documents
- Entrance Museum of the Carousel and the People's Theater
- Guided bike tours according to programme
- Cabin cleaning (1x per week)
- Short city walks according to programme
- Rental bike, surcharge for ebike + Helmets for rent
- Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. – 08.00 p.m.)
- Daily cycling tour briefing, on-board tour guide
- Full board (7 x breakfast, 6 x packed lunch, 6 x dinner)

## Not included services

- Dinner (1x)
- Admission fees and excursions
- Ferry fees
- Drinks on board and tips for tour guide and crew

## Basic price per person

	Ave Maria	Vita Pugna
Double cabin, season A	1309,-	1159,-
Double cabin, season B	1859,-	1509,-
Double cabin, season C	2009,-	1609,-
Double cabin, season D	2159,-	1709,-
Surcharge Upper Deck Premium	250,-	-
Surcharge double cabin for single use	1000,-	900,-
Surcharge single cabin	350,-	-
Reduction bunk bed	200,-	-

## Languages Travel documents

→ German, English

## Additional note

- All bookings are on request.
- Arrival dates MS Ave Maria
- Mantova – Venice (IT-ABSMA-08G): 06.04. / 20.04. / 04.05. / 18.05. / 01.06. / 15.06. / 29.06. / 13.07. / 27.07. / 10.08. / 24.08. / 07.09. / 21.09. / 05.10. / 19.10.
- Venice – Mantova (IT-ABSVA-08G): 13.04. / 27.04. / 11.05. / 25.05. / 08.06. / 22.06. / 06.07. / 20.07. / 03.08. / 17.08. / 31.08. / 14.09. / 28.09. / 12.10. / 26.10.
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- This tour offers the possibility of cycling alone or together with the guide in a group.
- Guaranteed departure with a minimum of 12 participants
- Child discount on basic travel price from 0 – 17 years: 300 € (valid for accommodation in a triple cabin with two full-paying guests)

## Equipment of our rental bikes

- Comfortable saddle
- Bike lock
- Luggage rack
- Helmet for hire
- Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- Unflat Schwalbe Marathon Plus tyres or comparable
- Waterproof pannier
- Waterproof handlebar bag with map holder

## Journey to Mantua / Venedig

- Nearest airports: Venice, Verona
- Train station: Mantova, Venice

## Parking in Mantua / Venedig

- Mantua:
  - Public parking garages, such as Parking Pradella, within walking distance of the train station and the center, cost about 20 € per day, open continuously.
- Venice:
  - Public parking garages, cost about 60 € / week or parking outside the center with free shuttle service, cost about 10 € per day.
  - No reservation by bike path travel possible.

## Return trip to Mantua / Venedig

- On your own by train, connections every 1 to 2 hours, duration approx. 2.5 hrs, 1 x change.

## Travel documents

- 1 set (per booked cabin) consists of: Voucher, travel information with description of the daily stages

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## Stages description

### Day 1: Individual arrival to Mantova

Mantua became an important Renaissance center in the 15th century, and the impressive buildings in the canal-lined old town date from this period. Worth seeing are the Palazzo Ducale and especially the Basilica of Sant Andrea. Your ship will be anchored in Porto Catena. Embarkation is possible from 4:30 pm. Spend your first vacation evening enjoying yourself on board or in the old town.

### Day 2: Round trip around Mantua, about 35 km

Today you will explore Mantua and its surroundings by bike. Numerous impressive buildings adorn the historic old town, which has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2008, but is not yet overrun by tourists. Incidentally, in Shakespeares tragedy, the unfortunate Romeo was banished here. The surrounding countryside is fertile, flat and therefore wonderful to explore by bike.

### Day 3: Mantua – Governolo (boat), Governolo – Zelo, approx. 50 km

The boat will take you to the Mincio Fortress, where the Tyrolean freedom fighter Andreas Hofer was executed. Along the Pos you cycle via the important Benedictine monastery in San Benedetto and the picturesque village of Revere to Bergantino. Try the regional cheese! The unique Carousel Museum is also worth a visit. The Canal Bianco finally leads you to Zelo.

### Day 4: Zelo – Ferrara, approx. 50 km, Ferrara – Adria (Bus transfer)

In the morning you cycle towards Ferrara. The many bike paths and the enthusiasm of the inhabitants for cycling have earned the city the name of City of Bicycles. Ferrara as a whole is a UNSECO World Heritage Site and presents itself in the style of the 14th century. From here a bus will take you the short distance to Adria. A small town, but which gave its name to the great sea.

### Day 5: Adria – Porto Viro (boat), Porto Viro – Chioggia, approx. 40 km, Chioggia – Insel Pellestrina (boat)

Pure nature is on the program today. Your ship will first take you to Porto Viro. Here you can already smell the salty air of the nearby sea! Your bike tour will take you through the labyrinth of the Po Delta, an untouched paradise between lagoons and waters. Flamingos and herons feel at home here. Chioggia or Little Venice is your destination, located at the southern end of the Venetian lagoon. By boat it is then a short crossing to the island of Pellestrina.

### Day 6: Island Pellestrina – Lido – Venice, approx. 25 km

The island of Pellestrina is only a few 100 meters wide and is famous for the shell fishing that takes place here. Cycling directly on the water you will enjoy the scent of the sea in your nose. You will cross a short distance by boat to the island of Lido. With Lido di Venezia you have

reached the city limit of your destination, which lies in the Adriatic Sea. A final crossing will bring you to the pier of the ship - on the opposite side of St. Marks Square.

**Day 7: Stay in Venice**

The day is dedicated to the Serenissima. After waking up you will have the opportunity to discover either the wonderful historical center or the islands of the lagoon. Take advantage of a two-day pass that allows you free use of ferries in Venice. You must see St. Marks Square, the Grand Canal and the impressive Rialto Bridge!

**Day 8: Individual departure**

After breakfast you start your individual return journey home or extend your stay.

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# Boat descriptions

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## **MS Vita Pugna**

The genuine Dutch riverboat has had an exciting journey: the MS Vita Pugna sailed the Rhine, the Danube, the Black Sea and the Adriatic to finally reach Venice and the Po Cycle Route. Conversions and renovations finally made her the ideal companion for the bike and ship journey in Italy. There is always a cosy atmosphere on the family ship, as there is only room for a manageable number of guests.

### **Facts about the ship:**

- 10 cabins in total (9 twin cabins, 1 triple cabin), each 7 – 8 m<sup>2</sup> in size.
- Equipment per cabin: bathroom with shower/ WC, opening portholes, low separate beds (1.90/2 m x 0.75/0.80 m), air conditioning, locker, hair dryer on request
- Year of construction: 1924
- Renovation: 2008
- Maximum occupancy: 21 persons
- Length: 36 m
- Width: 5,40 m
- Draught: 1,60 m
- Appointments: spacious sun deck with seating, combined restaurant/salon area, self-service coffee and tea machine, WLAN in the common areas
- Languages spoken on board: German, English, Italian



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## **MS Ave Maria**

The former cargo ship MS Ave Maria was converted a few years ago into a tranquil, modern river ship that fulfils all the wishes of a bike and ship holiday. On one of the two large sun decks and in the Italian-style lounge you can spend relaxed, enjoyable evenings. In the restaurant you will be served Italian delicacies, while outside the windows the landscape quietly passes by. La dolce vita on your bike and ship trip in Italy!

### **Facts about the ship:**

- 17 outside cabins in total
- Lower deck:
  - 10 standard twin cabins, approx. 11 m<sup>2</sup>, three of which can be used as triple cabins, windows cannot be opened.
  - 3 bunk bed cabins, approx. 7.5 m<sup>2</sup>, each can be used as single or double cabin, windows cannot be opened
- Upper deck:
  - 4 superior twin cabins, approx. 11m<sup>2</sup>, three of which can be used as triple or quadruple cabins, Windows partially open
- Equipment per cabin: bathroom with shower/ WC, low beds (2 x 0.80 m) - almost every double bed can be separated into 2 beds, air conditioning, locker, hair dryer (on request)
- Year of construction 1970
- Renovation: 2011
- Maximum occupancy: 40 persons
- Length: 41 m
- Width: 7,50 m
- Draught: 1,05 m
- Equipment: two sun decks with seating, combined restaurant/lounge area, self-service coffee and tea machine, WLAN available
- Languages spoken on board: German, English, Italian