

## DAY 1

Begin your trip in baroque Salzburg before traveling into neighboring Germany | Bike through the unspoiled forests of Germany's Berchtesgaden National Park | Hop back across the Austrian border on two wheels before sitting down to a family-style tavern lunch | A long and delicious downhill leads you into the stately resort town of Zell am See | Spend the night in a classic grand hotel perched on a turquoise mountain lake.

### Accommodations

Grand Hotel Zell am See

Zell am See

"Lake time" is elevated to just plain timeless at this elegant retreat which seems to float on the waterfront promenade of Lake Zell. (pool, spa)

## DAYS 2-3

Hop in the saddle to take on the Hochalpenstrasse (High Alpine Road), Austria's scenic highway, which divides the Northern Alps from the Southern Alps | Pedal through a rarified high-mountain world, surrounded by snowfields and delicate grasses, and watched over by the bell-shaped Grossglockner peak | Savor lunch with a view before whipping around the curves of a roller-coaster downhill | Follow a bike path into romantic Lienz, where you have the evening off to explore cobblestoned alleyways | Slip into a slower pace on a valley ride through the relaxing pastoral scenery of the Gailtaler Alps.

### Accommodations

Grand Hotel Lienz

Lienz

Framed by the Dolomites and Austria's highest peaks, this lavish hotel features plush modern comforts yet also exudes old-world charm. (pool, spa)

## DAYS 4-6

Cross the border into Italy and the dramatic Dolomites | Gleaming meadows and granite towers await around every turn | Same mountains, different country—marvel at the alpine backdrop as you pass

villages festooned with laundry, where espresso-sipping locals watch the world go by from shutter-framed windows | Ride along the car-free Via delle Dolomiti, a former WWI train line turned cycling path, then sit down to inventive Italian cuisine in a converted train depot | Settle into our romantic villa-hotel tucked into a hill town in Valdobbiadene, home region of Prosecco | Spin through foothills festooned with vineyards and stop at a wine cellar to see where the local bubbles are bottled | Toast to your cross-Alps adventure with a view | Your final morning brings a choice to say arrivederci on the local cyclists' go-to loop ride or with a stroll to a nearby castle.

#### Accommodations

##### Hotel Villa Cipriani

##### Asolo

A rambling estate which clings to the edge of a hill town in a fever dream of mottled stone walls, patios, verandas and gardens worthy of a Medici. (pool, spa)