



Dolomites, Italy

May 28 – June 4, 2027

The trip to the Dolomites begins and ends in Bolzano, Italy. You can fly to Venice, Munich or Milan and then take the train to Bolzano. After the minimum of 10 reservations is reached, we will advise you to make your air travel reservations. We will meet at the Bolzano train station.

Trip Start: May 28, 2027 – Bolzano/Bozen train station
Trip Finish: June 4, 2027 – Bolzano/Bozen train station
Trip Length: 8 days, 7 nights
Trip Cost: \$3,300 per person sharing a room
 \$3,450 for a single room

(Trip cost includes everything except airfare, 1 dinner, 2 lunches, beverages, tips, and all items of a personal nature.)

Day by Day Overview

Friday, May 28 - Meet Karen and Patrizia Roncolato (our guide) at the train station in Bolzano/Bozen (this is the Italian/German name for the town) in the main hall (ticket hall) at 4:30PM. From here we will take a bus to Collalbo/Klobenstein and the Dolomiten Hotel - [Renon Hotel Dolomiti albergo Renon Alto Adige Südtirol](#) . Collalbo is about 3,500 ft elevation. Get settled and explore the village on your own.

- 6:30—Meet on terrace for refreshments, getting acquainted and preview of week.
- 7:00 – Dinner together in the hotel dining room.

Saturday, May 29 - By bus we will reach the town of Ortisei—one of the most iconic villages of the Dolomites. Located in the Val Gardena, Ortisei and the entire valley is widely known for its accomplished wood carvers. The valley bursts with tradition, culture and character. Near the village of St. Christina, we will take a ski gondola 7,000 feet to the mountain station of Col Riser. Serving as a gateway for hiking, walking and skiing, Col Riser provides panoramic views of some of Dolomites major peaks: Sassolungo, Odle Sciliar. Our bus will return us to Collalbo.

- Lunch on your own in Col Raiser
- Dinner together at our hotel

Sunday, May 30 - Our day begins locally as we enjoy viewing a religious procession – Corpus Domini Procession - through Collalbo. After lunch we walk an easy path through the town of Longomoso—at one time a stopover for the Teutonic Knights. Our woodland path gives us views to the “People Pyramids”, Gothic churches, and long views of pasture land and fields of flowers. We walk back to Collalbo.

- Packed lunch.
- Dinner together at our hotel

Monday, May 31 - Today we leave our hotel on a path that transverses field and woods. The view of the impressive Rosengarten range of the Dolomites is always with us. We will have interesting stops along our route today: the Bee Museum—the oldest surviving “maso” of the area—a typical farmhouse including dwelling, hay barn and stable ([Apiculture Museum in the Plattner farm](#)); The afternoon introduces us to the “apple experience” of South Tyrol: tasting & identifying various varieties. Then return to Collalbo.

- Packed lunch.
- Dinner together at our hotel

Tuesday, June 1 – This is a “town day”. We take the narrow-gauge train, then cable car down the mountain to Bolzano. At 10:00 a.m. we have a guided walk of Bolzano then we will visit the South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology, home to the famous 5000-year-old “Ice Man”—we have a specialist guide. [Home | Museo Archeologico dell’Alto Adige](#). Bolzano is considered the gateway to the Dolomites. [Bolzano, the gateway to the Dolomites - Italia.it](#). Bus or lift back to Collalbo.

- Lunch and Dinner on your own.

Wednesday, June 2 – By bus to Kneipp experience a (holistic wellness experience in nature) and then continue by bus to the cable car station which will “lift” us to 6,600ft. An hour’s walk from the cable car station -- accompanied by spectacular Dolomite scenery-- takes us to the “Corno of Renon”. (Corno=horn; Renon=name of area). Another option near the cable car station is the Panoramic Trail walk—a circular walk offering 360 degree views of prominent Dolomite peaks. Take the lift or walk back to cable car station. Return to our hotel by bus.

- Packed lunch.
- Dinner together at our hotel

Thursday, June 3 – By bus we go to the Sarentino (Sarntal) Valley. This is a very traditional and authentic valley of the South Tyrol. It extends 50 km from Bolzano to the Pennes Pass. It is far from mass tourism and is renowned for its pristine nature with the continuing traditions such as peacock feather embroidery and famous wool slippers. Time permitting, we will visit the small farming village of Durnholz. It has one of the smallest mountain schools in the whole of South Tyrol. Return to Collalbo by bus.

- Packed lunch.
- Dinner together at our hotel

Friday, June 4 - We leave Collalbo this morning after breakfast to be at the Bolzano train station by 10:00a.m. If you need an earlier departure, a taxi can be arranged.

Notes: Our hikes each day are 5-6 miles. This is the Italian Alps and so some of the hikes have significant elevation changes. For the hikes with the greatest altitude gain, we take a gondola/lift/cable car part way. While elevations change during our week from valley to high mountain meadows the actual hiking elevation range is from 500 ft to 1,000 ft. The highest elevation we reach is 7,000’. To enjoy this trip, you should hike regularly in the months prior to the trip, include hills and be prepared for a great week of hiking!

We leave Collalbo each morning around 9:00 AM. Our breakfasts and dinners are at the hotel with the exception of one dinner on your own. A picnic lunch is provided by the hotel each day with the exception of lunches on our Bolzano day and the Col Raiser day.

Please Note: The above schedule is subject to change due to weather or other circumstances beyond our control.

Flight and Airport Info

Getting to Bolzano — Fly from the U.S. to Venice, Milan or Munich. You can take the train from any of these cities to Bolzano. Train tickets are cheapest bought via the internet using the Trenitalia website or Bahn if traveling from Munich. Of course, tickets can be bought at your departure train station or through your travel agent.

Weather: Early summer weather with possible cool mountain temperatures and rain. June daytime temperatures range 70-85 degrees, nighttime 50-65 degrees.

Helpful Websites:

www.visitdolomites.com

www.iceman.it

<http://www.trenitalia.com/cms/v/index.jsp?vgnextoid=ad1ce14114bc9110VgnVCM10000080a3e90aRCRD>

(Italy trains website)

<https://int.bahn.de/en> - German train website