

Ciclismo CLASSICO

The Leaders in Bicycle
Vacations Since 1989



2011



I did it! I did it!
The Todi Challenge—
steepest climb EVER.



It was
fantastic to
explore the
trippy dead
City of Civita
with my
older bro.
We haven't
argued once.

From now on I'm gonna make life
S.I.M.P.L.E. and see stuff, rather than
buy stuff.



Just landed in the
village of my ancestors,
learning to make
Porcini Tortelloni by
someone ALMOST as
good as our nonna.



We picked and hauled grapes,
then saw how Lambrusco gets
made—sorry, stomping on them
is only in movies.



Life is measured by the number of
moments that take your breath away.

Over the years our guests regularly share how a Ciclismo Classico tour transformed their lives and how our cross-cultural exchanges are what dreams are made of. Since this is exactly our dream, hearing these stories is music to our ears!

Take Patria Lanfranchi, whose Bike Across Italy tour inspired her to learn Italian, quit her job and move to Italy to seek out her family's roots. She is now "living more simply and true to her heart." Rosemary Holliday, a hard working "dot-commer", was so entranced by her Bike Across Italy 2 trip that she changed her outlook on life. "It was almost like the air in my lungs and the sensory overload had cleared my vision...I made a commitment to seek more balance in my life."

For world bike traveler Jay Jacobson, who has biked in over fifty countries, transformation came on his first Island Hopping tour that launched his ten-year love affair with Corsica. And Diane McNally, a 56-year-old empty nester who joined a bike club after a Ciclismo tour, rode 7,000 miles in one year, lost twenty pounds and was invited to ride on a local racing team. "What a gift to discover something you love and can do every day, something that

gives you lasting friendships, personal challenges and great health as a reward."

Reuniting with roots. Personal change. Simplicity reached. Friendship found. Health and fitness improved. Traditions discovered. Balance achieved. Adventure captured. Deeper cultural connections realized. Passion energized. These are just some of the soul-satisfying experiences that regularly occur on a Ciclismo Classico bicycle tour.

Ciclismo Classico strives to jumpstart your dreams by creating this magical connection between you, the landscape and the local culture. We don't just hand you an itinerary and a bike, we set the stage, engage you and work hard to provide an extraordinary once-in-a-lifetime experience. We take this Ciclismo difference, born and perfected in Italy, wherever we ride.

In 2011 we are proud to introduce three new tours that reflect our commitment to creating the world's best rides: Bike Across Scotland, European Odyssey and Ireland: the Dramatic West Coast. We are expanding our

More Miles for Less trips with new rides in Sardegna and the Western Alps. Like all our tours, these new journeys combine gorgeous roads, learning opportunities and cross-cultural exchange.

I founded Ciclismo Classico in 1989 as the first company to specialize in Italian bicycle tours. Today, my simple yet bigger vision is to inspire people to embrace cycling as a soulful form of travel.

A bike ride with us always reminds me of how life should be. Active, fun, delicious, educational, flowing, energizing and always connecting with beautiful places, its people and other curious travelers. After a Ciclismo tour, you will not only feel like part of one big cycling family, you will realize that life itself is a dream waiting to happen. Let us help you get your dreams rolling in 2011!

Lauren Heffron

Lauren Heffron, Director and Founder

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I'm engaged!
We got totally soaked in the mist of this amazing Alpine waterfall, how could I not say "si"?

Farewell, carpeted cubicle
... New Zealand, here I come!

This night owl has found NIRVANA: biking under the midnight sun of Lofoten, Norway. Surreal.

Just coasted through my 50th birthday in a lavender-scented breeze, bunch of big, sweet grapes in my handlebar bag ... Provence rocks!

"Since my kids have experienced my Italian husband's and my Italian roots, I dreamed of taking them to experience their Irish O'Heffernan DNA. This summer we rode around Connemara for 10 days, and my two red-headed boys were greeted like native sons."

Ciclismo *Magico*

What makes a bicycle tour really hum? Is it that feeling of the wind at your back - even when it isn't? Of conquering greater heights than those pesky elevation charts cheerily suggest? How

about sweeping silently through vistas wider than this glossy brochure can possibly show, while pedaling through serious mountains of gelato, vino and antipasto, then gearing down

five cogs at the end of each magnificent day: aperitivo, antipasto, primo, secondo, dolci ...

Call us pragmatic, but as spellbinding as these destinations are, there must be a method to

create "magic". Expert guides, heaping helpings, solid structure and more than 20 years experience hosting the most discerning travelers set Ciclismo Classico apart.

Here are the many ingredients that go into creating the *Ciclismo Magico*:



About.com
Getting from
Greece to Italy
in Style
June 2010



Wall Street Journal
Ten Great Trips
You've Probably
Never Heard Of
May 2010



ABC News
Amazing
Outdoor
Vacations
March 2010



**Continental
Magazine**
Trentino on
Two Wheels
Feature Story
March 2010



**Celebrated
Living**
Cycling -
What's New:
Tour de France
March 2010



**National
Summit Bike**
First and Only Bicycle Tour
Company as Panelist
March 2010



**National Geographic
Adventure**
"One of the Best
Adventure Outfitters
on Earth"
2008 & 2009



**Adventure
Cyclist**
Feature Story,
"Sweetening
the Pot"
March 2009



Entrepreneur
"Boomer Travel"
Spring 2009



**National
Geographic
Traveler**
"50 Tours of
a Lifetime"
May/June
2008



**Cornell Alumni
Magazine**
"Spokes Woman"
May/June 2009



Outside
"Sicily: Bike
Italy's Spiciest
Island"
May 2009



Magic Ingredient #2: FUEL, GLORIOUS FUEL

Not the fossil kind, but glorious fuel for you! Each day, feast on gourmet spreads featuring the tasty signature specialties of the region, from home-made tortelloni in Italy to crepes stuffed with goat cheese and honey in Provence. Plus, twice on each tour, you'll enjoy the bounty of our famous Ciclismo alfresco picnics—a real treat.

Magic Ingredient #5: SPELLBINDING CELEBRATIONS

There's no other adjective to describe them. Don't be surprised to roll into a village at the height of a Renaissance fair, community feast, or religious celebration like the madcap Festa dei Ceri in Gubbio on the Bike Across Italy tour (May 11). We design many trips to coincide with them. Bring plenty of memory cards for your camcorder or point 'n' shoot!



Magic ingredient #1: EXPERT, LOCAL GUIDES

Our renowned tour leaders aren't just fit snowbirds showing you all the sights. Most were born and raised in Italy and Europe and live there year-round. They'll give you the inside running on their home territory and the regions you'll visit, sharing secrets and tips that only locals are privy to. It's what Ciclismo Classico is famous for. Get to know them on pages 8-9.



Magic Ingredient #3: RAMPING UP YOUR RIDE

Like true bicycle bambini, our guides have ridden—even raced—thousands of miles in their adventurous lives. In special mini-clinics and lessons, they'll share with you the fine points of shifting, braking, posture, climbing, descending, cadence and more, so that you'll ride for maximum enjoyment and achieve your personal best.

Magic Ingredient #4: LESSONS IN THE LOCAL LINGO

You won't be at a loss for words when a local pays you a compliment or gives you directions to something. Our native guides will conduct a number of efficient, structured language lessons covering important words and phrases that will earn a big, welcoming smile from the locals.



Magic Ingredient #6: HOME AWAY FROM HOME

When traveling by bicycle, getting an excellent night's sleep is up right there with gourmet carbs and fabulous scenery. From a rustic farmhouse to a five-star villa, from a medieval castle to a cute cottage, we make sure your nightly "casa" reflects the character of your destination. Peek through the window on page 12.

Magic Ingredient #7: ON THE SAG WAGON IN STYLE

Need a breather? Hop in the Ciclismo support van, your air-conditioned deli, tool shed, cafe, and hangout. Rest your wheels, crack open a box of biscotti, and follow the route until you're ready to roll on that magic pavement again. Caveat: the guides might get you singing "Volare" or some other classic Italian tune while you enjoy the ride.



Magic Ingredient #8: SNACK ATTACK THOSE HILLS

Speaking of biscotti, we make sure you keep your body fueled regularly with water, fresh fruit and high-energy snacks sourced locally when we can. Think—or rather scarf—orange-and-chocolate pane dell'orso (bear bread), piping hot pastries and, va bene, you better start pedaling!

Magic Ingredient #9: DOPO IL GIRO FUN

That means "apres ride" fun in Italian. You've parked your wheels, indulged in dinner, what's next? Gelato strolls, dancing la tarantella in the piazza, spontaneous serenades, and even a late-night dip in the Mediterranean are just some of the ideas our guides conjure up for that all-important night cap. Dormire bene — another magic day awaits your willing wheels.

What Flavor of Rider are You?

In your dreams, you might be a super cyclist. In your waking moments, what's your perfect ride? Eating Piedmont truffles instead of miles? Sipping more vino than Gatorade? Sleuthing for souvenirs rather than sideroads? Or do you really want to put your latest training regimen to the test in the Dolomites or the rolling roads of Sardegna? Do any of these describe you? There are as many kinds of rider as there are flavors of gelato, and we've meticulously designed itineraries to suit the all but stay-at-home tastes. From the newbie to the world

A two-wheeled adventure for every taste



I'm a Newbie: don't breathe down my back tire.

You've ridden around the block, now you're ready to conquer the world? Welcome to bicycle touring 101. You will love our short, easy trips light on pedaling and heavy on sightseeing—a great appetizer to Ciclismo's full menu of more advanced tours. And, with no prizes for being first and a support vehicle never too far away, you can rest and build fitness as you go.

Suggested trips:

- Assaggio Toscana
- Italian Alps & Sud Tyrol
- Venice to Bologna
- La Bella Puglia
- Ireland: The Dramatic West Coast



I'm a Hammerhead: gimme miles and plenty of them.

You fantasize about conquering every climb plus the extra loop. You want share the victory with your fellow hammerheads. You like to fly with your wheels barely touching the ground—but it doesn't mean you won't stop for a great lunch, glass of vino, sweeping vista or historical wonder along the way. You'll just get there before everyone else, and clock up miles on your odometer.

Suggested trips:

- Follow the Races
- Majestic Dolomites
- Bike Across Italy 2
- Bike Across Scotland
- Giro della Toscana



I'm Retired, but not tired: keep on going strong.

When "over the hill" means "nice passing you, young man". You've got more get-up-and-go now than when you were 20, with nothing to prove other than a nose for distinguishing Sangiovese from a Sagrantino and the best formaggio to pair it with. Biking, hiking, swimming, sipping, and savoring, in whatever amounts you choose—you've earned it.

Suggested trips:

- Friuli & Slovenia
- Croatia
- Dordogne Castles & Valleys
- Sardegna More Miles for Less
- Norway: Classic Fjords



I'm an Italophile: my dream is to experience every corner of Italy.

You know your tagliatelli from your tagliolini, and that it's an appetizer, not the main event. While others equate paradise to Provence, your nirvana could well be hidden Norcia (famous for black truffles, see page 40). "A famous bike race" is "Giro d'Italia" to you, and The Pantheon is as much about the Tazza d'Oro coffee shop nearby as the famed Corinthian columns. And when you choose a tour company to explore more of the continent you love, they'd better know "the boot" better than the back of their handlebars. You say, *"pronto ad andare?"* We say, *andiamo!*

Suggested trips:

- Swept Away in Sardegna
- La Bella Sicilia
- Bike Across Italy
- Tuscany & Island of Elba
- Giro d'Italia

traveler, from the leisurely loiterer to the mile master, from the solo flyer to the family funster, we will find you a trip that fits, guaranteed. The best part? You'll ride with others who will captivate your kindred spirit, share a laugh (or three), and create unbreakable biking bonds, all while having good old-fashioned fun.



I'm a Family Funster: I want to bond with my bambinos on biciclette.

A well-traveled child grows into a worldly adult. Together, you and your pedaling progeny can explore our world by bicycle, kayak, and hiking trail—long before they're ready to vanish with the keys to the family car. Savor this moment, it's priceless.

Suggested trips:

- Tuscan Fantasy
- Norway: Lovely Lofoten
- Sardegna Multisport Adventure
- La Bella Puglia
- Ireland: The Dramatic West Coast



We're a Combo Couple: I take a tour to train, he wants to explore and take photos.

Or vice versa, of course. People who play together, stay together, so many of our routes are structured for the non-or-casual partner to discover on shorter rides or on foot. Meanwhile, performance-focused other halves can indulge in extra loops and other challenges. Your dream is to have a harmonious experience with your partner (yet fulfill your goals at the same time). And remember, that magical Ciclismo support van is always ready and waiting to make miles literally melt away for both, no shame whatsoever.

Suggested trips:

- Austria & Czech Republic
- Assaggio Toscana
- Provence
- Burgundy



I'm a Culture Connoisseur: and a bicycle just makes the coffee smell stronger.

You eat Botticelli for breakfast, Leonardo for lunch, and you're still hungry for more.

You'll brake for a history lesson, stop to hear a life story, and you hear strains of "Nessun Dorma" on the downhill to dinner. Miles are the mere means to a super-enriched end. And you know what the word "Etruscan" means. Your dream is to learn as much as you can on each ride.

Suggested trips:

- Piedmont: Land of Barolo & Truffles
- Burgundy
- Chile & Argentina
- Andalusia
- Colavita Olive Harvest



I'm a Global Pedaler: I've been there, seen that, back to do it over.

You've got a rolling duffle permanently packed at the front door. Your bicycle vacation calendar is carefully mapped out a year in advance. Your life goal is to see as many places in the world as you can. You're addicted to Google Earth as you fantasize future routes in faraway lands. And like the Ciclismo team, you know that wonderful feeling of toned calves year round. Wait, did we meet in Corsica? And Chile? No? *il mio mondo è il tuo mondo...*

Suggested trips:

- Greece to Italy
- Giro d'Italia
- New Zealand
- European Odyssey



What Flavor of Cyclist are You?

We'll figure out what niche turns your wheels. Call us and our bike tour matchmakers will connect you with the best journey.

Or, customize your own and do a **Ciclismo Your Way** trip.

Ride at *Your Level* Best

Whatever flavor of rider you are (see pages 4-5), there are levels of trip that will match your taste. From easy ambling shorter days on our Savor & Sip trips, to higher mileage, climbing-and-descend-and-repeat Grand Journeys, there's a Ciclismo trip that will match your skill to a tee. All routes provide unrivaled scenery and outstanding cultural experiences no matter what level you choose: that's our mission and claim to fame—to be your gracious, gregarious, and expert host on the world's best rides. That's because they've been carefully designed from scratch by our founder Lauren and our exuberant local experts. You'll find trips here offered by no one else but la casa di Ciclismo Classico. We promise.

“Just returned from an amazing Follow the Tour in the French Pyrenees. Obviously watching the TDF was incredible, but it was made more so by the fantastic esprit de corps of our Ciclismo guides and the fourteen other riders who were inspiring, supportive, and just solid great company. Great weather, great food, great wine, and no flat tires! I'm hooked, I'll be a frequent Ciclismo pedaler for sure.”

Elliot Krane, Menlo Park, CA



Easy

You're new to biking, or you just want to take it easy with lots of stops to take pictures and explore and no one hurrying you along. Expect a leisurely pace over generally flat terrain. Average distance per day: 18-35 miles.



Athletic Beginner

You're not a fanatical rider, but you exercise regularly and enjoy a leisurely day's spin on your bike. You might want to graduate to "intermediate" one day, or not. The pace is relaxed but the terrain gently rolling, more ups and downs, more vistas and valleys than Easy tours. Average distance per day: 35-45 miles.



Intermediate

You're active on your days off, and recreational biking might even be your weekend sport of choice. You love to ride and it shows in your endurance and strength. A steady but active pace, with opportunities to push yourself and some challenging climbs, with great descents over rolling terrain. Average distance per day: 40-50 miles.



Expert

You crave vigorous pacing, challenging climbs and thrilling descents. You covet longer mileage with lots of hills and descents varying terrain, and a mountain pass or two only makes it better. Average distance per day: 45+ miles.

Expertise can be developed in 2 distinct ways:

1. Repeat the same experience a thousand times over. 2. Seek and share a thousand new experiences. Put the two together, and you have Mondo Ciclismo, our award-winning bicycle trips that cover the Italian boot and beyond.

We've been honing our successful Italy touring format for more than 20 years: Experienced, native guides, meticulously researched routes and astonishing meal and accommodation choices. Along the way, we've set our sights on far-flung destinations we ourselves have dreamed of touring.

Ready to venture to the Arctic Circle to hike under the midnight sun? Chill with a Chilean drop in a mineral bath? Spin into the wilds of New Zealand's spectacular glacier country?

It's the same "Ciclismo Magico" gone global, so you're guaranteed our standards no matter which destination you choose.



Mondo Ciclismo

Ride Our World



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Meet the World's Greatest Guides

Welcome to my home.

Just what sets Ciclismo Classico (CC) apart from other tour companies? What inspires our guests to return year after year to host their active vacation, birthday, wedding, or other milestone moment in life? Judging from the many, many letters of appreciation we receive each year, the message is clear: it's our guides—native, local, and leading with what we call our Ciclismo Guiding Principles.

CC Guiding Principle #1: Putting You at Ease Right Away
Even in a small group, it's important to feel at ease with your travel mates right away. Our guides are gregarious hosts, expertly breaking the ice with travelers from all walks of life, all corners of the globe. Before you know it, you're talking travel memories, gear inches, dog breeds, and wine varietals. Although we offer special trips for families and the occasional "single mingle" tour, all riders are welcome on our trips. Your CC guide gathers everyone around the table to make sure you don't feel like you've gotten off at the wrong planet—after all, it's the one home town we all share.



Guiding Principle #2: Casa Mia e' Casa tua

A warm welcome into our guides' hometowns (and in some cases, even their homes) is a given. But imagine tagging along to their personal favorite haunts like a visiting cousin. Deeply connected with the locals, they'll lead you to Giovanne in the Reggello gelateria, who scoops a Dolomites-sized serving to our guests. You'll meet Salvatore, who holds the keys to the ancient mural in Bevagna, tucked away in a barn. There's Beppe, who always pops up to join us for our last climb to Passo Scalone in Calabria. And Rosella, who knows exactly the kind of panini our guests need to fuel their ride to Le Grotte De Frassasi. Connections with locals—and the desire to share them with you—is what distinguishes a Ciclismo Guide from other tour guides in the field.

CC Guiding Principle #3: Stellar Support, Mile after Mile

Cycling alongside you or tailing you in our support van, your guide is on the spot, making sure you're on course, your water bottle is full, and you have everything you need for a great day on the road. Mechanical problem? No problem. Our guides have the tools and experience, or the mobile bike van is a crank turn away.

CC Guiding Principle #4: Expert Coaching to Make You a Better Cyclist

No matter how athletic you are, there's always room for getting more out of your ride. Our guides are a mixture of expert cyclists, former competitive racers, and experienced distance tourers (and additionally bear many other decorated credentials). They're delighted to share their knowledge and offer you tips on riding safer, better, and more effectively.

CC Guiding Principle #6: Stay Connected After Your Tour

If you so desire, you'll find our Ciclismo guides will enjoy staying in touch with you when you get home. Through Skype, email, Facebook—or even a personal visit, they'll clue you into upcoming events and give you plenty of reasons to return to their homeland. We encourage you to offer them suggestions for how we can make your next Ciclismo vacation even better than your last.

CC Guiding Principle #5: Professional Yet Caring

Starting very early and finishing late, your guide puts in a busy day, making sure everything runs like a well-oiled transmission. They're professional but innately caring individuals, who delight in showing their homeland in a way

you will remember.

We carefully select them and foster this surprisingly rare, dual quality.

Ciclismo Unico

Stars of our show since 1989

Tours No One Else Has

Pushing the frontiers of sophisticated bicycle travel is Ciclismo's lifeblood. Never content to settle for "me-too" tours, we take our yearly trip planning very seriously, assembling an international think-tank of experts to brainstorm new routes, new ideas, and, destinations-less-pedaled. Driving the process is your ongoing feedback and imaginative responses to our annual guest survey:

"In your dreams, if there was just one kind of bike trip you'd want to do next, what would it be?"

Read on to see how personal dreams become a Ciclismo Unico, building an astonishing roster of "world-firsts" and trips that no other tour company offers:



Tuscany & the Island of Elba (b. 1989)

In your dreams: I want a taste of Tuscany with a dash of sea salt.

On our tour: The very first tour we offered over 20 years ago combines the vibrant, Tuscan culture with a splash of island pedaling—it's the best of both worlds.



Mediterranean Island Hopping (b. 1991)

In your dreams: I want two island paradises for the price of one.

On our tour: Lauren loves biking islands so much, she said, why not double the fun? We combined French-flavored Corsica and Italian-infused Sardegna, a double dip into the dramatic seascapes and natural beauty of two distinct cultures. Best of all, it's led by Cristiano, a veteran of two dozen tours on these islands alone.



La Bella Puglia (b. 1992)

In your dreams: I want to get to know the Italy-less-discovered.

On our tour: In Italy's tottering high heel you'll follow the path once trundled by ancient Greeks, Romans, Crusaders, and Ottomans, be fascinated by clustered, conical trulli buildings and savor the flavorful Pugliese cooking in Italy's "far east".



Giro d'Italia (b. 1995)

In your dreams: I want to bike the "boot" from top to toe.

On our tour: The world's only seamless, 15-day north-to-south expedition that showcases the best six of Italy's distinctive regions on barely-traveled roads. Just want to dip your toe? There's a mini version available too.



Bike Across Italy (b. 1993)

In your dreams: I want to ride coast to coast.

On our tour: Take Lauren's very first bike ride from Pisa to her grandmother's village in Genga. Tweak it by pausing in Italy's famous and hidden hill towns. Perfect it by bringing in legendary tour guide Marcello Bonini. Hands down, this "calf to the shin of Italy" tour is our most popular trip ever.



Venice to Bologna (b. 1995)

In your dreams: Can I really bike from one city to another without a hill in between?

On our tour: We were the first to connect two all-time favorite Italian cities with easy pedaling through coastal lagoons and fertile farmlands, dotted with mosaics, ceramics, and gourmet cuisine—and the only climbing you'll do is (maybe) some stairs at your charming albergo.

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Grand Tour de Mont Blanc (b. 2001)

In your dreams: I want to climb the highest mountains. On Our Tour: We were the first company to ride this famed Alpine region that's a perfect destination for the ambitious, cyclist.



Italian Alps & Sud Tyrol (b. 2002)

In your dreams: I want lots of flats—no, the other kind!

On our tour: Imagine cycling through the Alpine and lakeside vistas without changing a single gear. Yes, you're cycling in the mountains, but they're all around you, not under you.



Sardegna Multisport Adventure (b. 2003)

In your dreams: I want a grown-up vacation, with the kids in tow

On our tour: Welcome to the first biking, boating, hiking, swimming, barbecuing family favorite tour on Sardegna, an island paradise largely unknown to many, and one of Lauren's favorite places.



Bike Across Italy 2 (b. 2004)

In your dreams: I've biked across Italy. Is there a sequel?

On our tour: The second leg of this award-winning tour series is the only "heel-to-toe" journey through Italy's lesser-known south, named *Outside Magazine's* Trip of the Year 2004, and listed in *Frommer's* "Best Places You Never Heard Of".



Croatia's Istria Peninsula (b. 2007):

In your dreams: I want to venture into the Europe of old.

On our tour: Italy's neighbor to the east, Croatia, is a melting pot of old Europe with just a hint of Italy and a spellbinding Adriatic coastline. Touching on Slovenia and the Brijuni archipelago, a former vacation spot for Europe's aristocrats, this is one of the first road cycling tours to explore this fascinating region.



Giro del Gelato (b. 2007)

In your dreams: I want to climb a mountain of gelato.

On our tour: Rich in history, flavor, and well-earned carbs, our innovative gelato tour concept was awarded *Outside Magazine's* "Trip of the Year 2007". Each tour marked with a "Giro del Gelato" includes all-you-can-eat gelato at every gelato stop!

The Colavita Olive Harvest (b. 2009)

In your dreams: I want the skinny on olive oil.

On our tour: Homer called it "liquid gold". The famous Colavita olive oil family rolls out the golden carpet to demonstrate the oil making process and share the lore of the tasty olive itself.



Lovely Lofoten (b. 2010)

In your dreams: I want to escape to a whole new world, where nature is the way of life, and the sun barely sets.

On our tour: In Norway's Lofoten islands, life is like a wide angle lens on your new SLR: sweeping, dramatic country landscapes of vivid color, villagers who live off the sea, and real-time Nordland folklore brought to life in your midst.



Wait, there's no rest stop for the wicked...

This year, we're adding the one-of-a-kind, 14-day European Odyssey and the first Bike Across Scotland trip. Your suggestions keep us on the bike and exploring, so just tell us where you dream of riding next, and we'll work on taking you there in true Ciclismo style.

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Casa Ciclismo

Lodgings you'll love

The last mile is done and dusted. You're ready to step out of those stiff-soled shoes, drink from a glass rather than a plastic spout, and lay your weary helmet on a smooth, fat pillow.

We've already gone ahead and placed your luggage neatly in your room. And what a room it is... our guides carefully select and test each lodging, whether it's a cozy inn, guesthouse, monastery or medieval castle, as much for local flavor and welcoming as amenities and convenience.

“I especially admire your selection of family-run hotels. What atmosphere! What food! What attention! Bravo!”

Peggy Mooney, Santa Cruz, CA



Su Gologone, Sardegna

The Ciclismo Bicycles

You'll Love Riding "Made in Italy"

It's chic. It's a little racy. It's quintessentially Italiano.



Each Ciclismo Classico bike comes equipped with:

- Ciclismo Classico water bottle
- Two large water bottle holders
- Map holder on handlebar
- Small rear bag with spare tube and tire irons
- Handlebar bag to carry your camera and other transportables
- Tire pump
- Odometer/speedometer cycle computer
- Combination bike lock
- Card with your tour leaders' mobile phone numbers

It's the legendary celeste-hued steed that made Fausto Coppi the "champion of champions" and Marco Pantani the king of the hill. It still turns heads around the world, from the peaks of the Tour de France to the bike lanes of our beloved USA basecamp near Boston.

It's your personal bicycle, custom-built for Ciclismo Classico.

For the gear freaks: We start with a Bianchi Via Nirone 7 road frame. Our Bianchi-loving mechanics build up each bike with top Italian components: Bianchi FLN carbon fork. Campagnolo Veloce triple. Campagnolo Veloce shifters and brakes. Adjustable stem to fit all riders great and small. Puncture-resistant tires. A comfortable, gel-padded saddle.

For the romantics: The final flourish is our own headcrest, the Gallo Nero or "Black Rooster", symbol of our heritage in the Tuscan Chianti region.

You prefer a more upright sitting position? No problem. We also provide custom-built, ultra performance aluminum hybrid bicycles with straight handlebars, designed for riding at a more relaxed, look-about-you pace.

For teams of two who like to stick together, ask about our tandems. And for children, we have small hybrids, trail-a-bikes, and trailers all designed to work in harmony with our main bikes.

When touring in Scotland, Ireland, Chile, Argentina, Vietnam, or New Zealand bicycle availability may vary. Check with your Ciclismo tour consultant.

Ciclismo Your Way You Dream It, We Design It USA & Canada

The grand buffet of adventures in this catalog is just the primi piatti for many of our imaginative guests. In fact, one in five Ciclismo tours is custom-designed for special events, milestone moments, personal challenges... whatever occasion you want to celebrate.





Want to “shop til you drop” with your galpals touring Italy’s best ceramics and... shoes (we’ll carry your parcels so you can bike to the next bargain)? **Do a fundraiser challenge that will excite you to ride it, and inspire your pledgers to support it?** Ride with the family in a mini carnival with loops tailored for the entire cycling clan, from figlio to nonno? **Indulge in a unique stargazing tour, spending each night looking moonward atop medieval hilltowns?** We began this custom service in Europe, and now we’re delighted to offer it closer to home. **Call us and we’ll tailor an imaginative itinerary combining everything you want in a tour, and nothing you don’t.**

Here are some **Ciclismo Your Way** favorites in our own back yard:

Like the Mother Country without Jetlag – The Berkshires

A favorite for Europhiles wanting to stay stateside, active families or your first bike ride in New England, our route in Massachusetts’ lush Berkshire mountains is sure to satisfy. You can potter around Hancock Shaker Village with its wonderfully preserved shops, savor the purest air on the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail, and the mile-hungry will hallucinate they’re cycling the Italian or French Alps by conquering the climb and thrilling descent over Mount Greylock.

Graduation Reunion on Lake Champlain

When a group of master’s degree candidates took that last stroll in cap and gown, they wanted a last cycling hurrah before embarking on new careers, and the northeast kingdom’s Lake Champlain Bikeway fit the bill. They rode 50+ miles per day, laughed, slept, photographed and recharged, and were ready to take on the world!

Leadership for Life – In Your Favorite Setting

A group of leadership-minded bike lovers wanted to learn what it takes to become a pro cycletouring guide like our Ciclismo guides. We transported our Tuscany-based program to Acadia National Park in Maine. Our seasoned master instructor bestowed these would-be guides with lessons in group dynamics, conflict resolution, prepping and conducting a tour, and so much more – and put it all in practice on great rides around Mount Desert Island!

Beer and Beach on the North Shore

If Italy means wine and cheese, the north shore of Massachusetts means ale and appetizers. For this family of beer enthusiasts, we sought out the best local brews to fuel a challenging, six day tour of immensely diverse, quiet and craggy coastal roads including Ipswich and postcard-perfect Cape Ann. Top it all off with an Ipswich Ale and fried clams, and you’re in New England heaven.

Just for the Hill Of It - Canadian Edition

Upon getting a long awaited promotion, a long time alum and dedicated climber wanted to celebrate by scaling the highest peaks without going across the pond. We whipped up a hilly holiday in undulating southern Quebec. Picture ancient mountain ranges, beautiful back roads dotted with colorful villages, delicious coffee, duck pate, charming auberge (inns) and a World War I airplane all rolled up in a warm baguette - the top brass couldn’t have a finer ride to the top.

History Buff’s Heaven Down South in Colonial Virginia

History seekers swoon at this week-long ramble along of Virginia’s Tidewater and Hampton Roads. These colonial byways are filled with scenic peninsulas, wetlands, uplands, sandy beaches, and some of the best and easiest road cycling in the state. Highlights include the Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge and historic Richmond, the capital of the confederacy.

A “Gallery” of a Bike Ride for the Do-It-Yourselfer – or Continuing Education for Architects

An architect-cyclist traveler dreamed of taking his talents on the road with his bike, and with spouses and other design-buffs in tow. He conducted a 6-day educational bike tour around Charleston and Savannah, known for their pre-war architecture and immaculately preserved southern estates. Save it to say that everyone came home with new and well-documented home improvement ideas!

“I have cycled extensively throughout the American east and Canada, and have also ridden across the USA. After all that riding, my favorites are at home on the Massachusetts North Shore, with breathtaking views of the Atlantic, quiet roads that meander through state forests and protected areas, and along the streets of Ipswich, Newburyport and dozens of other colonial era villages that dot this historic shoreline.”

Gordon Harris, Ipswich, Massachusetts

Ciclismo Your Way **You Dream It, We Design It** Europe

Take an existing tour and make it private just for you, or compose the itinerary of your dreams. That's Ciclismo Your Way, and our expert trip planners will work with you to create the dreamiest and most memorable trip you can imagine. The proof is in the pedaling, and in the dream trips that we have made reality over the years.





Here's a sampling of our favorite **Ciclismo Your Way** tours in Europe:

Stargazing Like Galileo

Love gazing at the stars? Astronomy buffs, planet watchers and stargazers will thrill at our celestial cycle across Tuscany tracing the path of "the father of astronomy". Pedal under the Tuscan sun by day, peer into Galileo's modern day telescopes by night as we visit the many observatories around Florence, Pisa and Siena, with commentary provided by a renowned academic who will travel with the group.

Bike & Not

Facciamo la Spesa e la Pedalata

So half your group bikes and half doesn't. We made up a list of shopping days, walking tours, cooking lessons, olive oil and wine tastings, visits with local artisans, and guided city tours with full van transportation between towns. And a bit of pedaling for the guests who have everything.

Bike and Betrothal

David Andinolfi and his fiancé Marisa wanted to tie the knot and ride into a Tuscan sunset together. We planned a wedding for 30 of their close friends and family at a tiny Renaissance chapel in Reggello. The intimate feast and festa overlooked vineyards, vistas, and a golden sunset at the historic, four-star Fattoria degli Usignoli. Guests gently walked and cycled off the feast with four lazy days of bike 'n' hike.

Bike and Banquet with your Favorite Chef

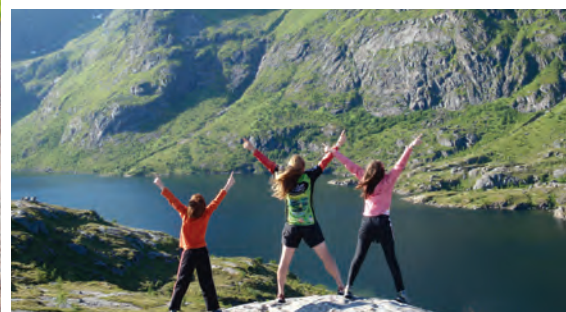
One night at a dinner party, the conversation turned to a unique vacation idea: riding across Italy, accompanied by your favorite chef. We found the chef and plotted a course-laden course from Emilia Romagna to Umbria. Delizioso.

Funride and Fundraise

Steve Rosenberg, a dedicated MS fundraiser, wanted a fresh, challenging, new route for his favorite annual cause. None of his teammates had ever been to Italy, so we designed a route for them in Umbria. They opened it up to other fundraisers and so not only raised funds for MS and had a blast of a vacation, they made brand new cycling friends.

Just for the Hill of It: Conquer the Famous Peaks of the Italian Alps

Our biggest Follow the Races fan, Mark Sylvester, wanted to get his former racing mates together to conquer the famous climbs of the Giro d'Italia. They trained, persevered, reunited, and did it, soaring over Mortirolo, Stelvio, Pordoi, Fedaia... and have the video to prove it.





Savor & Sip

Primi, secondi, dolci... salute!

You'd rather chill like a vintage Pinot Grigio. You want to stop and smell—but not *inhale*—the antipasti. You ride to indulge those “carbs worth climbing for”. Welcome to Ciclismo *Savor and Sip* trips. We'll brake for that rare white truffle in Piedmont. Sample just-pressed olive oil at the famous Colavita family estate. Sip rare organic wines in cozy enotecas. You'll crest peaks at your pace and savor the sweeping downhill to dinner. Leave the curry for the hurry back home!

“Two stylish men introduced each wine. This was 100% organic, limited edition vino. The first was a white which we all pronounced divine, followed by four reds which seemed to get darker in shade. The last red was so dark, it was described as black, “1 pound of grapes per glass,” said the sommelier—a vintage of just 882 bottles. The resident ‘olive oil sommelier’, produced a special blue olive oil sniffing and tasting glass. She presented grilled Italian bread which she doused liberally in oil and salt ... then followed a plate of exquisite cheeses including a truffle flavored variety and an aged pecorino drizzled with a sweet marmalade...amazing!”

Lynette Chiang, Bike Across Italy



Piedmont

Land of Barolo & Truffles

since
1992

A Gourmand's Fantasy That's Also a Feast for the Eyes

Few regions of the world are as ultimately satisfying as Piedmont in northwest Italy, with its magnificent alpine views, world-class wines, and fabulous cuisine, not to mention the rare white truffle, considered an aphrodisiac by many! Native Piedmont guide of over 100 tours and Acqui Terme resident Enrico Pizzorni has helped us perfect this tour since 1992. Come discover why Piedmont's longest-running bike tour was named 2007's "Trip of the Year" by *Outside Magazine*!

Day 1 Monterotondo: Our warm-up ride leads to the Museo dei Campionissimi, a museum dedicated to a celebration of cycling.

Days 2 & 3 Acqui Terme: Ride past the fairytale Castles of Monferrato, built to protect villages and vineyards. We'll overnight in the thermal spa town of Acqui Terme, which dates to the Roman Empire. The following day, ride through tiny villages and vine-covered hills to Nizza, and taste its famous Moscato dessert wine.

Day 4 Alba: Majestic views of the Alps dominate today's ride across the Alte Langhe ("high hills") to Alba, Piedmont's truffle capital.

Day 5 Barolo: Spin through the vineyards of Barolo and Monforte. En route, meet a local hunter who will share his secrets for finding the legendary white truffles of Piedmont. Later, enjoy a guided tour through the ancient Langhe region.

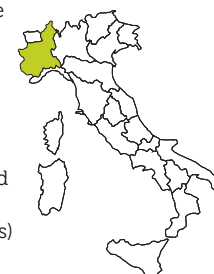
Days 6 & 7 Cioccaro di Penango: Pedal through a patchwork of vineyards and fruit and nut tree farms to the wine village of Barbaresco. On Day 7's loop, you'll ride the lightly trafficked roads of the Monferrato area, stopping to sample the area's Barbera wine at a local enoteca. End the afternoon with stunning views of the countryside at Montemagno.

Day 8 Arrivederci!

Trip Essence

1. Visiting the world-famous estates of Italy's most prestigious wine region—and enjoying multiple tastings with an expert sommelier
2. Riding the area's silky-smooth roads and savoring the best riding, cuisine, wine, and sightseeing with our resident tour leaders

3. Learning about truffle hunting from an the hunter himself—and his truffle-sniffing dog
4. Heaping your plate with authentic risotto and agnolotti (ravioli stuffed with meat and vegetables) in the land where they were invented



Trip Details

Trip Length 8 days/7 nights	Arrive/Depart Monterotondo di Gavi/Asti	Trip Price \$4,295-\$4,495
Total Mileage 249 mi	Dates for 2011 5/29-6/5 6/9-6/16 6/19-6/26 7/2-7/9 8/29-9/5 9/8-9/15 9/19-9/26 9/29-10/6 10/10-10/17	Single Supplement \$800
Daily Average 36 mi		Giro del Gelato 6/9-6/16
Terrain Rolling		



INTERMEDIATE



Trip Essence

1. Learning about olive oil processing—and tasting the freshest olive oil—as a special guest of the Colavita family
2. Coupling your olive oil tasting with a tasting of local wines

3. Hunting for truffles with a professional truffle master
4. Leaning against the trunk of an olive tree and journaling about your experiences in southeastern Italy



Trip Details

Trip Length
8 days/7 nights

Total Mileage
156 mi

Daily Average
22 mi

Terrain
Rolling

Arrive/Depart
Rome

Dates for 2011
10/7-10/14
10/17-10/24

Trip Price
\$3,795

Single Supplement
\$750



COLAVITA®
Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Olive Harvest

Foodie Dreams Take Flight in Colavita Country

Ever since its launch, the first-ever olive harvest cycling tour has been a hit! If you love food, you probably love olive oil, and on this adventure, you'll be hosted by Ciclismo Classico and the Colavita family as you sample the first of the Novello (very first, very new, just-pressed!) oil. Then, work it off on a dream landscape of varied terrain—and very little traffic to get in the way.

Day 1 Sulmona: Welcome to olive country! Unwind from your airport transfer with an energizing warm-up ride.

Day 2 Scanno: The ups and downs from Sulmona take us through lush countryside along rivers and gorges before arriving in the rustic hillside town of Scanno.

Day 3 Pescocostanzo: Continue through olive country through the national park of Maiella

and the hamlet of Pacentro before reaching beautiful Pescocostanzo.

Day 4 Agnone: Spin through the mountains and downhill to Agnone for a visit to a historic belt-making factory. Later, either ride to Pietrabbondante or go truffle hunting!

Day 5 Termoli: On your way to the Adriatic, your appreciation for this liquid gold continues as you stop at Larino for an in-depth introduction to olive oil from the tree to the bottle.

Day 6 Termoli: Ride inland to Italy's "bread basket" and visit a frantoio where freshly harvested olives are crushed.

Day 7 Rome: Your morning is at leisure in Termoli until you board the shuttle for Rome.

Day 8 Arrivederci!

“ Agnone—the **dinner** at the Marinelli family “taverna” was memorable for the food and the chance to interact with the family. The tour of the **bell factory** was a highlight of the week. ”

Connie & Craig Walley, Columbus, OH





Friuli & Slovenia

Wheels & Wines in a Little-Seen Corner of Europe

In a little-known pocket of Europe, the cultures of today's Italy, Slovenia, and Austria have bubbled together for centuries, fusing into a land with its own distinct history, traditions—and even language. It's not too late to experience this vanishing culture, on Ciclismo's easygoing itinerary. So roll off the beaten path—and into a cyclist's paradise!

Day 1 Trieste: Rich in Jewish history and along the natural gateway to Eastern Europe, Trieste is the capital of the Friuli-Venezia Giulia region. Launch your stay here with a warm-up ride along the picturesque Adriatic coast.

Day 2 Gorizia: Pedal north to discover the fascinating limestone landscape of Carso. In Gorizia, discover a mix of Italian and Slovenian influences.

Day 3 Palmanova: Loop to Palmanova, once a fortress that protected the Venetian land from invading armies. Its hexagonal central piazza is unlike any other in Italy.

Day 4 Cividale: Wheel through lush green slopes awash in grapevines in the Colli del Orientali wine region. More than 200 winemakers ply their craft here. You'll have ample opportunity to choose your favorite!

Days 5 & 6 Bovec: Spin into Slovenia, and roll along the emerald Soca River. Continue through the valley of the majestic Mount Triglav. In Kobarid, visit the famous World War I museum. Day 6, choose from a variety of activities available in Bovec.

Day 7 Bled: Shuttle to the top of the Predil Pass, and finish off this week of fantastic cycling by pedaling around magnificent Bled, home of the famous Bled Castle and glacial Bohinj Lake.

Day 8 Arrivederci and Dovidenia!

Trip Essence

1. Beholding the regal beauty of Bled Castle in person, rather than on postcards
2. Feeling uplifted as you pedal through lands that inspired Joyce, Hemingway, Freud, and Rilke
3. Exploring pockets of Italy and Slovenia unknown to most American travelers
4. Rewarding a long day's ride with vino that's off the charts!



Trip Details

Trip Length 8 days/7 nights	Arrive/Depart Trieste	Trip Price \$4,295-\$4,595
Total Mileage 184 mi	Dates for 2011 5/14-5/21 6/4-6/11 7/2-7/9 9/7-9/14 10/1-10/8	Single Supplement \$800
Daily Average 31 mi		
Terrain Gently rolling		







La Bella Puglia

since
1992

An Ideal Introduction to a Region of Italy Unlike Any You've Ever Dreamed Of

Step into the heel of the boot-shaped peninsula—and on into history! The rich, multicultural heritage of Puglia and Basilicata are reflected in conical trulli structures, fortified masserie farmhouses, churches carved into caves, and more. In this wildly fertile area, you'll also find a riot of olive trees, herbs, and cacti, alongside manicured farms—and the grapes for more wine production than any other region of Italy. Don't wait to let this welcoming region welcome you!

Days 1 & 2 Alberobello: Enjoy a warm-up ride followed by a stroll through this lively town. The next day's ride through the Valle D'Itria leads to Locorotondo, a whitewashed town with a circular layout and panoramic views of trulli houses. Here, you'll a farming cooperative, where you'll sample the prized local white wine and mozzarella.

Day 3 San Basilio: Follow captivating country roads to the home of the Notaristefano family, where we'll learn how they make olive oil and enjoy a homemade lunch, followed by a mozzarella-making demonstration.

Days 4 & 5 Matera: Pedal along the Murgia Plain through a terrain of manicured farmlands and shady oak groves to Matera, the magnificent city of Sassi cave dwellings—and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On Day 5, explore the town, then set off on a countryside ride. We'll stop midday at an organic olive oil press for a vegetarian lunch. Then, you may ride either your bike or our shuttle back up to Matera.

Day 6 Arrivederci!

“ Every experience—food, wine, tours, routes, was beyond any expectation. It was mind-numbing to see how the “bar” kept elevating. Each experience topped the last one! ”

John Ramsey, Pittsford, NY

Trip Essence

1. Viewing Puglia's famous trulli architecture up close, as only bicycle travel allows
2. Visiting the fascinating cave churches of Matera, the “city of stone”
3. Enjoying a satisfying cuisine of spicy handmade orecchiette, bruschetta covered with juicy tomatoes, roasted red peppers, and grilled calamari
4. Relaxing in the sun in the garden courtyard of a charming hotel after a day's ride



Trip Details

Trip Length
6 days/5 nights

Total Mileage
136 mi

Daily Average
27 mi

Terrain
Lightly rolling with flat stretches

Arrive/Depart
Alberobello/Matera

Dates for 2011
5/8-5/13
5/24-5/29
6/13-6/18
9/4-9/9
9/13-9/18
10/11-10/17

Trip Price
\$3,095

Single Supplement
\$700

For Families
6/13 - 6/18

Giro del Gelato
6/13-6/18



ATHLETIC
BEGINNER



Venice to Bologna

since
1995

A Leisurely Link between Two of Italy's Important and Dichotomous Cities

Trip Essence

1. Exploring the Venetian coast by bike and ferry – a one-of-a-kind adventure
2. Having the opportunity to challenge yourself to tougher optional cycling loops
3. Exploring the legendary canals and art of Venice with an insider's point of view
4. Brushing elbows with local Italians as you browse a lively fruit and vegetable market



From sandy beaches to the rich soil of inland farmlands, you'll pedal along a mostly flat route—a rare find in Italy—enjoying views of lazy canals, sparkling Byzantine architecture, small fishing villages, thermal spas, and more. Along the way, sample the best of local cuisine, from tangy Parmigiano Reggiano, homemade pasta, and fresh fruits and vegetables to syrupy rich balsamic vinegar unlike any you've ever tasted.

Day 1 Venice: After a warm-up spin, enjoy an insider's guided look at the city, followed by a welcome dinner and a late-evening stroll on the Piazza San Marco.

Day 2 Chioggia: Bike and ferry to Chioggia, known as "Little Venice" for its canals, bridges, and colorful market.

Days 3 & 4 Ferrara: Follow the Po River to Ferrara. The following day, take a morning loop around the surrounding fields before a walking tour and unforgettable wine tasting at the world's oldest enoteca!

Days 5 & 6 Ravenna: Wind through orchards and along a canal to Ravenna, a Dark Ages political center. Enjoy a walking tour the next morning plus time on your own. Then, loop with a stop to view the stunning Titians Sant' Apollinare.

Day 7 Castrocaro Terme: Pedal through the fertile farmlands of Emilia-Romagna to this spa village.

Day 8 Faenza: Enjoy breathtaking views en route to Brisighella and Faenza, known for its fine ceramics.

Day 9 Arrividerci! Opt for a short drive to Forlì to catch a train to Bologna.

Trip Details

Trip Length
9 days/8 nights or
6 days/5 nights

Arrive/Depart
Venice/Ravenna
or Castrocaro

Trip Price
\$4,495

Single Supplement
\$800

Total Mileage
186 mi

Dates for 2011
4/22-4/30, 5/20-5/28
6/4-6/12, 8/20-8/28
9/13-9/21, 9/25-10/3

Daily Average
31 mi

For Families
8/20-8/28

Terrain
Flat

Giro del Gelato
8/20-8/28



Mini Tour

6 days. Same departure dates as the standard tour. Start on Day 1 in Venice and cycle to Ravenna. Limited to six participants.
Trip Price: \$3,295 Single Supplement: \$700





since
2002



The Italian Alps & Sud Tyrol

A Dream Come True: Alpine Cycling—Without the Hills

Beauty and culture are braided together throughout this exceptional tour through the valleys of the Alps and the Dolomites. On easy routes, you'll experience the stunning views you'd expect from more challenging courses. And throughout your journey, Trip Specialist Andrea Marchesini will expose you to the true heart of alpine Italy.

Day 1 Glorenza: Enjoy fantastic views on a warm-up ride down to the valley below the Ortles Mountains.

Day 2 Lake Resia: View a partially submerged bell tower on a spin along the lake's lower tip. Take a relaxing stroll this evening.

Day 3 Merano: Soak in the magical alpine atmosphere on a winding route set beneath a backdrop of high mountain peaks and ancient castles.

Days 4 & 5 Bolzano: Enjoy a relaxing ride to medieval Bolzano. The next day, ride a cable car to Renon Plateau, for a hike with splendid views. Later, visit the Archaeological Museum, followed by a wine tasting.

Day 6 Trento: Spin past vineyards, orchards, and the lovely Lake Caldaro en route to ancient Roman Trento, and enjoy a guided tour.

Days 7 & 8 Riva del Garda: The views are breathtaking as you enter Italy's Lake District via a sea of vineyards, stopping in Rovereto, built around an imposing Venetian castle.

Day 9 Arrivederci!

“The scenery was **spectacular** and the bike paths **fantastic**.”

Betsy Sampson, Winchester, MA

Trip Essence

1. Enjoying spectacular alpine views on easy cycling routes, with more challenging options
2. Pedaling the “Pista del Sole” (bike path of the sun), a cyclist's fantasy

3. Photographing magazine quality images like dramatic mountain scenery, tranquil lakes, alpine architecture and lush landscapes
4. Picking up a little Italian and a little German



Trip Details

Trip Length
9 days/8 nights

Total Mileage
140 mi

Daily Average
20 mi

Terrain
Flat, with some descents

Arrive/Depart
Bolzano/Peschiera del Garda

Dates for 2011
6/17-6/25
7/9-7/17
9/2-9/10
9/13-9/21

For Families
7/9-7/17

Trip Price
\$4,295

Single Supplement
\$800





Tuscany

La Bella Toscana

Ask a thousand travelers to open an atlas and point to the most beautiful place on earth. A thousand fingers may well fall on Tuscany, the well-toned quadricep of Italy. It's been the cradle of Ciclismo Classico since 1983, when founder Lauren Hefferon first explored this legendary region of cypress trees and Chianti, silky smooth roads and rolling hills, spectacular food and olive oil, Botticelli and Leonardo, and said, "I need to bring the world here on a bicycle." More than 20 years later, with numerous tourism awards and thousands of Italophiles relishing our longest running tours, the tradition continues. Can one really get "too much Tuscan sun?" *Impossibile.*



Assaggio Toscana

A Taste of Tuscany (with a Dash of Umbria)

Assaggio, or "tasting," is exactly what you'll experience on this introduction to the delights of central Italy. Begin with a dollop of history, add copious amounts of gorgeous scenery, let steep in plenty of *la dolce vita*, and season with insights from a local tour leader, and you've got a dish to please!

Day 1 San Donato: Admire stunning panoramic views as you zigzag along the Sette dei Ponti (Etruscan Road of Seven Bridges) to Reggello, where delicious homemade *gelato* awaits!

Day 2 Loro Ciuffenna: Whet your appetite on a spin down smooth roads lined with fig trees, vegetable gardens, and vineyards set against the backdrop of the Pratomagno range.

Day 3 Arezzo: Fans of *Life Is Beautiful* may recognize Arezzo, the Renaissance gem where the movie was set. To get to our hotel here, the Hotel Vogue (a destination in itself!), you'll pass through the scenic hillsides for which Tuscany is so justly famous.

Day 4 Cortona: Enjoy easy cycling along the flatlands of La Val Di Chiana. Arriving in the exquisite hill town of Cortona, you'll stroll past Roman arches, Etruscan tombs, and Renaissance palaces.

Day 5 Umbria: Say "*Salve!*" ("Greetings!") to fellow cyclists as we follow a popular local route into Umbria, the "Green Heart of Italy." Along the way, enjoy views of wheat and sunflower fields, as well as the magnificent blue waters of Lago Trasimeno.

Day 6 Arrivederci!

“A perfect example of **Italian culture** and riding. The olive oil guide was amazing and smart. City guides were **great!**”

Jane Croom, Los Altos, CA

Trip Essence

1. Experiencing the leisurely heart of Italy while missing only a week of work
2. Putting yourself on location for an Oscar-winning movie and a best-selling book
3. Joining the European custom of going about everyday business by bicycle
4. Sampling delicious homemade gelato



Trip Details

Trip Length
6 days/5 nights

Total Mileage
151 mi

Daily Average
30 mi

Terrain
Gently rolling, some flatland

Arrive/Depart
San Donato/Cortona

Dates for 2011
4/11-4/16, 5/3-5/8
5/10-5/15, 5/17-5/22
6/13-6/18, 6/20-6/25
6/27-7/2, 7/9-7/14
7/18-7/23, 8/29-9/3
9/12-9/17, 9/19-9/24
9/26-10/1, 10/11-10/16

Trip Price
\$3,295-\$3,595

Single Supplement
\$700

Local Color
Arezzo antique market last Sunday of each month



ATHLETIC BEGINNER



Trip Essence

1. Brushing elbows with local Italians as you stroll the picturesque piazza in the heart of Siena
2. Relaxing with a book on a warm beach in the humble paradise chosen by Napoleon for his exile
3. Viewing Tuscan landscapes that look like they could be framed and hung in your living room
4. Savoring Chianti wines in the land where it's vinified, accompanied by a succulent cuisine based on the freshest ingredients



Trip Details

Trip Length
9 days/8 nights

Total Mileage
197 mi

Daily Average
33 mi

Terrain
Rolling, some climbs

Arrive/Depart
San Donato/
Portoferraio

Dates for 2011
4/27-5/5
5/8-5/16
5/27-6/4
6/24-7/2
9/9-9/17
9/23-10/1

Trip Price
\$4,595-\$4,795

Single Supplement
\$800

Local Color
Palio of Siena:
6/24-7/2



Tuscany & the Island of Elba

since
1989

The Quintessential Ciclismo Experience in Our Home Away from Home

For Ciclismo Classico, Tuscany is where it all began—and this is the tour that began it. Given our 22 years of experience here, this trip is also where you'll find so many of our favorites: our favorite winery, *trattoria*, *gelateria*, nightspot, and more. Join local guides Marcello Bonini and Gianpaolo Fosco on our signature trip ... and discover what it's really like to feel Italian!

Day 1 San Donato: From our hotel, built by friars in the 1400s, get acclimated to the gentle rhythm of Tuscany on a warm-up ride.

Day 2 Loro Ciuffenna: Zigzag through medieval villages and past lush vegetation as you follow the magnificent Via de Sette Ponti (Road of Seven Bridges).

Days 3 & 4 Siena: Zip past vineyards, forests, and stone farmhouses as you ride through the Chianti Classico wine region. Then, your day is at leisure in Siena, one of Italy's best-preserved medieval towns.

Day 5 Volterra: Breathe in the beauty of tranquil pasturelands as you roll toward Etruscan Volterra, where a steep climb rewards with breathtaking views.

Day 6 San Gimignano: Admire the 15 towers that make this medieval gem the "Manhattan of Tuscany."

Days 7 & 8 Elba: Board a ferry to Elba, where mountains rise out of the sea and olive groves and cacti nestle into white-sand beaches. Our four-star villa is an ideal base for your free day to pedal along the coast—or simply stay put and enjoy the island.

Day 9 Arrivederci!





Giro della Toscana

Soaring Through Southern Tuscany with a Slice of Umbria

A grand tour of Tuscany—the epitome of Italian cycling—capturing an alluring, harmonious landscape of soft velvet hills resembling a series of endless sand dunes. Count on our expert guides to bring you Etruscan, Medieval, and Renaissance treasures as satisfying as the region's superb food and wine!

Day 1 San Donato: Take a warm-up ride to Reggello's best pastry shop before settling into your accommodations, built by friars in the 1400s.

Days 2 & 3 Siena: Wind through the heart of the Chianti wine region past medieval castles and fortresses to Gaiole. Take a guided tour of Siena the following day, including a stop at the National Wine Library.

Day 4 Pienza: Ride over the clay dunes of Crete Senesi en route to Monte Oliveto for a classic Ciclismo picnic!

Day 5 Sorano: Pass through one of the most beautiful, natural areas to Sorano, built on Etruscan ruins.

Day 6 Orvieto: Pedal past fields of white grape vines to admire Lake Bolsena before continuing to Orvieto, famous for its white, crisp wine.

Days 7 & 8 Cortona: Spin to beautiful Lake Trasimeno before heading to the charming hillside town of Cortona. Rest the following day with a private walking tour of the town.

Day 9 Arezzo & Reggello: Pedal back to Reggello by way of Renaissance-rich Arezzo. Challenge yourself in the Apennine foothills before returning to where it all began for a grand celebration.

Day 10 Arrivederci!

Trip Essence

1. Conquering the challenging climbs in enchanting Tuscany
2. Marveling at views of dark-green cypress groves and soft velvet hills that seem to roll away like sand dunes
3. Sitting in a sun-dappled olive grove and catching up on your journal
4. Sipping Italian wines in the regions with which they're identified, such as Chianti and Orvieto



Trip Details

Trip Length
10 days/9 nights

Total Mileage
386 mi

Daily Average
46 mi

Terrain
Beautiful, rolling hills

Arrive/Depart
San Donato in
Fronzano

Dates for 2011
5/14 - 5/23
6/12 - 6/21
9/3 - 9/12
10/10 - 10/19

Trip Price
\$4,495-\$4,695

Single Supplement
\$850

Local Color
Catch a bit of L'Eroica—Tuscany's Vintage Bicycle Race in early October!





Islands

Il piccolo mondo

Who doesn't love islands? To cycle the perimeter and wend through the interior of a tiny, ancient world is a feat within reach of any cyclist. Three Mediterranean jewels await your willing wheels: zesty, volcanic Sicily, dramatic, seafoody Sardegna and our fine French neighbor, medieval Corsica. Follow with Elba, Lofoten, and Ireland—The Big Green Isle—completing your personal Ciclismo archipelago. No other tour company knows these isles like we do—in fact, our fabled guides have made them their second homes. Let them roll out the welcome mat and spin you around their tiny, perfect worlds.

The ride from Bosa to Arbatax along deserted coasts, rich in color with dramatic stone spires, perfect asphalt, and flora are among my top five experiences of all time—there are no words to describe the beauty of the scenery. We spent the day with the shepherds on the Supramonte, an authentic taste of a lifestyle that we never imagined ... we ate only local products, above all, goat cheese and ricotta, cookies, sausages, sea urchins!

Simone Scalas, Ciclismo Guide, Swept Away in Sardegna, May 2010

Swept Away in **Sardegna**

Discover Italy's Unspoiled Diamond in the Rough the Best Way—by Bicycle

Trip Essence

1. Setting off on one of the most thrilling rides of your life
2. Savoring the freshest seafood dinner you've ever tasted
3. Embarking on a tour that epitomizes the Ciclismo philosophy, created by Lauren Hefferon—our director and founder
4. Telling your friends about a cyclist's paradise they probably haven't even *thought* of visiting ... yet



Rocky cliffs towering over a turquoise sea ... rare animals glimpsed through the wild undergrowth ... shepherds tending their flocks on picturesque hillsides ... and a one-of-a-kind cuisine and culture developed through centuries of isolation. Join Sardinian expert and Tour Leader Simone Scalas, and learn why Ciclismo is the No. 1 U.S. cycling-tour operator in Sardegna.

Day 1 Alghero: Take in the island's Spanish heritage on a warm-up spin to the Sanctuary of Valverde.

Day 2 Capo Caccia: Explore the dramatic Grotto of Nettuno, a sea-level cave, before returning to Alghero for a guided tour.

Day 3 Bosa: Follow the spectacular coastline, a natural oasis for rare birds.

Day 4 Santa Caterina: A dreamscape of natural beauty awaits on today's ride to Cuglieri.

Day 5 Lago di Gùsana: Veer inland to rugged Barbagia, named for the ancient "barbarians" who once lived here.

Day 6 Oliena: View natural grottoes, prehistoric tombs, and nuraghi villages en route to Oliena, and stop in the muraled village of Orgosolo.

Day 7 Mt. Corrasi: Catch breathtaking views by foot on a hike up Mount Corrasi.

Day 8 Barisardo: Today's roller-coaster ride along the Genna Silana pass may be one of the best rides of your life.

Day 9 Villasimius: Follow La Costa Rei ("the King's Coast") to the beautiful beach of Villasimius.

Day 10 Arrivederci!



“I thought the ‘Giro d’Italia’ was my **best** cycle-touring experience ever; this trip was its equal—the **riding, scenery, food,** cultural experience, guides, and group were all **first rate!**”

Matt Masters, Walnut Creek, CA



Trip Details

Trip Length
10 days/9 nights

Arrive/Depart
Alghero/Cagliari

Trip Price
\$4,495

Total Mileage
300 mi

Dates for 2011
5/9-5/18
6/13-6/22
9/17-9/26
10/13-10/22

Single Supplement
\$850

Daily Average
38 mi

Terrain
Rolling, with climbs, descents—and breathtaking views





Trip Essence

1. Having the time simply to sit and drink in one of the world's most beautiful views: the Aeolian Islands
2. Hiking the slopes of a historic active volcano

3. Pausing to enjoy tasty *arancini* in a Baroque Sicilian village
4. Pedaling past ancient ruins that dot a bucolic countryside



Trip Details

Trip Length
9 days/8 nights or
6 days/5 nights

Total Mileage
215 mi

Daily Average
31 mi

Terrain
Rolling

Arrive/Depart
Caltagirone/
Catania

Dates for 2011
4/7-4/15
4/28-5/6
5/8-5/16
6/14-6/22
8/27-9/4
9/27-10/5
10/10-10/18

Trip Price
\$4,495

Single Supplement
\$800



Mini Tour

6 days. Same departure dates as the standard tour. Start on Day 1 in Caltagirone, and depart after our hike on Mt. Etna on Day 6. Limited to six participants. **Trip Price: \$3,295 Single Supplement: \$700**

La Bella Sicilia Est

Sicily's Ancient Mainland and Legendary Aeolian Islands Combined in One Unique Tour

The zesty spirit of Sicily is in the very air you breathe on this fascinating journey through ancient gems and dreamy volcanic islands! You'll experience it as no one else can, courtesy of our own "King of Sicily," Sicilian native Paolo Nicolosi. Benefit from his 14 years of experience as you explore the Mediterranean's largest island.

Day 1 Caltagirone: Admire the Baroque architecture of a town that was completely rebuilt after a 1693 earthquake and is famous today for its ceramics.

Days 2-3 Ragusa: Today's ride through pastoral Altopiano Ibleo culminates in Baroque Ragusa, where 18th-century buildings rub shoulders with contemporary architecture.

Day 4 Siracusa: The past comes to life in Siracusa, built on an ancient Greek settlement. Medieval and Baroque treasures are around every corner as you zigzag down its maze of streets and on into surrounding quaint local towns.

Day 5 San Giovanni la Punta: One of the world's best-preserved Greek cities awaits! Roller-coaster to Morgantina, and take a stroll along its extensive excavations.

Day 6 Mt. Etna's Taormina: Stunning Mount Etna dominates the skyline of medieval Taormina, a lovely coastal resort. You'll have a chance to hike the slopes of this beautiful volcanic mountain.

Days 7 & 8 Aeolian Islands: On Lipari, feast your eyes on deep caverns, steep cliffs, and breathtaking views. The next day, board a boat for a cruise through turquoise Mediterranean waters to Salinà, where a refreshing bike ride reveals a rich history.

Day 9 Arrivederci!



La Bella Sicilia Ovest

The Insider's Side of Sicily—an Archeological Wonderland

Trip Essence

1. Passing the time of day with local fishermen, who live much as they have for centuries
2. Seeing a range of terrains, from stunning coastlines to lush vineyards and salt fields on a single trip
3. Experiencing Sicily's Greek heritage at archaeological sites and villages
4. Indulging in Sicily's zesty cuisine at our own favorite *trattoria*



Most travelers to Sicily focus on inland highlights and the east coast. By contrast, on this unique tour, our native Sicilian expert, Paolo Nicolosi, takes you on a spin along the island's magnificent west coast. Experience Sicily's rich history at fascinating archaeological sites, and see how the past infuses the present in local villages where old traditions still reign.

Day 1 Monreale: Enjoy a walking tour of Sicily's capital, Palermo, and continue on to Monreale, with its beautiful cathedral.

Day 2 Castellammare del Golfo: Explore Monreale before pedaling to this small town overlooking the Gulf of Palermo.

Day 3 Trapani: Admire Segesta, one of the best-preserved Greek colonies, and Erice, a tiny medieval town—as well as spectacular views.

Day 4 Egadi Islands: Ferry to these unspoiled islands, where we'll touch the local lifestyle in an Arab-influenced village.

Day 5 Marsala: Cycling gives you a unique perspective of salt fields resembling a colorful chessboard and ancient windmills sprinkled

about the countryside on today's route along the Via del Sale (or "Salt Way").

Day 6 Sciacca: The ancient Greek ruins of Selinunte are revealed at their most magical time, early light. Then, cycle to Sciacca, an ancient spa town.

Day 7 Agrigento: Welcome to wine country! Pass through a region filled with lush vineyards and geometrically designed orchards before alighting in Agrigento for a guided tour of its archaeological treasures.

Day 8 Arrivederci!



“We had a lot of fun with the musicians at dinner. Traditional music, popular **folk songs**, with lots of double meanings and lots of laughs. The show was not only about singing, but acting as well, each musician playing a role. Everyone was laughing, and after our translation they were **laughing even louder!**”

Marcello Bonini, Ciclismo Guide



Trip Details

Trip Length
8 days/7 nights

Arrive/Depart
Palermo/Agrigento

Trip Price
\$3,995

Total Mileage
200 mi

Dates for 2011
5/21-5/28
6/4-6/11
6/26-7/3
9/8-9/15
9/18-9/25

Single Supplement
\$750

Daily Average
33 mi

Terrain
Rolling, with flat stretches





Trip Essence

1. Contemplating the island that shaped the character of Napoleon Bonaparte
2. Taking the kinds of photos you could enter in a competition
3. Sampling Corsican pork specialties and Brin d'Amour, a ewe cheese with a hint of rosemary
4. Challenging yourself on ascents that reward with spectacular views



Trip Details

Trip Length
11 days/10 nights

Arrive/Depart
Alghero/Calvi

Trip Price
\$4,995

Total Mileage
290 mi

Dates for 2011
4/11-4/21
4/26-5/6
5/21-5/31
9/4-9/14
9/30-10/10

Single Supplement
\$900

Daily Average
36 mi

Terrain
Rolling, with climbs and descents



Mediterranean Island Hopping

Exotic Sardegna and Corsica Are Showcased in the Ultimate European Island Getaway

The dramatic beauty and fascinating cultures of two neighboring Mediterranean islands—one Italian, the other French—offer an experience *nonpareil* for cyclists. After eight years' experience leading more than two dozen tours here, Sardegna expert and Tour Leader Cristiano Bonino can't wait to reveal to you why he has chosen these islands for his second home.

Day 1 Alghero: Warm up with a spin along the Sardinian coast.

Day 2 Castelsardo: Experience the lifestyle of Sardegna's quiet inland villages during today's ride.

Days 3 & 4 Santa Teresa: Admire granite mountains to your right and blue sea to your left as you pedal along the coast. The following day features a boat ride along the Costa Smeralda, renowned for its gorgeous beaches.

Day 5 Bonifacio: Ferry to Corsica today, and spend the afternoon at leisure in medieval Bonifacio.

Day 6 Bonifacio Loop: Enjoy a loop ride into Corsica's rugged interior, glimpsing cork trees, granite overlooks—and occasional mules and sheep.

Day 7 Propriano: Spin to Sartène, a fortified village.

Day 8 Ajaccio: Spectacular views make this ride to the capital of Corsica unforgettable.

Day 9 Porto: Pink granite spires soaring above white beaches and a sparkling sea are just some of the scenic highlights of today's spin to sleepy Porto.

Day 10 Calvi: Zigzag toward Calvi on rugged, coastal roads with vibrant seascapes.

Day 11 Au revoir and Arrivederci!

“An excellent balance of challenge, education, and fun!”

Susan Radke, Kirkland, WA



Grand Journeys

Molto, epico, incredibile!

When you crave more miles, more mountains, more memories, and mouth watering cuisine, our award-winning Grand Journeys will satisfy the most voracious velocipedista. We'll sweep you through hundreds of well-mapped miles from east to west, top to toe, crossing Italy's fabled historic heart. Conquer the heroic passes of the Dolomites up north, or spin south for a journey listed in *Frommer's Budget Travel's* "Best Places You've Never Heard Of." And do more: cross borders to explore the ancient civilizations from Greece to Belgium and back. Longer trips are our specialty, with no switchback left unpaved. Come, bike the Boot and beyond!

Imagine this scene of epic proportions: a seething crowd where three towering ceri (candles), each topped with an effigy of a patron saint, are hoisted high on stretchers and ploughed through the twisty, hilly, stony streets of Gubbio. The giant structures teeter sideways into the crowd, but are immediately hoisted vertical again by hundreds of hands. At day's end is the grand finale: the candles are hauled up a nearby steep, switchbacky hill called Mount Ingino—winner take all. No wonder the Italians are healthy—any caloric excesses are countered by walking on inclined, cobbled streets and trails. We hiked that hill in the morning and it took a good half hour or more. Who needs the gym?

Jamie Brownstein, Brooklyn, NY
Bike Across Italy, Day 5.



Trip Essence

1. Spending two weeks exploring Italy, Switzerland, France, and Belgium the way the Europeans do—by bicycle
2. Reliving the march of Napoleon and the battles of World War I and II

3. Sipping wine from France's Rhone Valley and Champagne region—on location
4. Snacking on the freshest *gelato* and delicious *amaretti* almond cookies



New

European Odyssey

Bring History to Life as you Pedal the Trading Route from Italy to Belgium

Before its harbor silted over, Bruges, Belgium, was the hub of a major trade route—and of the medieval world. Today, you can follow that route from Genoa, Italy, on a course that embraces four countries—Italy, Switzerland, France, and Belgium—and culminates in one of the best-preserved medieval cities in the world.

Day 1 Genoa: Enjoy a warm-up ride in 2004's European Capital of Culture.

Day 2 Acqui Terme: Roman and medieval byways lead you to quaint Acqui Terme.

Day 3 Ivrea: Roll through abundant vineyards along quiet roads today, arriving in Ivrea, which boasts a Roman amphitheater and a fourth-century cathedral believed to be built over a pagan temple.

Day 4 Aosta: Easy or challenging? It's your choice on today's ride to the Roman capital of the Alps.

Day 5 Martigny: Follow the shadow of Napoleon along the Pass Sant Bernard as you roll into Switzerland.

Day 6 Pontarlier: Trace the Rhone Valley to Lausanne, then continue along undulating roads to Pontarlier, a French town once notorious for its absinthe.

Day 7 Combeaufontaine: Ride along the green valleys of the Doubs and Saône rivers, stopping to admire ancient, walled Besançon.

Day 8 Dolancourt: You'll ride toward the Ardennes, where peaceful valleys and hidden country villages belie the fierce fighting that took place here during both world wars.

Day 9 Reims: Spin past gothic cathedrals to Reims, capital of the Champagne region and traditional coronation site for the kings of France.

Day 10 Brussels: Get out of the saddle, and ride our shuttle to the Waterloo battlefield and Brussels.

Day 11 Bruges: You've earned today's ride through the Belgian plains to Bruges, called the "Venice of the North" for its many canals.

Day 12 Au revoir!

Trip Details

Trip Length
12 days/11 nights

Arrive/Depart
Genoa / Bruges

Trip Price
\$5,995

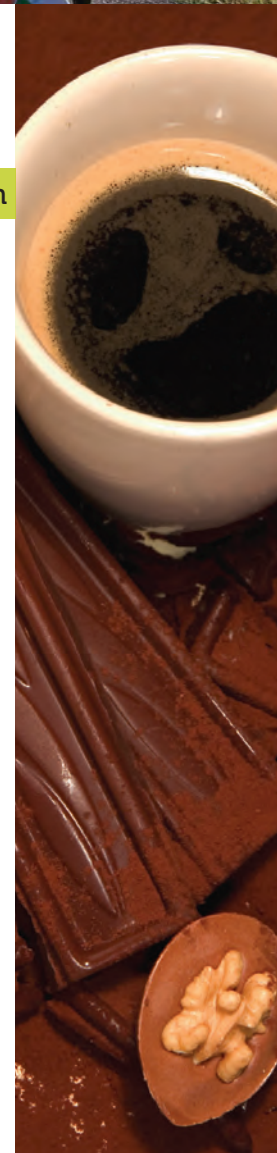
Total Mileage
635 mi

Dates for 2010
6/1-6/11
6/22-7/2
9/4-9/14

Single Supplement
\$1,100

Daily Average
63 mi

Terrain
Rolling





Greece to Italy

A Classic Journey from the Standard-Bearer of Classic Cycling Vacations

Ciclismo's founder and director Lauren Hefferon had long dreamed of an epic journey that combined two of the world's greatest ancient civilizations: Greece and Italy. Last year, this new Ciclismo classic proved so successful, it's back for a second year. Challenge yourself to your personal best as you spin between past and present on your two-wheeled time machine, enjoying comfortable accommodations, terrific food, and the guidance of expert tour leaders all along the way.

Day 1 Loutraki: A warm-up ride to ancient Corinth is capped by a welcome dinner.

Days 2 & 3 Nafplion: Experience the thrill of crossing the Corinth Canal by bike! Then, spin through the storied Peloponnese to Mycenae, home of King Agamemnon. The next day's loop ride features Epidaurus, a still-active, third-century B.C. theater whose acoustics are impeccable. Back in Nafplion, climb the 999 steps to the imposing Venetian fortress of Palamidi.

Day 4 Sternitsa: Mountain climbs are rewarded as we arrive in the Arcadian village of Sternitsa, known for its fine gold and silver jewelry school and a preserved Byzantine church that houses precious frescoes.

Day 5 Olympia: Even cycling gods and goddesses deserve a break, and you'll get one on today's mostly downhill run.

Day 6 Lampeia: Catch the Olympic spirit as you tour ancient Olympia. Once condemned as pagan, the ancient games born

here have become synonymous with athletic excellence. In the afternoon, ride up to a traditional mountain village.

Day 7 Kalavrita: Explore the stunning Cave of the Lakes en route to a gourmand's paradise.

Day 8 Ferry to Italy: Bid farewell to Greece as we cycle down to the sea and board our overnight ferry.

Day 9 Matera: Benvenuti a Italia! Board a shuttle bound for Matera, known for its sassi cave dwellings. You might recognize this extraordinary UNESCO World Heritage Site as the setting for the movie *The Passion of the Christ*. If you wish, you can also join an optional ride to the town of Montescaglioso, which dates to the seventh century B.C.

Day 10 Castelmezzano: Enjoy a thrilling roller-coaster ride through a protected landscape with spectacular views. We'll break for lunch in an important Roman outpost, then continue on through Grassano, the site of author Carlo Levi's exile.

Day 11 Padula: Zip downhill to Viggiano, where we'll fuel up for a challenging climb (but oh, the views!) en route to Padula.

Day 12 Palinuro: Climb steeply from the flat Tangaro Valley to the Passo L'Inferno before coasting down to dense forests, olive groves, and apple orchards.

Day 13 Santa Maria di Castellabate: Hug the Mediterranean coastline to the Greek ruins of Velia. A final coastal spin culminates in a farewell celebration.

Day 14 Arrivederci!

Trip Essence

1. Celebrating your own athleticism at the site of the original Olympic games

2. Contrasting ancient and modern Greece and Italy on a single epic journey

3. Conquering an expert-level itinerary that also inspires your mind and imagination

4. Sipping a glass of ouzo and listening to the distant ping of sheep's bells as you relax on the balcony of your quaint hotel



Trip Details

Trip Length
14 days/13 nights

Total Mileage
497 mi

Daily Average
41 mi

Terrain
Rolling, with exhilarating climbs and descents

Arrive/Depart
Loutraki, Greece/
Santa Maria di
Castellabate, Italy

Dates for 2011
4/3-4/16
5/21-6/3
6/12-6/25
9/17-9/30
10/9-10/22

Trip Price
\$6,295

Single Supplement
\$1,100





Bike Across Italy

since
1993

The Italy You've Always Dreamed Of, Coast to Coast

Trip Essence

1. Experiencing four regions of Italy—Le Marche, Emilia-Romagna, Tuscany, and Umbria—on a single itinerary
2. Saying you biked from the Adriatic to the Mediterranean, literally
3. Practicing your drama skills on the stage of a Roman amphitheater
4. Learning to make homemade pasta in Italy—and enjoying the delicious results!



In the 1980s, Ciclismo Classico director and founder Lauren Hefferon set off on a solo cycling adventure across central Italy. That itinerary has been perfected over the years by Ciclismo Trip Specialist Marcello Bonini, whose love for the Tuscan hills will make your riding dreams come true. Join us and discover why Bike Across Italy was named our "Signature Trip" by *National Geographic Adventure* magazine—and why it has been our most popular for nearly two decades.

Day 1 Fano: Take a dip in the Adriatic before your warm-up spin.

Day 2 Urbino: Ride through tiny villages with gorgeous views en route to the hometown of Renaissance painter Raphael.

Day 3 Genga: Ride on the wild side—the patched farmlands and forests of Le Marche—and along a spectacular gorge.

Day 4 Gubbio: Visit one of the largest grottoes in Europe, then continue to medieval Gubbio, dramatically perched on a mountainside.

Days 5 & 6 Spello: Descend through a lush landscape, pausing for a visit to a Roman amphitheater and a picnic along the way. In Spello, enjoy a cooking demonstration, followed by a free day. Perhaps you'll join our guided tour of the magnificent town of Assisi or explore the hermitage of St. Francis.

Day 7 Todi: Visit Bevagna and Montefalco on today's ride through farmlands, vineyards, and sunflower and wheat fields. A spectacular view of medieval Todi unfolds before you on an exhilarating descent into town.

Day 8 Orvieto: Ride through vast wheat and sunflower fields to Orvieto, famous for its cathedral and white wines.

Day 9 Sorano: Cycle the northern shores of Lago di Bolsena to Sorano, a medieval village built on the remains of Etruscan civilization.

Day 10 Porto Ercole: Coast to Saturnia, Italy's oldest city, then roll downhill to the Mediterranean.

Day 11 Arrivederci!

Trip Details

Trip Length
11 days/10 nights

Total Mileage
340 mi

Daily Average
38 mi

Terrain
Rolling

Arrive/Depart
Fano/Porto Ercole

Dates for 2011
4/9-4/19, 4/27-5/7
5/11-5/21, 5/28-6/7
6/11-6/21, 6/25-7/5
7/9-7/19, 8/27-9/6
9/10-9/20, 9/24-10/4
10/8-10/18

Trip Price
\$4,895-\$4,995

Single Supplement
\$850

Giro Del Gelato
7/9-7/19

Local Color
Festa dei Ceri: May





Bike Across Italy 2

since
2004

Kick into Gear as You Pedal the Heel & Toe of the Boot

Guests who love our Bike Across Italy asked for a compliment to our most popular tour, and Ciclisto Classico founder Lauren Hefferon delivered. Named *Outside's* Western European "Trip of the Year" when it debuted in 2004, this pioneering itinerary has been refined by powerhouse tour leader duo Frank Yantorno and Dana Geraghty and is now the first and only tour to roll across Italy's spellbinding south.

Day 1 Polignano: Get acquainted with the Adriatic coast on a warm-up spin.

Day 2 Alberobello: The conical-shaped trulli houses of Puglia will delight your eye on today's ride through a mystical fantasyland.

Day 3 Matera: Spin along pastoral terrain to Matera, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Day 4 Metaponto: Hang on for a super-fun descent before a sharp climb to Montescaglioso, best known for its ancient abbey.

Day 5 Castelmezzano: Roller-coaster through protected forests and enjoy breathtaking views as you follow the Brandano River Valley, visit a

Roman outpost, and finish with an invigorating climb to Castelmezzano.

Day 6 Padula: Today's challenging ride rewards with fabulous views of the Basento River Valley.

Day 7 Palinuro: What goes up must come down, as you'll discover on a blissful 17-mile descent to the coast.

Day 8 Cilento Coast: Experience one of Europe's most picturesque countrysides, sandwiched between majestic mountains and the beautiful Mediterranean.

Day 9 Maratea: Experience the beaches preferred by the Italians themselves here on "the other Amalfi Coast."

Day 10 Morano Calabro: Climb to Pollino National Park before arriving in Morano Calabro, a village perched above the Coscile River Valley.

Day 11 Cittadella and Calabria: Visit co-Director Mauro Rugiero's hometown of Cittadella, settled by Albanians more than 500 years ago, on today's winding route through mountain villages.

Day 12 Arrivederci!

Trip Essence

1. Rolling through four relatively undiscovered regions of Italy: Puglia, Basilicata, Campania, and Calabria

2. Exploring a destination acclaimed as one of the "Best Places You've Never Heard Of" by *Frommer's Budget Travel*

3. Hopping on your bike and heading to the beach in sunny southern Italy

4. Basking on the beaches preferred by the Italians themselves



Trip Details

Trip Length
12 days/11 nights

Total Mileage
417 mi

Daily Average
42 mi

Terrain
Exhilarating ups and downs

Arrive/Depart
Polignano/Lamezia Terme

Dates for 2011
4/4-4/15
5/4-5/15
5/19-5/30
6/22-7/3
8/30-9/10
9/12-9/23
9/26-10/7
10/11-10/22

Trip Price
\$4,695-\$4,895

Single Supplement
\$850





Trip Essence

1. Experiencing Emilia-Romagna, Tuscany, Umbria, Le Marche, Abruzzo, and Lazio on a single tour

2. Climbing to the top of a mountain to be rewarded with an unforgettable descent

3. Experiencing the "real" Italy via its back roads and charming villages

4. Satisfying the appetite you've worked up after a day of cycling with local specialties like black truffles, fresh-baked bread, and fresh-pressed olive oil



Giro d'Italia since 1995

The World's Most Comprehensive Pedaling Portrait of La Bella Italia

Our Giro d'Italia is an odyssey across six different regions on a single trip. This thrilling 15-day ride through contrasting landscapes will improve your cycling prowess and expose you to the diversity of Italy's many microcultures. As you ride along this seamless, once-in-a-lifetime route, you'll experience more sights, climbs, descents, and memories than any other tour available. It is truly a grand tour!

Day 1 Ferrara: No cars are allowed in historic Ferrara, a center of Renaissance history in the Emilia-Romagna region, making it a wonderful bicycling hub.

Day 2 Ravenna: Snake through orchards and lagoons to Ravenna, one of the few European cities that prospered during the Dark Ages.

Days 3 & 4 Florence: Ride over Tuscan hills to legendary Florence. The effort will be well worth it as you explore this iconic city the next morning with our Florentine guide. Explore at your leisure the rest of the day.

Day 5 Arezzo: Spin along smooth roads lined by olive groves as you follow the Arno valley to this medieval town.

Day 6 Cortona: Discover why today's route to the hill town of Cortona is a favorite of local cyclists.

Day 7 Spoleto: Cross into the heart of Umbria today. You'll skirt Lake Trasimeno as you roll toward the charming, historic towns of Bevagna, Montefalco, and Deruta. Arriving in Spoleto, you'll find an ancient gem with a contemporary flair.

Day 8 Norcia: Black truffles are the specialty of Norcia, a pleasant town on the peaceful side of Umbria.

Days 9 & 10 Ascoli Piceno: Show your stuff as you cycle the Apennines, with their spectacular views and thrilling descents. You've earned a day's rest on Day 10.

Day 11 Fonte Cerreto: Enjoy another day of challenging mountain riding, as you spin through the spectacular National Park of Grand Sasso and Monti della Laga.

Day 12 Caramanico: Breathe a little easier today on a rolling ride to Caramanico Terme, a spa town in the Abruzzo region.

Day 13 Scanno: Admire views of a dramatic gorge and several quaint villages on today's route.

Day 14 Gaeta: After a climb through Abruzzo National Park, shuttle to Gaeta, a medieval seaside village.

Day 15 Arrivederci!

Trip Details

Trip Length
15 days/14 nights

Total Mileage
639 mi

Daily Average
53 mi

Terrain
Flat start, then undulating with incredible descents

Arrive/Depart
Ferrara/Gaeta

Dates for 2011
5/21-6/4, 6/11-6/25
8/27-9/10, 9/12-9/26

Trip Price
\$5,995

Single Supplement
\$1,100



Mini Tour

8 days. Same departure dates as the standard tour. Start on Day 1 in Ferrara, and cycle to Spoleto. Limited to six participants.
Tour Price: \$3,995 Single Supplement: \$800



Majestic Dolomites since 1992

Reach New Cycling Heights on This Thrilling Mountain Adventure

Trip Essence

1. Feeling a sense of accomplishment after conquering the passes of the Dolomites

2. Enjoying some of the most glorious views you've ever seen

3. Experiencing the German influence in the food and wine of northeast Italy



Some of the greatest athletes in the sport of cycling regard the passes on this route with the utmost respect. Now, you, too, can live the exhilarating climbs and thrilling descents of this great region. If you've ever dreamed of riding the Dolomites' famous passes, visiting fairytale villages and enjoying next-to-none mountaintop views, this challenging tour is for you. Plus, you'll travel with local guides who have logged more than 7,500 miles in the Dolomites!

Days 1 & 2 Bolzano: Take a warm-up ride and a special walking tour of this medieval gem of a town and surrounding area. The next day's loop ride will get your legs going for the rest of this spectacular route.

Day 3 Canazei: Explore the cultural mix of Austrian, German, and Italian cultures en route to Canazei, a popular ski town.

Day 4 Sellaronda: Pedal the four famous passes of the "Sellaronda," one of the Alps most beautiful circuits.

Days 5 & 6 Cortina: Spin through World War I battle zones and under the Marmolada before an unforgettable descent into Cortina. Take a cycling break the next day with a hike to the beautiful Tre Cime di Lavaredo.

Day 7 San Martino di Castrozza: Cycle through the Paneveggio forest—a wood source for Cremona's violin makers—and on to Pale di San Martino Park.

Day 8 Levico Terme: Ride two passes to this spa town near tranquil Lake Caldonazzo.

Day 9 Bassano del Grappa: Experience history on a ride through dramatic landscapes with several sites of wartime troubles between Italians and Austrians.

Day 10 Arrivederci!

“I love biking in the Dolomites, but Ciclismo adds so much more--the hiking, the wine tasting, the museums, a real chance to **experience the people**, the culture, the food....”

Susan Pallotta, Bristol, WV



Trip Details

Trip Length
10 days/9 nights

Arrive/Depart
Bolzano/Cortina

Trip Price
\$4,495

Total Mileage
371 mi

Dates for 2011
6/9-6/18
9/3-9/12

Single Supplement
\$850

Daily Average
46 mi

Terrain
Rolling, with
mountain passes



EXPERT

More Miles For Less

Breve e dolce (short and sweet)

When a simple, comfortable inn, and “meals on your own wheels” will do, these shorter, sweeter trips will free up plenty of Euros for biking ‘til you brake. More Miles for Less journeys retain all the award-winning qualities of Ciclismo’s classic tours: impeccable guides, road-less-pedaled routes, deep cultural immersion and faultless logistics—in a compact, “back to basics” package. Whether you’re a Ciclismo novice dipping your toeclip for the first time, or you’re eager to get back to the office, or you simply ride to ride, it’s an ideal quick spin into the wide, wide world of Ciclismo Classico.





Classic Tuscany

Dive into a Leonardo Landscape

Centuries-old palaces, artisans' workshops, charming alleys lined with cheese shops, hills carpeted with the vines for Chianti wines ... they're all here on this roll through the southern valley of the Arno. Join us in Tuscany—at one of the best values imaginable!

Day 1 Arno Valley: Enjoy wonderfully landscaped panoramas on a warm-up spin.

Day 2 Sette Ponti Loop: The Strada dei Sette Ponti (Road of Seven Bridges) makes for a beautiful ride through the sunny Pratomagno range. For an extra challenge, climb to La Crocina and the ridge of Pratomagno.

Day 3 The Chianti countryside: On today's

zigzagging ride, your postcard-perfect image of Tuscany comes to life! Fig trees, cypress, vineyards, and ancient stone walls surround you along the entire route.

Day 4 Montefollonico: Ride through the Val di Chiana on our way through le Crete Senesi and Montefollonico.

Day 5 Montepulciano and Montalcino Loop: Our final ride brings you through the gem towns of Pienza and San Quirico d'Orcia and on to the tiny spa town of Bagno Vignoni, where you can relax in the thermal pool.

Day 6 Arrivederci!

“On this trip we saw the Tuscan countryside as **more than a tourist**. The biking on top of the learning about Italy, although just a small taste, was great! The accommodations were **perfect** and the guides excellent! We could not ask for a better vacation!”

Diane Paxton, Spokane, WA

Trip Details

Trip Length
6 days/5 nights

Total Mileage
224 mi

Daily Average
45 mi

Terrain
Rolling



Arrive/Depart
Arno Valley /
Montefollonico

Dates for 2011
5/7-5/12
6/5-6/10
7/2-7/7
10/1-10/6
10/10-10/15

Trip Price
\$2,495
Single Supplement
\$350

Pedalando Piedmont

A Roll through Some of Italy's Most Picturesque Countryside

It's a cyclist's paradise! From its picture-postcard alpine scenery and blend of challenging rides to the sumptuous cuisine and world-class vino that rewards you at the end of each day, Piedmont is pure pleasure. And now the pleasure is yours, at the best value available!



Day 1 The Lake District—Lago d'Orta: Take a "jetlag-paced" roll around the most charming of Italy's northwestern lakes.

Day 2 Biella: Spin through chestnut forests along less-traveled, hilly roads in the Oasi Zegna, an environmental reserve, and descend to Biella, a major woolens center.

Day 3 Lake Viverone: Traverse the broad rock ridge of a former glacier, and pass historic castles, villas, and churches as you cross a green and peaceful valley.

Day 4 Monferrato: Spin along the Dora, an estuary of the Po, then cross into the wine-rich lands of the Monferrato.

Trip Details

Trip Length
6 days/5 nights

Total Mileage
220 mi

Daily Average
44 mi

Terrain
Rolling



Arrive/Depart
Lago d'Orta /
Superga/Torino

Dates for 2011
5/19-5/24
5/29-6/3
6/19-6/24
6/28-7/3
8/30-9/4
10/2-10/7

Trip Price
\$2,495

Single Supplement
\$350

Day 5 Torino (Turin): The undulating ride from Monferrato's rural countryside leads us to the Superga, where the view of Torino and its 2006 Olympic site is as spectacular as the descent into this historic city!

Day 6 Arrivederci!



Sunny Southern Sardegna

Explore an Undiscovered Side of Italy on Its Wild Mediterranean Island

For those who truly long to go off the beaten path in our beloved Italy, join us on this brand-new itinerary featuring the best of its second-largest island. We've charted a route through territory still virtually undiscovered by the tourist crowds—yet rich with history and mind-boggling scenic magnificence. Along the way, experience traditions and cultures you won't find anywhere else.



Day 1 Portoscuso: This afternoon, enjoy a warm-up ride, perhaps taking an optional extra loop along the coast. Dinner is at a popular local restaurant.

Day 2 San Pietro Island: Board a boat bound for San Pietro Island—and enter a world apart. As you cycle around the island, settled by Genoan fishermen 300 years ago and still famous for its red tuna, you might hear the ancient Genoan dialect.

Day 3 Sant'Antioco Island: Today's boat ride takes you to Sant'Antioco Island, the island from which the Phoenicians once dominated the

Mediterranean. Enjoy views of beautiful beaches and a turquoise sea during your spin around the island.

Day 4 Teulada: Roll through rural countryside en route to Teulada, enjoying views of mountain-ringed coasts, olive groves, and white sand dunes.

Days 5-6 Pula: The Spanish influence on Sardegna is evident in the lonely Spanish towers you'll glimpse on Day 5's ride along the island's most beautiful coastline. And admire dramatic cliffs, tall sand dunes, small coves where cows and goats wander, and the shifting green and

Trip Details

Trip Length
7 days/6 nights

Total Mileage
152 mi

Daily Average
25 mi

Terrain
Gently rolling

Arrive/Depart
Portoscuso/Pula

Dates for 2011
4/2-4/8, 6/4-6/10
7/17-7/23, 8/27-9/2

For Families
7/17-7/23

Trip Price
\$2,595 - \$2,795

Single Supplement
\$400



blue hues of an unimaginably crystalline sea. The remainder of your tour is at leisure in Pula. Explore the Roman and Phoenician ruins in the ancient city of Nora, with its lovely harbor ... embark on a hike into the woods ... or simply enjoy the local beaches, shops, and restaurants.

Day 7 Arrivederci!



Magical Puglia

Fantastical Architecture, Magical Scenery & Unbelievable Food

Mystical Puglia, with its warm Mediterranean climate, has cast its spell for centuries over Greeks, Normans, Arabs—and now you! Here in the heel of the boot-shaped peninsula, you'll find a distinctive culture ... clusters of fantastic conical dwellings surrounded by enormous, gnarled olive trees ... fragrant fig trees, blooming cacti, and herb gardens ... and mouthwatering cuisine. It's all within reach on this easy-cycling itinerary.



Days 1 & 2 Mesagne: Perhaps you'll follow up your warm-up ride with a dip in the hotel pool. Each town you pass through on the next day's loop into il Salento—the heel of Italy—offers a distinctive architectural style. The ride culminates in a cooking demonstration of the region's delicious food.

Day 3 Porto Cesareo: Today's flat route is lined with the centuries-old olive trees that produce some of Italy's most exquisite olive oil.

Days 4 & 5 Gallipoli: Follow a gorgeous coastal road to Gallipoli, whose intact centro storico sits over a rocky island. On Day 5, ride an inland loop through a region renowned for red

wine and olive oil. En route, we'll see several masserie: fortified 13th- and 14th-century farmhouses still inhabited today.

Day 6 Otranto: Spin to Otranto, whose location on Italy's eastern-most tip made it a strategic outpost during the Middle Ages. Be sure to allow time to visit the Cathedral and the Castle.

Trip Details

Trip Length 7 days/6 nights	Arrive/Depart Mesagne/ Otranto	Trip Price \$2,295-\$2,495
Total Mileage 154 mi	Dates for 2011 5/15-5/21 6/4-6/10 8/27-9/2 9/25-10/1 10/3-10/9	Single Supplement \$400
Daily Average 27 mi	For Families 8/27 - 9/2	
Terrain Mostly flat, some gentle ups and downs		



The next day, you may choose spend extra time relaxing by the sea, or exploring the wild, rugged coast that harbors traces of an ancient civilization.

Day 7 Arrivederci!

Classic Climbs of Champions

A Historic, Cultural and Scenic Roll through the Alps of Italy and France

If you love the mountains, there's no trip more rewarding than this brand-new itinerary from Ciclismo! You'll follow roads made famous by the Giro d'Italia and the Tour de France, eyeing dramatic landscapes that seem to go on forever. Visit centuries-old villages clinging to a traditional way of life. And fuel up for the next day's ride with two of the world's greatest cuisines.

Day 1 Dronero: Arrive in medieval Dronero, and admire tiny hillside villages during a warm-up ride through the Maira Valley.

Day 2 Colle Fauniera: View a statue dedicated to the great Italian cyclist Marco Pantani atop Colle Fauniera, then continue on a climb to Castelmagno, famous for its tasty cheese. Our climb culminates at the hilltop Santuario di San Magno, where we're rewarded with a twisting descent—and a delicious gelato.

Day 3 Colle dell'Agnello/St. Veran: No mountain will ever seem impossible after your ascent of Colle dell'Agnello! Begin with a roll through the gardens and orchards of the Varaita Valley, then watch the landscape transform as you climb to the perfectly preserved alpine stone village of



Chianale. Then, descend to St. Veran, France, the highest permanently inhabited village in Europe.

Day 4 Briancon: Roll through the beautiful National Park of Queyras to historic Briancon by way of Col d'Izoard, which you may recognize from sepia photos of the Golden Age of cycling.

Day 5 Barcelonnette: Trace the "Route des Grandes Alpes" today. Created in the early 20th century, this internationally popular route was built to connect the French Riviera with Lake Geneva in Switzerland.

Day 6 Cuneo: We've saved the most challenging ride for last! Rollercoaster over Col de la Bonette and Col de La Lombarde en route to Cuneo, capital of the western Alps.

Day 7 Arrivederci!

Trip Details

Trip Length 7 days/6 nights	Terrain Rolling, mountain passes
Total Mileage 291 mi	Arrive/Depart Dronero/Cuneo
Daily Average 48 mi	Dates for 2011 6/25-7/1 7/3-7/9 8/21-8/27
	Trip Price \$2,595 - \$2,795
	Single Supplement \$400



Active Family Immersions



la mia famiglia in bici

You love your family. You love a vacation. Let's put the two together! Saddle up the tribe for easy cycling days filled with culture, discovery, and meals cheerfully cooked by someone other than you. Toss in some hiking, swimming, kayaking, cycling clinics, horseback riding, cooking and more, and serve at a convenient and cozy villa or B&B. Bicycling bambini grow into adventurous adults. Start them early, and watch their young eyes and minds open w-i-d-e.

Look for the family friendly logo on our favorite and easier active cultural immersions.

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“ I have been cycling with my kids since they were babies. This year, Luca, 7; Valentina, 11; and Lorenzo, 13 completed 20 days and 300 miles of biking in Norway and Ireland. Often they were leading the pack and enjoying themselves; I was proud that they were absorbing a place with their bodies and minds. In the long run, if you dream that your kids will appreciate active travel with you, start them young and remember, whether they are at home or in Tuscany, kids will be kids. The big question is, 'where would you rather be? Where will you be most happy?' Happy parents make happy kids. ”

Lauren Hefferon, Director and Founder, Ciclismo Classico



The Tuscan Fantasy since 1997

Where Dreams of Family Togetherness Come True

Trip Essence

1. Hearing the excitement in your children's voices as they discover a new country
2. Sitting by your bicycle sketching a centuries-old monastery
3. Buying new Italian jewelry at its source
4. Bringing multiple generations together to reinforce the family bonds in one of the world's most beautiful settings



This week-long cycling escape to fabulous Tuscany is our #1 family vacation—and no wonder. Already, more than 100 families have discovered the bonding opportunities of exploring the sun-dappled landscapes and historic treasures of Tuscany together. Join us and see how rolling down a silky road, stopping for delicious gelato, and mingling with Italian families can strengthen your own *famiglia*.

Day 1 Reggello: What better antidote to a long flight than taking a warm-up spin, then relaxing by the pool?

Day 2 Loro Ciuffenna: Pass through quaint medieval villages as your family rolls along the panoramic Strada dei Sette Ponti (Road of Seven Bridges). Then, stroll the cobbled streets of picturesque Loro Ciuffenna.

Day 3 Arezzo: Visit one of the wealthiest cities in Tuscany, unspoiled Arezzo—home to one of the largest jewelry industries in Europe.

Day 4 Figline: Explore the colorful local market in medieval Figline before sharing a picnic lunch. Then, take an optional ride to Greve, gateway to Chianti, or return to the hotel.

Day 5 Florence: Shuttle to the great Renaissance city of Florence for a walking tour that's sure to spark lively conversation.

Day 6 Activity Day in San Donato: Choose the activity that's right for your family—maybe soccer, bocce, tennis, hiking the Tuscan countryside, or visiting an olive press. Or maybe just spend the day relaxing!

Day 7 Vallombrosa: Today, you'll cycle through dense forests for a visit to a Benedictine abbey—the grandest, most important monastery of its time.

Day 8 Arrivederci!

Trip Details

Trip Length
8 days/7 nights

Total Mileage
112 mi

Daily Average
19 mi

Terrain
Gently rolling

Arrive/Depart
San Donato in
Fronzano

Dates for 2011
6/25-7/2
7/9-7/16
7/23-7/30
8/6-8/13

Trip Price
\$3,895
kids 8-16 less 15%;
kids 4-7 less 25%;
up to 3 yrs \$750

Single Supplement
\$800



Sardegna Multisport Adventure since 2003

An Undiscovered Island Paradise for Active Families

Be the first family in your neighborhood to visit the island of Sardegna! Think of what your kids can tell their friends when they get back—about the fascinating prehistoric ruins, vistas of cliffs plunging into the sea, sharing a barbecue with local shepherds, and just the sheer fun of biking, boating, swimming, and simply hanging out as a family. Native Sardegna guide Simone Scalas will make sure you don't miss a thing!

Day 1 Palau: From your lovely four-star seaside resort, take a warm-up ride to Palau, one of the more recently developed ports.

Day 2 Capo Testa: Ride to the northern-most point of the island, known for its whimsical windswept rock formations and crystal blue waters.

Day 3 La Maddalena: Board our private boat for a cruise through a beautiful archipelago, with stops to swim and feast on spaghetti. When you return to the hotel, you and

your family are free to hike, bike, swim, kayak, golf, snorkel, windsurf, or simply lounge on the beach—however the spirit moves you!

Day 4 Arzachena: View ancient nuraghi—rock towers more than 4,000 years old—on today's spin to Arzachena.

Day 5 Oliena: Pedal inland toward new lodgings at a four-star country hotel in Oliena, the heart of Sardegna. Along the way, enjoy spectacular views in every direction along the Supramonte mountain range.

Day 6 Mt. Corrasi: Today's hiking exploration of the Supramonte mountain range is highlighted by a barbecue dinner in the mountains with local shepherds.

Day 7 Orgosolo: After a cooking demonstration, spin to Orgosolo, where more than 150 wall hangings have given it the nickname "Village of Murals." If you wish, ride an optional loop through Gennargentu National Park.

Day 8 Arrivederci!

Trip Essence

1. Experiencing the life of shepherds making their living as they have for centuries
2. Sharing a big bowl of homemade spaghetti with your family that you don't have to cook yourself
3. Having a whole week to do whatever you want—biking, hiking, swimming, eating, singing, dancing, or just relaxing—in an exotic Mediterranean location
4. Having your whole family treated like members of ours



Trip Details

Trip Length
8 days/7 nights

Total Mileage
144 mi

Daily Average
29 mi

Terrain
Gently rolling

Arrive/Depart
Olbia

Dates for 2011
6/25-7/2
7/4-7/11
7/26-8/2

Trip Price
\$4,295
kids 8-16 less 15%;
kids 4-7 less 25%;
up to 3 yrs \$750;

Single Supplement
\$800



Europedaling

Is the grass greener on the other side of the border? Italy is our specialty, but like a good neighbor, we share our knowledge over the fence. We've scouted the finest cycling routes in Europe and returned with ten outstanding itineraries to enhance your Ciclismo "must bike" roster. Ride the romance of France, the wondrous Istria peninsula in Croatia; freewheel sunny southern Spain and crest the challenging Austrian Alps. For a real "northern exposure", tune your GPS to the stunning fjords of Norway, and finish with the monumental fells of Scotland.

Certo, we're unabashed Italophiles, but we believe in keeping up with the neighbors—on bicycles. Come, let our amici next door bid you Bienvenue, Dobro došli, Bienvenidos, Willkumm and Willkommen!

We had our first regroup in Algarinejo and it was raining. In the village there was a kind of festival to celebrate the end of oil season and to collect money to restore the church. I set a beautiful breakfast table with ham, cheese, fava beans, hot chocolate and coffee, and we took lots of pictures and movies with the people of the village. Those special memories certainly brightened the day.

Alessandro Allegro, Andalusia, Spain, May 2010





Andalucia Preciosa

Spin Down the Picturesque Byways of Sunny Southern Spain

Every bend in the road holds a reward for the cyclist in Andalucia! Here, you'll soar past sheer cliffs dotted with whitewashed villages, fertile valleys patched with farms, lush olive groves and rustic oil presses, scenic lakes, and historic cities and towns. You'll also find yourself immersed in an irresistible language and culture, with Spanish resident and Trip Specialist Alessandro Allegro ensuring that you have a truly authentic experience.

Days 1 & 2 Cordoba: Kick off the trip with a warm-up spin in Cordoba—a city steeped in Roman, Moorish, Jewish, and Christian influences. The following day, enjoy grand views of this historic city as you soar through the fertile valley that surrounds it.

Day 3 Priego: Wind through one of the largest olive oil-producing regions in the world and enjoy a tasting. Continue on through picturesque towns in the Subbética National Park.

Day 4 Riofrio: Admire the Baroque architecture of Priego before setting off through farmlands for Riofrio, a welcoming town renowned for its fresh fish.

Days 5 & 6 Antequera: Pedaling to Antequera, you'll be impressed by the stunning views of spires, walls, and towers of this Moorish fortress town. Explore the town the following day, and take a spin to the region's largest lake, where flamingos may be spotted.

Day 7 & 8 Ronda: Famous for its dramatic escarpments, Ronda still retains much of its historic charm. Admire views of the magnificent El Tajo gorge, and be sure to visit the museum at the Plaza de Toros here in the birthplace of modern bullfighting.

Day 9 Adios!

“I always remember the blue/grey leaves of the olive trees and the rich sienna-colored soil plowed into row after row in vast fields, dotted with deep green grape vines.”

Alessandro Allegro, Guide on Andalucia

Trip Essence

1. Visiting the Andalusian signature cities of Cordoba and Granada
2. Viewing the famous—and charming—white villages of the Sierra Morena and Sistemas Béticos
3. Nibbling on tapas and sipping sangria while listening to Spanish guitar music
4. Imagining yourself on “Dancing with the Stars” during a flamenco lesson



Trip Details

Trip Length
9 days/8 nights

Total Mileage
328 mi

Daily Average
41 mi

Terrain
Rolling

Arrive/Depart
Cordoba/Ronda or Jerez

Dates for 2011
4/2-4/10
5/7-5/15
5/22-5/30
9/24-10/2
10/10-10/18

Trip Price
\$4,595-\$4,795

Single Supplement
\$850

Local Color
Patio Festival
Cordoba:
5/22-5/30





Trip Essence

1. Pedaling along roads traveled by ancient Romans and Etruscans, led by Gilles, our local cycling expert
2. Trying your hand at capturing the sunflower fields that inspired Vincent van Gogh

3. Creating a mouth-watering French dish with the guidance of a local chef
4. Settling in at night to charming chateaux and country inns



Trip Details

Trip Length
8 days/7 nights

Total Mileage
222 mi

Daily Average
32 mi

Terrain
Gently rolling

Arrive/Depart
Avignon/Aix

Dates for 2011
5/8-5/15
6/11-6/18
9/14-9/21
10/13-10/20

Trip Price
\$4,795

Single Supplement
\$900



Divine Provence

Let The Sensory Pleasures of Provence Revitalize You – from Avignon to Aix and In-between

Fields of lavender scent the air. The dining table is replete with plump olives, aromatic cheeses, and dishes flavored with garlic and rich and colorful spices. The air feels warm on your skin as you fill your lungs with its sweetness, and all around you are beautiful fields and vineyards, quaint villages, and more Roman ruins than you'll find in all of Italy! Welcome to Ciclismo's Provence.

Day 1 Avignon: The historic "City of Popes" awaits! Take a warm-up ride around this former Papal residence, followed by dinner and a walking tour.

Days 2 & 3 Crillon-le-Brave: Follow gently rolling, vineyard-lined roads to this hilltop medieval-style village, and enjoy a stroll through Roman ruins. Take your pick of routes the next day. Those up for a challenge may take the loop up Mt. Ventoux.

Day 4 Mazan: Punctuate today's ride with a picnic of figs, lavender honey—and the region's famous wines.

Day 5 St. Remy: Cruise on a lovely route to St. Remy de Provence, inspiration to both Nostradamus and Vincent van Gogh. Enjoy a private walking tour, then join the locals on an evening stroll of the plaza.

Day 6 Les Baux de Provence: Pass cypress trees and fruit orchards en route to Les Baux, as scenes from much of van Gogh's work come to life before your eyes.

Day 7 Aix-en-Provence: Once the coastline fills our horizon, pedal along the Etang de Berre lagoon en route to this former Roman settlement that is a lure to artists and writers alike.

Day 8 Au revoir!

“The wine excursions and art tours were very special - everything was excellent!”

Eleanor Uddo, Wellesley, MA

Burgundy Bedazzled

Breathe in the Bouquet of this Ultimate Wine Region & Sip the Local Culture

Trip Essence

1. Stopping for myriad photo ops from lush, vine-laden hillsides and rustic wineries to ancient sand dunes
2. Getting an insider's visit of a vineyard, where one of the owners will recount tales of 400 years of production
3. Discovering why the protagonist of the movie "Sideways" was so passionate about Pinot Noir
4. Savoring spectacular French cooking prepared by renowned chefs of Bourgogne



If you are a wine connoisseur—or if you simply like a good glass of wine—you won't want to miss this roll through the picturesque vineyards of one of the most prestigious wine regions in the world. But Burgundy has much more to offer than simply world-class Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. It also offers a fascinating 1,000-year history, sumptuous cuisine, and a distinctive French flair that you'll experience firsthand.

Days 1 & 2 Tournus: After a lunch of fresh, local cheeses, visit the Natural Reserve of Truchère, and see sand dunes that are 10,000 years in the making. The following day, enjoy lavish views and a visit to one of the most stunning hamlets in France. Then, a picnic in Cluny is followed by a wine tasting in the underground cellars of an ancient monastery.

Day 3 Chagny: Pedal north into the Chalonaise appellation, where another local winery awaits our visit.

Days 4 & 5 Levernais: Spin to Cote de Beaune, cruising past thermal-spring-fed vineyards and the region's typical varnished-shingled-roof architecture. The following day, attend a wine tasting in Côte de Nuits, along the Route des Grands Crus.

Day 6 La Brunière: After a walking tour of Beaune, ride out to Volnay and Pommard, then on to 13th-century Abbey de la Bussière. Enjoy a Michelin-rated dinner with Chef Olivier Elzer.

Day 7 Dijon: Cycle to the beautiful church at Ternant, and enjoy a final taste of the wines of Burgundy, as well as a farewell dinner.

Day 8 Au revoir!



Dordogne Castles & Valleys

Discovering Ancient Treasures in Unspoiled Southwestern France

The Dordogne region of France rivals the best of Italy for its storied history, nearly a thousand castles, lush green scenery, stone villages, ancient art, generous people, and hearty provincial cuisine. Experience it the Ciclismo way—in a small group, with personalized coaching, cultural immersion, expert guides, amazing riding, and memorable dining experiences on this deliciously offbeat itinerary.

Day 1 Roumégouse: Take a warm-up spin through country farmlands before settling into a hilltop chateau with enchanting views.

Day 2 Rocamadour: Ride to cliff-hugging, medieval Rocamadour, a village of dramatic natural beauty and historic riches.

Day 3 Sarlat: Cross over the Dordogne River and admire a beautiful countryside of castles, walnut trees, and truffles as you pedal to majestic hilltop Sarlat.

Day 4 Beynac: Wander the market and small town squares of this gorgeous village before an afternoon spin to lofty Beynac Castle, with its spectacular view.

Day 5 Vitrac: View the Dordogne River region from another perspective—by canoe—and climb to Castelnaud, a one of four castles perched atop a cliff.

Day 6 Domme et Les Eyzies: Sometimes called the "Acropolis of the Dordogne," fortified Domme has also been named one of the "100 Most Beautiful Villages of France." In Les Eyzies, visit the fantastic prehistory museum.

Day 7 Trémolat: Marvel at the artistry of some of the world's oldest cave paintings open to the public at Grotte de Font de Gaume, a mysterious cave.

Day 8 Coly: Visit more cave paintings before heading to St. Amand-de-Coly, which boasts a beautifully fortified Romanesque church and a cliff-dwelling fortress.

Day 9 Terrasson: Spin to this sleepy village, and admire the old abbey before a final celebratory dinner.

Day 10 Au revoir!

Trip Essence

1. Viewing the "Sistine Chapel" of prehistoric art in the stunning cave galleries of Lascaux II
2. Visiting the land where Sir Lancelot is fabled to have been exiled from the court of King Arthur
3. Brushing up on your French while boosting your riding pace with our resident tour leader
4. Sampling delicious specialties, from foie gras to truffles prepared by our local chef-partners



Trip Details

Trip Length 10 days/9 nights	Arrive/Depart Avignon	Trip Price \$4,895-\$4,995
Total Mileage 293 mi	Dates for 2011 5/27-6/5 6/22-7/1 9/3-9/12 9/23-10/2	Single Supplement \$850

Terrain
Rolling and green





Austria & Czech Republic

Fairytale Landscapes Unfold Before You in Charming Central Europe

Trip Essence

1. Cycling one of the best bike path networks in all of Europe
2. Taking in breathtaking views of mountains, lakes, and medieval villages
3. Visiting the famous salt mines of Hallein
4. Living and connecting the cultures and traditions on a cycling "bridge" across borders



Surround yourself with the enthralling landscape and culture of the lands where East meets West on this delightful itinerary from regal Salzburg to the forests of Bohemia. Zigzag through tiny villages, lakes, forests, and farmlands on the meticulously maintained bike paths of Austria and delve into the 1,000-year history of the Czech capital, Prague. Along the way, you'll find some of the best cycling in all of Europe!

Day 1 Salzburg: The city of Mozart greets you with its majestic alpine setting and world-famous Baroque architecture, perfectly viewed during our warm-up ride.

Day 2 Hallein: Today's visit to medieval Hallein, center of the "salt trade," is a Ciclismo highlight!

Day 3 Mondsee: Enjoy walking or hiking in this popular spot for active travelers.

Day 4 Gmunden: Ride over a beautiful mountain pass surrounded by snow-capped peaks and rushing waterfalls—purely breathtaking scenery—en route to a picnic on the shores of the largest lake in the Austrian Alps.

Day 5 Steyr: Pedal along the Steyr River bike path and down the "Romantic Road," an old trade route during the Middle Ages. You'll arrive in Steyr, a 1,000-year-old city that perfectly mixes old-world Austria with the ultra modern.

Day 6 Freistadt: Roll along the Enns River bikeway to the peaceful medieval village of Freistadt.

Day 7 Cesky Krumlov: Cross into the Czech Republic for a stay in the picturesque medieval town of Cesky Krumlov, with its fairytale castle.

Day 8 Prague: Explore Cesky Krumlov at leisure or join an exhilarating ride to the beautiful baroque town of Ceske Budejovice before shuttling to Prague, a city brimming with history from the ancient to the contemporary.

Day 9 Ahoj!

“On our **journey** through Austria, Ciclismo guides never failed to satisfy and live up to all our **expectations!**”

Louise Knapp, Newton, MA

Trip Details

Trip Length
9 days/8 nights

Arrive/Depart
Salzburg/Prague

Trip Price
\$4,495-\$4,695

Total Mileage
222 mi

Dates for 2011
5/14-5/22
5/26-6/3
6/23-7/1
7/7-7/15
8/27-9/4
9/15-9/23

Single Supplement
\$800

Daily Average
28 mi

Terrain
Flat and rolling





Croatia Istria Peninsula

since
2007

Experience the Old World in One of Europe's Hottest New Destinations

Croatia's largest peninsula, Istria has been etched by the Adriatic over time into a landscape of forested mountains, lush vineyards, distant islands, and a jagged coastline with spellbinding views of the sea. Sprinkle heavily with medieval castles, Byzantine cathedral, and villages seemingly untouched by time, and you have the perfect setting for a week-long bicycling idyll. And no one is better poised to reveal it to you than Ciclismo, one of the first companies to offer a cycling vacation here.

Day 1 Trieste: Stretch out with a warm-up spin in Italy's "Gateway to Eastern Europe."

Day 2 Umag: Keep your passport handy as you spin through a corner of Slovenia and on into Croatia, passing wonderful forests and villages.

Day 3 Groznjan: A visit to an oil press and winery will allow you to sample the finest Croatian wines.

Days 4 & 5 Rovinj: Views of the ocean greet your view throughout today's ride along the warm shores of the "Istrian Riviera." The next day, ride to the Venetian town of Rovinj, and explore its pedestrian-only cobbled lanes.

Day 6 Pula: Admire the breathtaking views from Pula, and visit the large and elegant Roman amphitheater, 17th-century Venetian castle, and some of the finest beaches on the Adriatic.

Day 7 Brijuni National Park: Ferry to the Brijuni Islands, a lush archipelago and former vacation spot for Europe's aristocrats.

Day 8 Zdravo!

“I liked the **variety** of settings and atmospheres, and **loved** the way we ate and **learned** about the regional specialties.”

Barbara Hayward, Lawton, OK

Trip Essence

1. Taking out your watercolors to capture a landscape your friends can only dream about
2. Riding on peaceful roads past historic, hilltop villages and picturesque seaside towns

3. Cruising the scenic Adriatic by boat and ferry
4. Learning about Croatia's blossoming wine industry and taste the latest vintages



Trip Details

Trip Length
8 days/7 nights

Total Mileage
245 mi

Daily Average
35 mi

Terrain
Rolling

Arrive/Depart
Trieste, Italy

Dates for 2011
5/4-5/11
5/25-6/1
6/18-6/25
8/27-9/3
9/7-9/14
9/18-9/25

Trip Price
\$4,095-\$4,295

Single Supplement
\$800





Bike Across Scotland

A Dreamy East-West Transit of Scotland's Magnificent Highlands

Trip Essence

1. Being dazzled by some of the most breathtaking scenery in Europe... every single day
2. Challenging yourself on a climb up the UK's highest mountain pass
3. Picturing yourself as James Bond in a setting where the film series was shot
4. Trying your luck at spotting the legendary Loch Ness monster
5. Tasting succulent seafood, game, and cheeses—all locally sourced
6. Affirming your respect for the environment with a stay at one of the Highlands' leading eco-hotels



The fabled Scottish Highlands are filled with ecological marvels, from pristine lochs (lakes) and fields of heather to sandstone mountains 500 million years old. Pedaling from Inverness to the Atlantic, you'll enjoy it all Ciclismo style—with expert guidance, fantastic loops offering superb views, and the best of Scottish hospitality. Don't miss it!

Day 1 Fort Augustus: Keep watch for the elusive monster as we follow a quiet road along the south shore of Loch Ness.

Day 2 Glen Shiel: View some of the finest scenery in Scotland (and maybe red deer and golden eagles, too) as we climb into Glen Shiel.

Days 3 & 4 Balmacara: On today's easy roll, you'll be stirred by the scenic mountain backdrop and by a visit to the striking castle of Eilean Donan, featured in the James Bond film

series. Day 4's excursion to the Isle of Skye is sure to be a highlight. Roll past heather-clad hills and coastal inlets to the ferry that carries us across the "Kyles" to the Glenelg Peninsula, which boasts 1,000 years of fascinating history.

Day 5 Applecross: A challenging climb on the UK's highest road is rewarded with views that may range as far as the Outer Hebrides. Then, enjoy a thrilling descent to beautiful Applecross Bay.

Day 6 Torridon: Breathe in the salty coastal air as we spin past some of the earliest inhabited coastal areas of Scotland. We overnight in one of the most picturesque mountain areas in Europe.

Day 7 Gairloch: Ride past an ancient mountain range and a countryside dotted with crystalline lochs en route to Gairloch, a charming Highland village.

Day 8 Mar sin leat!



Ireland The Dramatic West Coast

Pedal to the Beat of an Enchanting Celtic Landscape

The Irish are renowned storytellers—but nothing tells the story of Ireland better than its breathtaking landscapes. From the soaring Cliffs of Moher and the Twelve Bens Mountains to the atmospheric peat bogs of Connemara National Park, the wild heart of Ireland reveals the power of beauty to inspire art. Join Ciclismo as we return to Ireland and chart the most rewarding cycling routes, guided by experts. You'll find that the luck of the Irish can be your luck, too!

Days 1 & 2 Ballyvaughan: Shuttle from Galway to the fascinating region known as the Burren, known for its karst limestone landscape. Spectacular scenery await on Day 2, as you ride a loop to the stunning Cliffs of Moher, rising dramatically 700 feet above the sea. We'll also stop in Doolin, County Cork's musical center.

Days 3 & 4 Aran Islands: Cycle and ferry to one of the Aran Islands today. Lying off Ireland's west coast, these peaceful,

unsullied islands are perfect for cycling. We have two days to explore by bike and boat and to wander the winding byways of a place where you can truly feel as though you've stepped back in time.

Day 5 Clifden: Ferry to the mainland today, and enjoy a scenic spin past the mighty Twelve Bens Mountains. We'll also roll past stately Ballynahinch Castle, set in a handsome wooded estate.

Day 6 Leenane: Follow the Sky Road along a narrow peninsula en route to Connemara National Park. Tonight, drink in the beauty of Leenane, set on one of Ireland's most dramatic fjords.

Day 7 Galway: Your last ride snakes through farmland to charming Galway, where a celebration at the city's most famous pub awaits.

Day 8 Slán leat!

Trip Details

Trip Length
8 days/7 nights

Arrive/Depart
Inverness

Trip Price
\$3,595-\$3,995

Total Mileage
254 mi

Dates for 2011
6/18-6/25
8/6-8/13

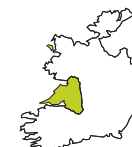
Single Supplement
\$800

Daily Average
36 mi

Terrain
Rolling

Trip Essence

1. Gazing in awe over the magnificent Cliffs of Moher
2. Truly getting away from it all on one of the legendary Aran Islands
3. Reading a few pages of Joyce, Yeats, Wilde, Synge, Beckett, or Shaw amid the scenes that inspired them
4. Viewing the famous peat bogs that are slowly disappearing



Trip Details

Trip Length
8 days/7 nights

Arrive/Depart
Galway

Trip Price
\$3,595-\$3,995

Total Mileage
189 mi

Dates for 2011
6/18-6/25
6/28-7/5
7/9-7/16
8/6-8/13

Single Supplement
\$800

Daily Average
27 mi

Terrain
Flat and rolling





“We couldn’t wait to go to Norway when this new family trip was announced, and it did not disappoint--it was **amazing!** It is hard to describe the pleasure of riding between small fishing villages far above the Arctic Circle. The landscape was striking--soaring mountains diving into the sea--and the marvelous locally sourced fish dinners rival the top seafood restaurants of the world. How often is the seafood **so good** that kids ask, ‘Can I have more fish please?’”

Jim Pohl, San Francisco, CA

Norway Classic Fjords

Up-Close Views by Sea & Land of Some of the World's Most Magnificent Scenery

Trip Essence

1. Capturing postcard-worthy scenes on your own camera as you view Norway's legendary scenic splendor up close
2. Experiencing the thrilling descent of Stalheim Pass, with its 13 hairpin turns
3. Discovering why so many people who have visited Bergen say they'd like to live there
4. Sampling fresh, healthful Scandinavian specialties



Norway's mountain-ringed fjords have inspired travelers for centuries with their awe-inspiring magnificence. Now you can experience it for yourself—up close—by train, ferry, and, of course, bicycle. Bracketed by two of the country's most charming cities, this cycling saga under the Midnight Sun is true cause for celebration!

Day 1 Voss: Explore the perfectly preserved wharves of Bergen before your scenic train ride to Voss.

Day 2 Sogndal: Rollercoaster through the Stalheim Pass, then ferry across Sogne Fjord, the world's longest and deepest fjord.

Day 3 Turtagrø: Roll to Lustra Fjord and ferry to the tiny, 12th-century church at Urnes. Then, embark on the trip's most challenging climb, to

Turtagrø, Norway's mountaineering center.

Day 4 Lom: Choose your means of locomotion among today's hiking and biking options.

Day 5 Grotli: Pedal through a beautiful valley, past forested hills dotted with lovely waterfalls and rivers.

Day 6 Saebo: One of the most spectacular

views in all of Norway awaits today! It's all downhill to Geiranger Fjord, where you'll board a ferry for a leisurely cruise.

Day 7 Ålesund: Skirt a fjord along a traffic-free road as you cycle to Ålesund. Rebuilt after a fire in 1904, this town's Art Deco buildings are among the most beautiful architecture in the world.

Day 8 Farvel!



Lovely Lofoten

An Outdoor Lover's Paradise, Rated One of the Best Islands in the World by *National Geographic Traveler*

Norway's pristine northern coast above the arctic circle is a wonderland of lofty mountains, soaring seabirds, tiny fishing hamlets, and crystalline fjords bounded by quiet seaside roads. Explore this stunning archipelago with guide (and trip designer) Sandro Della Mea, a native Norwegian with years of experience leading trips here.

The nightly feasts of Norwegian delicacies - fresh seafood, fish soup, crayfish and more - pleasingly coat your palate and make for glorious riding fuel.

Days 1-3 Henningsvær: Enjoy a warm-up ride and time at leisure to explore Henningsvær, known as "Lofoten's Venice." On Day 2, admire the stunning coastline as you spin to Gimsoy and Brenna. The next day features a ride to Borg's fascinating hands-on Viking Museum.

Day 4 Stamsund: Today's dramatic coastal ride abounds, birds, wildlife, soaring green mountains and spectacular scenery.

Days 5-7 Ballstaad: Explore the Old Schoolhouse museum in Fygle, then board a ferry to Nusfjord, Norway's oldest and best-preserved fishing village. The next day, enjoy a spectacular loop among white sandy beaches, stopping for guided tours of the region's small yet fascinating museums. You can even ride on the beach. In the evening, hike along a mountain lake to view the Midnight Sun.

Day 7 features a cruise to Maelstrom, site of the strongest currents on Earth.

Day 8 Farvel!

Trip Essence

1. Getting more day for your dollar with optional around-the-clock adventures and excursions under the Midnight Sun
2. Overnighting in charming *rorbu* renovated fishing cabins overlooking quiet bays
3. Being able to tell your friends that you've crossed the Arctic Circle
4. Viewing the Maelstrom, renowned as the world's strongest current



Trip Details

Trip Length 8 days/7 nights	Arrive/Depart Bergen/Ålesund	Kids 16 and under: less 40%
Total Mileage 229 mi	Dates for 2011 6/18-6/25 6/25-7/2	Trip Price \$4,295
Daily Average 32 mi	Dates for 2011 7/2-7/9 7/15-7/22 8/6-8/13 8/20-8/27	Single Supplement \$800
Terrain Rolling coastal roads	For Families 7/2-7/9, 7/15-7/22	

Biking Beyond

So, Italy was a piece of pannettone? Europe was a pedal in the park? You're ready to change up to Ciclismo's biggest touring gear. Saddle up for new hemispheres, curious cultures, and fascinating traditions. We took our stringent route-seeking ruler to wine-steeped Chile, rugged Argentina, vibrant Vietnam and scenery-overloaded New Zealand and created this trip series for the plucky, picky and perspicacious pedaler. No matter what route you choose, one thing remains a Ciclismo constant: expert planning, enlightened discovery, expert local guides, superb accommodations, delicious cuisine, friendly camaraderie, and the best cycling routes you'll ever ride. No wonder we're a *National Geographic Adventure* and *Outside Magazine* repeat award winner. Ride a borderless world with us, under the power of your own two wheels.





Chile & Argentina Magnifico

Turn Your World Upside-Down on this Fantastically Scenic Tour

Some of the most dramatic scenery on the planet awaits on the opposite end of the world. View the majestic Andes, pristine lakes, spectacular waterfalls, rolling valleys, small villages, and more. You'll also mingle with the indigenous people of the region, soak in natural hot springs, and savor the local cuisine, with *all* meals included. We even offer you a chance to prolong the pleasure on a Chilean Wine Tour extension!

Days 1 & 2 Pucon: Arrive in the adventure capital of Chile and get acquainted with your guides and fellow riders over dinner. During a museum visit the next day, you'll meet with the Mapuche, the area's indigenous people, and learn about their lifestyle. Then, pedal past the volcanic landscape around Lake Villarrica, followed by a hot mineral bath.

Day 3 Puerto Fuy: Today's ride is a pastoral delight, with views of beautiful lakes and volcanoes.

Day 4 San Martin de Los Andes: We'll ferry across Pirehueico Lake to Argentina for a day of exploration.

Day 5 Villa La Angostura: Ride the resplendent "Route of the Seven Lakes" through the Andean Patagonian forest.

Days 6 & 7 Puerto Varas: The quiet up-and-down roads of the Andes lead to a glorious descent back into Chile and the German-influenced city of Puerto Varas. The next day features a ride to the tranquil shores of beautiful Lake Llanquihue in the shadow of the snow-capped Osorno Volcano. Afterward, take a short hike to dramatic Petrohue Falls.

Day 8 Adios!

Optional Chilean Wine Tour post-tour

extension: Extend your stay with an optional three-day Santiago and Chilean Wine Tour.

Begin with an introduction to the sumptuous Chilean wines by our sommelier in the capital city of Santiago. Enjoy visits to several vineyards the following days, sampling the region's superb vintages along the way! Extension price starts at \$1,195. Call for more details.

Trip Essence

1. Jotting a few postcards as you sit on the shores of a glorious Chilean lake
2. Getting out of the saddle and soaking your muscles in a hot mineral spring
3. Happening onto a little patch of Germany in the middle of South America
4. Dining on authentic Patagonian cuisine paired with select Chilean wines—without having to pay extra for meals!



Trip Details

Trip Length
8 days/7 nights
or 10 days/9 nights
with extension

Total Mileage
182 mi

Daily Average
37 mi

Terrain
Rolling

Arrive/Depart
Temuco /Puerto Montt

Dates
11/7/10-11/14/10
12/26/10-1/2/11
1/8/11-1/15/11
2/6/11-2/13/11
3/13/11-3/20/11
10/30/11-11/6/11
11/6/11-11/13/11
12/28/11-1/4/12

Trip Price
\$3,995-\$4,595

Single Supplement
\$800





Trip Essence

1. Posting a video of scenes you'll view during a covered boat ride to the coral islands
2. Sharing your compassion with the children of a local orphanage

3. Earning bragging rights during an epic—and epically rewarding—cycling experience to Dalat
4. Sampling authentic Vietnamese cuisine at a traditional restaurant



Vietnam Splendor

North and South Vietnam Are United on One Unforgettable, Seamless Route

Journey from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) on this exceptional and exotic dream ride. You'll also meet the people of modern Vietnam, who are eager to welcome you to a land where ancient and contemporary exist side by side in tiny villages and lush countryside. All along the way, you'll be well looked after by Ciclismo, with fabulous hotels, delicious cuisine, and the insights and leadership of our own local guides.

Days 1 & 2 Hanoi: Take a tour of the city's old quarter by bike or on foot, and meet a local anthropologist at his home. Enjoy a traditional water puppet performance this evening, and explore the pagodas bordering the Duong River.

Days 3 & 4 Hue: Fly to Vietnam's former capital, Hue, and loop through the lush countryside. After afternoon tea in a local home, we'll enjoy a private dinner with a Vietnamese historian. On Day 4, bike to the Imperial Citadel and explore the ruins.

Days 5 & 6 Hoi An: Ride from Thuan An beach to Vinh Loc for a ferry across the Perfume River estuary. After three hill climbs, rest aboard your shuttle to Hoi An, where you'll share dinner with the director of a local orphanage. On

Day 6, ride to My Son, the ancient center of the Cham civilization.

Day 7 Nha Trang: Fly to Nha Trang for a lovely coastal bike ride. Later, a covered boat will transport you to the coral islands for swimming and snorkeling.

Day 8 Dalat: Ride up a remote mountain road to the central highlands of Dalat, a French-colonial resort.

Days 9 & 10 Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon): Cycle along Xuan Huong Lake for stunning views before boarding a short flight to Ho Chi Minh City. The next day, pedal the quiet country road beyond the city limits to the famous Cu Chi tunnels.

Day 11 Tam Biet!

Optional post-tour extension: Extend your stay with an optional four-day visit to Angkor Wat, Cambodia. Stay in the city of Siem Reap, gateway to the Angkor Archeological Park. View several of the region's stunning ancient temples, including the largest in the world, Angkor Wat. Extension prices start at \$1,275. Call for more details.

Trip Details

Trip Length
11 days/10 nights
or 14 days/13 nights
with extension

Total Mileage
217 mi

Daily Average
24 mi

Terrain
Flat and rolling

Arrive/Depart
Hanoi/Ho Chi Minh
City

Dates
11/13/10-11/23/10
12/19/10-12/29/10
1/10/11-1/20/11
2/19/11-3/1/11
3/7/11-3/17/11
10/30/11-11/9/11
11/7/11-11/17/11
12/18/11-12/28/11

For Families
12/19/10-12/29/10

Price
\$4,195-\$4,695

Single Supplement
\$1,650



New Zealand's South Island Spin

A Magnificent, Pristine Landscape—Pure Eden to the Cyclist

Trip Essence

1. Doing it all in one trip—hiking on a glacier and kayaking through a rainforest in addition to cycling the South Island

2. Riding the famed TranzAlpine train, rated the “world’s greatest scenic railway journey”

3. Watching sheepdogs on the job at a working sheep farm

4. Bringing home a hand-carved jade bracelet for yourself or a loved one



New Zealand's breathtaking South Island is unrivaled in the world for its spectacular scenery. Here, you'll find the awe-inspiring, glacier-clad Southern Alps and fjords that may remind you of Norway ... luxurious wooded hills and lush rainforests ... and an abundance of fascinating wildlife. Pedal the island's Wild West coast on this exciting journey. We're betting you won't want to leave!

Day 1 Christchurch: Ride through the beautiful Port Hills on a warm-up spin.

Day 2 Hokitika: Board the TranzAlpine train for a memorable ride to Arthur's Pass. Pedal to the summit, and you'll be rewarded with a beautiful descent into the rainforest before arriving in Hokitika, known for its jade.

Day 3 Franz: Learn about jade-carving and wood sculpture firsthand from local artisans, then spin southward to glacier country. Late this afternoon, hike to the base of Franz Josef Glacier.

Days 4 & 5 Fox: Cycle to sleepy Okarito for a sea kayaking adventure! Then, enjoy a roller coaster ride to Fox. The following day, hike to Fox Glacier. Spend the day sightseeing or flightseeing by plane or helicopter around the mountains.

Day 6 Haast: The scenery is especially magnificent today, as you cycle the coastal roads to Fiordland National Park.

Day 7 Wanaka: View cascading waterfalls and pristine lakes as you climb higher up through the valley.

Days 8 & 9 Queenstown: Experience sheep-farming life before cycling through a tranquil valley. Pause en route in the historic gold-mining town of Arrowtown. The next day is free to choose your activity in Queenstown, an “adventure capital city.”

Day 10 Cheers!



Optional post-tour extension: Extend your stay with an optional five-day tour of either Milford Sound or Doubtful Sound. Pedal either of these scenic beauties, adjacent to the Fiordland National Park. Be sure to check out the spectacular views of Humboldt Falls before boarding a boat cruise around one of the Sounds. Ambitious riders will even have the option to ride a century! Extension prices start at \$1,895. Call for more details.



Trip Details

Trip Length
10 days/9 nights
or 14 days/13
nights with
extension

Total Mileage
278 mi

Daily Average
35 mi

Terrain
Flat and rolling

Arrive/Depart
Christchurch/
Queenstown

Dates for 2011
12/20/10-12/29/10
12/27/10-1/5/11
1/17/11-1/26/11
2/22/11-3/3/11
3/14/11-3/23/11
11/7/11-11/16/11
12/7/11-12/16/11
12/28/11-1/6/12

Trip Price
\$3,995

Single Supplement
\$1,600





USA & Italy Staff

During your days on tour, you'll be in the ever-capable hands of our unparalleled guides. But before your adventure begins, you'll get to know many members of our US and Italy team. They'll make sure you to match you with the perfect tour, help with your travel planning, and answer any questions along the way. And once you're back home, you can expect a call from one of our team members to learn all about your experience.

Director and CEB (Chief Executive Biker) **Lauren Hefferon** founded Ciclismo Classico in 1989 with a dream to combine a passion for her bicycling, her Italian roots, visual arts and outdoor education. Lauren drives all visionary aspects of Ciclismo Classico, from itinerary design and tour leader training to marketing and company strategy. A devoted cycling promoter, Lauren's life and politics revolve around her two-wheeled activities. Commuting everywhere by bike, she supports cycling causes, such as Rails to Trails, Bikes Belong, and the Pan Mass Challenge.

Our newest staff addition is Sales Manager **Christy Mraz**. She's no stranger to the world of adventure travel, having worked with leading publications like *Men's Journal* and *National Geographic Adventure*. Also a world traveler, she spent a year exploring the globe by cycling, hiking, and eating! Give her a call any time to hear about some of her adventures – culinary and otherwise.

US Managing Director **Andrew Conway** continues at the helm of the Arlington Office. Now in his seventh year at Ciclismo, Director of Marketing **Joe Luchison** brings creative new ideas and insights to the company every day. Our Financial Director of Operations is **Mauro Rugiero**. A native of Calabria, Mauro directs our European team and works diligently to help bring our trips to life and keep the books in order. Also hailing from Italy, **Natascia Armitage** coordinates all your hotel and ground travel arrangements to help get you to and from your trip in grand style. And it's **Mary Jane "M.J." Keeler** who, as Office Manager, keeps on top of all the details to ensure that everything's running smoothly.

Making it all happen at our European HQ in Tuscany, we have European Operations Manager **Davide Marchegiano** and European Operations Coordinator **Suzie Regul**. Davide has now been with Ciclismo a lucky thirteen years – making him the longest-tenured employee apart from the founders! He is the heart and soul of our European staff and is responsible for the hiring and training of our superlative guide team, just one of his many responsibilities. Suzie joined the team as a guide 10 years ago. She now manages our Italian base and pre-trip preparations. Rounding out our Europe team we have star mechanics Aldo Papini and Bruno Ensoli, who make sure that all of our racing, hybrid, tandem, and kids' bikes are in top working order – and sparkling clean!



Bringing Dreams to Life Locally and Globally

Ciclismo Actively Cares

Pan-Massachusetts Challenge

Lauren has ridden the Pan-Mass Challenge for 19 years, logging 3,500 miles and raising over \$100,000 for cancer research.

The Pan-Mass Challenge raises money for life-saving cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through its Jimmy Fund. The centerpiece of its fundraising effort is an annual bike-a-thon with several routes across Massachusetts. pmc.org

Massachusetts Bicycle Coalition

Lauren is on MassBike's board of directors and the Ciclismo Classico team supports many of MassBike's events statewide, including Bike Night, the Mass Bike Fest, and the Mass Bike Pike Tour, through sponsorship, advisement and participation. We donate the proceeds of our annual Jingle Ride to this statewide advocacy organization.

The primary purposes of MassBike are: to serve and protect the interests of the bicycling public in Massachusetts; to promote the bicycle as a healthy, enjoyable, efficient, and environment-friendly means of transportation and recreation; to promote a physical geographic context and vehicular traffic environment that enhance these qualities; and to ensure the safety of transportation by bicycle. massbike.org

Sustainable Business Network

Ciclismo Classico is an active member of the Sustainable Business Network of Greater Boston. SBN is a community of business leaders who work together to promote a high level of ethical and environmental standards that support a productive and fulfilling workplace and community. This is done through various educational programs, service projects, and advocacy for socially responsible business practices and policies. In 2010, Ciclismo Classico and fellow members raised over \$40,000 for earthquake relief in Haiti. sbnboston.org

Safe Routes to School

Lauren is an active participant in her local chapter of Safe Routes to School and advocates in her hometown of Arlington, Massachusetts for better bike paths and paved roads so all local children can bike to and from school safely.

The National Center for Safe Routes to School aims to assist communities in developing successful Safe Routes programs and strategies. saferoutesinfo.org

Trusted Adventures

Ciclismo Classico belongs to the Trusted Adventures alliance. Recognized worldwide for uncompromising quality, exceptional guest care and sustainable travel ethics, the Trusted Adventures alliance is a partnership of seven distinguished, award-winning, and independently operated companies. United under a common mission to provide authentic, transformational travel experiences, Trusted Adventures offers the world's finest collection of active vacations showcased online in a richly textured, easy to use website.

Social Venture Network

Social Venture Network (SVN) transforms the way the world does business by leveraging its members' collective strengths of leadership, knowledge and enterprise for a more just and sustainable economy. Lauren embraces this group as her "tribe" of progressive thinkers and entrepreneurs who are making a difference in the world. svn.org

Sustainable Travel International

Sustainable Travel International (STI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing education and outreach services that help travelers, travel providers, and related organizations support environmental conservation and protect cultural heritage while promoting cross-cultural understanding and economic development. sustainabletravelinternational.org

Bikes Belong

Bikes Belong is the national coalition of bicycle suppliers and retailers working together to put more people on bicycles more often. Ciclismo annually contributes a portion of its profits to this action-oriented organization. bikesbelong.org

We Love Alumni

Take your passion on the road for the most satisfying vacation.

Ciclismo Classico was founded as a family business, and our mission is to extend our family business values to our team and our guests. Once you take a Ciclismo tour, you become part of our *famiglia* right away, and we honor your loyalty. Here are just some of the benefits of your alumni status will afford you.

Early Signup Alumni Savings

During the fall season, we offer alumni an exclusive savings, just for reserving early. Savings is based on the number of times you have traveled with us. Tours must be reserved with a deposit by Thanksgiving 2011 to lock in the savings.

Level	Tours	Savings
Chianti	1	8% off your next tour
Super Tuscan	2 - 3	10% off your next tour
Barolo	4 - 5	15% off your next tour
Grappa	6+	18% off your next tour

After Thanksgiving, alumni are always entitled to a 5% per person savings off published tour prices, all year long. More Miles for Less trips and custom dates and itineraries are excluded.



Club Ciclismo

Just because your trip is over doesn't mean the fun has to end, too. The spirit of camaraderie you enjoy on a Ciclismo Classico vacation is a big reason why so many of our guests choose to travel with us again. By creating your own Club Ciclismo Chapter, you can refresh that spirit of bonding and simply enjoying la dolce vita with family and friends back home—while you earn travel credits toward getting back on the road with Ciclismo again.

Membership Has Its Privileges

You'll earn a wealth of special privileges simply by starting a Club Ciclismo Chapter and becoming a Ciclismo Ambassador. Earn credits for every Club Ciclismo event you host. If you accumulate enough credits, you can even travel FREE!

In addition, you'll receive special treatment when it comes to reserving your next trip, and enjoy FREE travel consultation any time. We'll also make sure you'll receive a special invitation to our many Club Ciclismo events, rides and reunions.

It's as Easy as Riding a Bike!

Gathering friends for a Club Ciclismo Chapter event is as easy as ... well ... throwing a party or organizing a bicycling event. There are so many ways to recapture the adventures, laughter and smiles that connected you to fellow riders as you pedaled along a stunning coastline or shared a glass of Barolo with them.

You choose the type of event you want to host, and we'll provide the tools that will make being a chapter ambassador easy.

Anyone is welcome to join in! And no matter what you choose to do, your passion for traveling Ciclismo-style is sure to shine through. It's the next-best thing to going on a Ciclismo Classico trip yourself.

For more information about referring a friend or starting a Club Ciclismo Chapter, call 1-800-866-7314 or email Lauren@ciclismoclassico.com.

Create Your Own Vacation Feast

Did you like your first Ciclismo tour so much that you want to customize a trip just for yourself or your group of traveling companions? We'll take what you liked most about your past tours and combine it with exactly what you want to do, see or experience, and help you build the perfect dream cycling vacation.

Want to combine cyclists with non-cycling activity? How about a specially-themed tour, centered around photography, art, architecture, yoga, food or wine? Want to cook with a professional chef? We can help you make it all happen. Contact one of our tour consultants at 1-800-866-7314 and we'll get the wheels spinning!

Reservations and Payment

To sign up for a Ciclismo Classico tour, call us at 1-800-866-7314 or sign up online at ciclismoclassico.com, and charge the \$500 deposit to your Visa or MasterCard. Balances are due 90 days prior to departure. Upon receipt of your deposit and signed tour participant agreement, you will receive a comprehensive pre-departure packet that will get you ready for your trip. Because many of our tours fill up six months in advance, we suggest reserving early. Furthermore, the sooner you decide on a tour, the more time you will have to read through our materials and prepare yourself for this unique travel experience.

Accommodations

Prices shown are based on double occupancy. If you would like your own room, there is an additional single supplement charge. A limited number of single rooms are available on all tours, so please call for availability. Note: In Europe, single rooms are often smaller than double rooms even though they cost more per person. If you would like us to provide you with a roommate, we will do our best to make a suitable match; doing so is usually not a problem. If you sign up at least 90 days in advance and request that we find you a roommate, fifty percent (50%) of the single supplement charge will be added to your tour price at the time of booking. If we are able to find you a roommate, there will be no single supplement charge. If we are unable to find you a roommate, you will receive a single room at only fifty percent (50%) of the single room charge. If you sign up within fewer than 90 days of the tour departure, the single supplement charge will apply. Please understand that many of our hotels charge the same for single and double rooms, especially if the hotel is full.

Participant Responsibility

We will gladly answer questions to help you select a tour or provide you with names of past participants who will candidly describe their experience with Ciclismo Classico. However, our guests have the responsibility to select a trip most appropriate to their physical abilities and interests, to carefully read all of the detailed pre-departure information before leaving and to be in sufficient good health to undertake the trip.

Terms & Conditions

Children on Family Trips

To ride in the van, children under 8 years old must be accompanied by a parent. Children under 4 years old or weighing less than 40 pounds are required to be in a child's car seat in the van. Children weighing 40-77 pounds must use an adaptor or booster seat. Ciclismo Classico does not provide these seats; parents are responsible for bringing their own.

About Group Travel

Travel within a group invariably involves compromise to accommodate diverse desires, travel goals, personalities and the physical abilities of all group members. Ciclismo Classico leaders may be required to improvise and exercise good faith, use discretion and/or make decisions based upon group consensus. These decisions may not always please each individual, but they are intended to satisfy the desires of the larger group.

Changes to the Itinerary

Due to circumstances beyond our control, Ciclismo Classico may have to make partial changes to the stated itinerary. Every effort is made to keep changes to a minimum, and our standard of quality is always maintained.

Service Responsibility

Ciclismo Classico will not assume responsibility for any overseas company or person who fails to provide services that have been contracted for any of its tours. (In the case of such an event, alternative services will be sought.) In rare instances, we may ask a traveler to switch to another trip from one that has logistical problems or too few participants; we will attempt to notify you at least 60 days before the departure date. We reserve the right to cancel any trip, for any reason, at any time prior to departure. In this case, refund of any payments received constitutes full settlement.

Insurance

Ciclismo Classico will not assume responsibility or liability for any loss or damage of personal effects or for any injury or loss during the duration of the tour. Therefore, we

highly recommend that you obtain baggage, health and/or accident insurance. Ciclismo Classico offers a travel protection plan through a leading independent provider. If a guest elects to purchase the plan, the policy is only in effect from the time it is paid for. The policy can be paid for at the time of initial registration or any time until 90 days before the trip departure date, when the insurance cost is due along with any other outstanding balance. Trip deposits may not be applied to the cost of the plan. Ciclismo Classico provides information about the policy, but detailed questions about the policy should be directed to the insurance provider.

Cancellations and Refunds

All requests for refunds must be submitted in writing as soon as possible to Ciclismo Classico. Exceptions to our cancellation policy cannot be made for any reason, including weather or personal emergencies. There is no refund for unexpectedly leaving a trip early or arriving late. We strongly recommend trip cancellation insurance. Ciclismo Classico does not recommend the purchase of nonrefundable airline tickets. Cancellation fees are determined as follows:

Days prior to departure	Cancellation Fee
91+	\$150 administrative fee
61-90	Loss of the \$500 deposit
45-60	50% of trip price
30-44	100% of trip price; you may apply 35% of payment to a future trip departing within one calendar year of cancellation date
15-29	100% of trip price; you may apply 15% of your payment to a future trip departing within one calendar year of cancellation date
0-14	100% of trip price

You may transfer your trip deposit to another departure in the same tour season up to 90 days before your original departure for a \$100 per person transfer fee. Prices quoted are based on the international exchange rate in July 2010 and are subject to adjustment without prior notification in the event that those rates change.

What's Included

Accommodations & Meals

- All accommodations with private bath in four- or five-star hotels, charming B&Bs and family inns
- All continental breakfasts
- Two Ciclismo Classico picnics and an introductory lunch
- Most dinners, except one or two on your own
- All snacks and drinks en route
- Luggage handling during the tour

Use One of Our Awesome Bicycles (choose one) see page 13 for more details about our bikes

- New, 27 or 30 speed Bianchi road bike with aluminum frame, carbon fork, and Campagnolo components
- Ultra-performance, 24-speed Ciclismo Classico exclusive hybrid with aluminum frame (women's hybrid also available)
- Tandems available on request at extra charge
- Bike selection on tours outside of Europe may vary

Travel Planning

- An expert office staff in USA and Italy to assist you in pre- and post-tour travel consultation (contacts, hotels, train information, suggested itineraries, more)
- An extensive pre-departure package containing information on your destination, what to bring, what to expect, a recommended reading list and some suggestions on how to prepare for the tour
- Convenient meeting points for arriving and departing

On the Trip

- Detailed route instructions and maps highlighting daily options
- Wine and food tastings
- Guided tours
- On-tour cycling clinics
- Museum visits
- Rides with locals, visits to local festivals and special events that immerse you in the local culture (subject to availability)
- Limited group sizes of 10-24 participants
- Extra loops available on all trips for those looking to log some more miles
- FREE custom-designed cycling jersey for every guest

Guides and Van Support

- Experienced bilingual and native Italian and local guides, equipped with mobile phones
- Local guides to lead walks and educational talks or to play a local tune
- Private van support to transport luggage and provide assistance when necessary

Fees and Gratuities

- Any shuttles (aside from private taxis) needed while on the tour
- Tips and gratuities for performers, local city guides and other selected items

Exclusively for Alumni

We hold a special place in our hearts for our alumni, and love to offer them special early-reservation savings plus personal invitations

to events such as our annual reunion, theme dinners, slide shows, and our holiday Jingle Ride.

What's Not Included

- Wine and alcoholic beverages - optional wine kitty available on tour
- Most lunches
- Airfare
- Transfers to the starting point or from the finishing point unless specified; we can assist you in planning and arranging any necessary shuttles
- Helmets (required)
- Transport of bike case for guests who bring their own bike; shipping in the destination available for additional fee
- Personal expenses (laundry, supplies, phone calls, etc.)
- Guide gratuity

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Tour Finder 2010-2011

TOUR	PAGE	TRIP LENGTH	PRICIPAL REGION	LEVEL	JAN	FEB	MAR	OCT	NOV	DEC	MI/KM	PRICE FROM
Beyond Europe												
Chile & Argentina	59	8 days	Andes & Lakes		8	6	13	30 ('11)	7('10); 6('11)	26 ('10); 28 ('11)	182/293	3,995
New Zealand	61	10/14 days	South Island		17	22	14		7 ('11)	20, 27('10), 7, 28 ('11)	278/447	3,995
Vietnam	60	11/14 days	Southeast Asia		10	19	7	30 ('11)	13('10), 7('11)	19 ('10), 18 ('11)	217/349	4,195

TOUR	PAGE	TRIP LENGTH	PRINCIPAL REGION	LEVEL	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	MI/KM	PRICE FROM
Italy													
Amalfi Stroll & Roll	www	6 or 9 days	Amalfi Coast		3, 30	12				22	11	98/158	4,395
Assaggio Toscana	27	6 days	Tuscany		11	3, 10, 17	13, 20, 27	9, 18	29	12, 19, 26	11	151/243	3,295
Bike Across Italy	38	11 days	Multi		9, 27	11, 28	11, 25	9	27	10, 24	8	340/547	4,895
Bike Across Italy 2	39	12 days	Multi		4	4, 19	22		30	12, 26	11	417/671	4,695
Cinque Terre Hiking	www	8 days	Liguria			7	10			3, 17		39/63	3,995
Classic Climbs of Champions - NEW	45	7 days	Piedmont/French Alps				25	3	21			291/468	2,595
Colavita Olive Harvest	20	8 days	Molise								7, 17	156/251	3,795
Follow the Giro d'Italia	www	8 days	TBA			TBA						TBA	4,595
Friuli & Slovenia	21	8 days	Friuli/Slovenia			14	4	2		7	1	184/296	4,295
Giro della Toscana	29	10 days	Tuscany			14	12			3	10	386/621	4,495
Giro d'Italia	40	8 or 15 days	Multi			21	11		27	12		639/1,028	5,995
Greece to Italy	37	14 days	Greece/S. Italy		3	21	12			17	9	497/800	6,295
Italian Alps & Sud Tyrol	25	9 days	Trentino				17	9 ⁺		2, 13		140/225	4,295
La Bella Puglia	23	6 days	Puglia			8, 24	13 ^{G+}			4, 13	11	136/219	3,095
La Bella Sicilia Est	32	6 or 9 days	Sicily		7, 28	8	14		27	27	10	215/346	4,495
La Bella Sicilia Ovest	33	8 days	Sicily			21	4, 26			8, 18		200/322	3,995
Majestic Dolomites	41	10 days	Trentino				9			3		371/597	4,495
Maratona of the Dolomites	www	8 days	Trentino					4				267/430	CALL
Med. Island Hopping	34	11 days	Sardegna/Corsica		11, 26	21				4, 30		290/467	4,995
Piedmont More Miles for Less	44	6 days	Piedmont			14, 29	19, 28		30		2	220/366	2,495
Piedmont: Land of Barolo & Truffles	19	8 days	Piedmont			29	9 ^G , 19	2	29	8, 19, 29	10	249/401	4,295
Magical Puglia - NEW	45	7 days	Puglia			15	4 ⁺		27	25	3	154/248	2,295
Sunny Southern Sardegna - NEW	44	7 days	Sardegna		2		4	17 ⁺	27			152/245	2,595
Sardegna Multisport	47	8 days	Sardegna				25 ⁺	4 ⁺ , 26 ⁺				144/232	4,295
Swept Away in Sardegna	31	10 days	Sardegna			9	13			17	13	300/483	4,495
The Tuscan Fantasy	47	8 days	Tuscany				25 ⁺	9 ⁺ , 23 ⁺	6 ⁺			112/180	3,895
Tuscany & Elba	28	9 days	Tuscany		27	8, 27	24			9, 23		197/317	4,595
Tuscany More Miles for Less	43	6 days	Tuscany			7	5	2			1, 10	224/373	2,495
Venice to Bologna	24	6 or 9 days	Emilia-Romagna		22	20	4		20 ^{G+}	13, 25		186/299	4,495

Europedaling													
Andalucia Preciosa	49	9 days	Andalucia		2	7, 22				24	11	328/528	4,595
Austria & Czech Republic	52	9 days	Austria & Czech Republic			14, 26	23	7	27	15		222/357	4,495
Bike Across Scotland - NEW	55	8 days	Scotland				18		6			254/409	3,595
Burgundy Bedazzled	51	8 days	Burgundy			18		3, 14	25		4	241/388	4,795
Croatia: Istria Peninsula	53	8 days	Istria			4, 25	18		27	7, 18		245/394	4,095
Dordogne Castles & Valleys	51	10 days	Dordogne			27	22			3, 23		293/471	4,895
European Odyssey - NEW	36	12 days	Multi				1, 22			4		635/1,022	5,995
Follow the Race in France	www	8 days	TBA	TBA				TBA				TBA	4,695
Ireland Dramatic West Coast	55	8 days	Connemara				18, 28	9	6			189/304	3,595
Norway: Classic Fjords	57	8 days	Fjords					2, 16, 23	6, 13, 20			245/394	4,295
Norway: Lovely Lofoten	57	8 days	Lofoten Islands				18, 25	2+, 15+	6, 20			229/369	4,295
Divine Provence	50	8 days	Provence			8	11			14	13	222/356	4,795



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