

Maratona dles Dolomites Tour

28 June - 4 July 2017



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DLES DOLOMITES**

BikePlusTours



The Ultimate Dolomites Cycling Experience

We are pleased to present our 2017 Maratona dles Dolomites Tour. This trip is guaranteed to offer a challenge to even the most avid cyclists. As we are an official travel partner of the Maratona, our trip participants are guaranteed entry in Italy's premier 'Gran Fondo' race. More info is at www.Maratona.it

We'll be based in a comfortable hotel in Colfosco, a small village in the heart of the Dolomites. From our hotel it is a 1 mile downhill ride to the start of the Maratona. This trip is especially designed for those short on time: it allows you to get the full Maratona experience whilst only taking 3 days off work.



At a glance

Trip dates: 28 June 2017 to 4 July 2017

Duration: 6 nights / 6 days

Small group: maximum 16 guests

Supported rides with industry leading 4 to 1 guest to staff ratio

Hotel accommodation with all breakfasts and dinners included

Price: \$1,795 per person, single room supplement: \$395







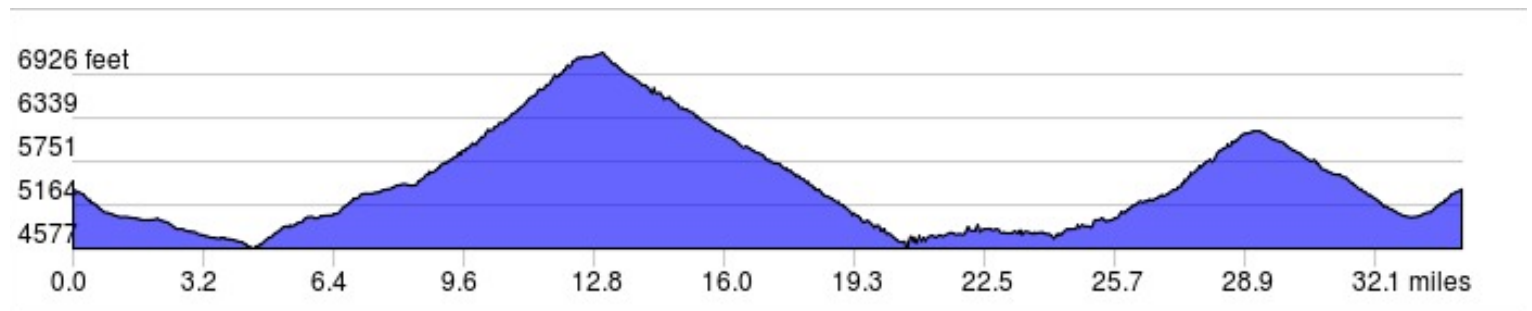
Itinerary and Elevation Profiles

Wednesday 28 June: **Departure from the US on an overnight flight to Venice Marco Polo Airport**

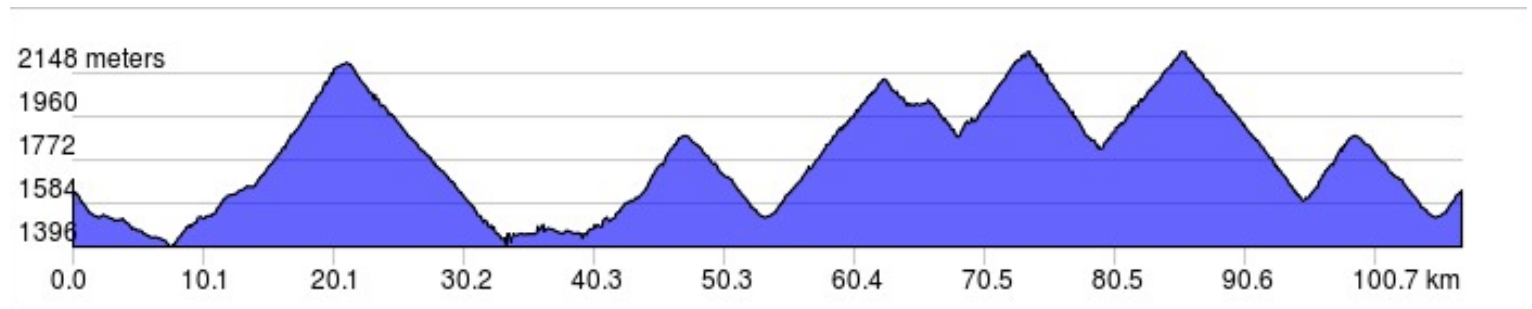
Thursday 29 June: **Arrival at Venice airport and group transfer to Colfosco. In the afternoon you'll have time to put your bike together and go for a quick test ride.**

Friday 30 June: **Colfosco Loop (34 mi / 4,800 ft) Climbs: Valparola and Campolongo**

Today's we will offer two ride options. The first loop will take us on a stretch of the Maratona course, albeit in the opposite direction of the race. The first climb is the 'first category' Passo Valparola. At the top there is a nice mountain hut for a coffee stop. Passo Campolongo is a relatively easy climb that brings us to Corvara, the starting point of the Maratona. We'll sign-in for the race and pick up our goody bag on our way back to our hotel. This is the profile for this loop:



From the hotel, it is possible to continue the ride with the stunning 'Sella Ronda' loop, again in the opposite direction of Sunday's Maratona course. This is a tough day on the bike with 10,300ft of climbing in 67 miles.



Saturday 1 July: **Rest day. Time to enjoy the 'Maratona' festival in Corvara or relax at the hotel.**



Itinerary and Elevation Profiles (Continued)

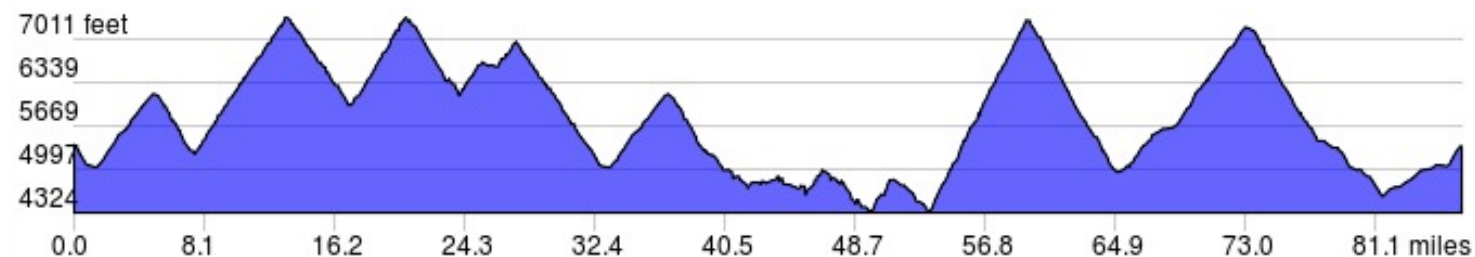
Sunday 2 July:

Maratona dles Dolomites Gran Fondo

The big day! The hotel will put on a special early breakfast for us. Then it's just over a mile down from our hotel to the start line. There are three routes offered and you can decide during the ride which one to do. All three routes start with the famous Sella Ronda loop.

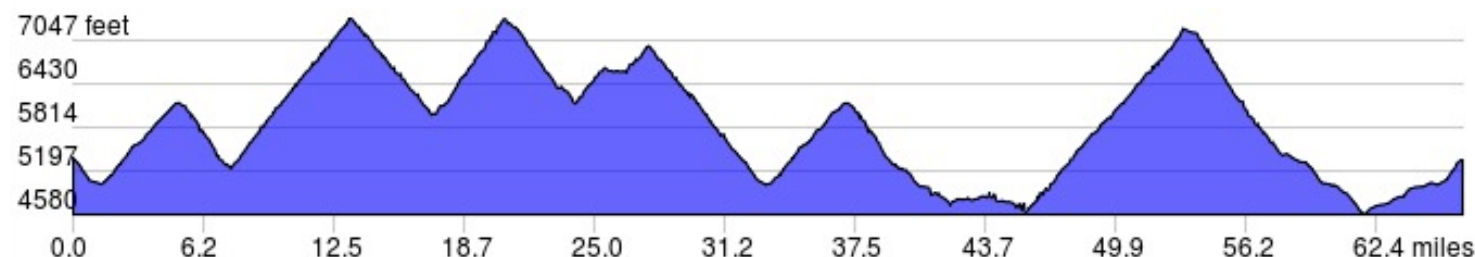
1. The classic Maratona course (86 mi / 14,000 ft)

The stats tell the story: this is one hell of a ride! Eternal bragging rights if you finish this one.



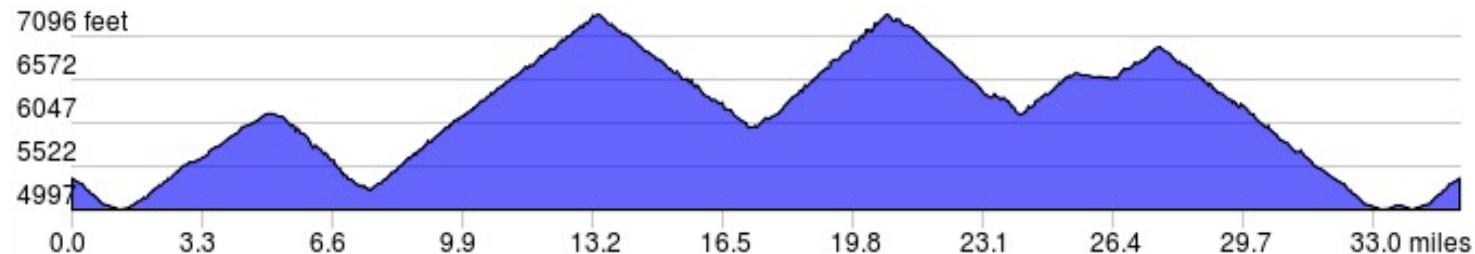
2. The 'medium' Maratona (67 mi / 10,300 ft)

This route is not as hard as the full course, but still not to be underestimated, with the 'first category' climb of the Passo Falzarego at the end.



3. The Sella Ronda (35 mi / 5,900 ft) Climbs: Campolongo, Pordoi, Sella and Gardena

This is the classic Dolomites loop with 4 climbs and panoramic vistas along the way.



Monday 3 July: **Our Last day in the Dolomites**

You can go for an optional last ride in the morning before packing your bike and getting ready for our private bus transfer to our hotel at Venice Airport. We'll have a celebratory dinner in the evening to mark the end of our tour.

Tuesday 4 July: **Flight home**

The hotel shuttle will take you to the airport for the flight home.



Why BikePlusTours?

15 Years of experience in organizing performance cycling trips in Europe

Family owned and operated

Routes that combine famous climbs with beautiful local byways

Small group size

Industry leading 4 to 1 guest to staff ratio

Great value for money

Our package includes:

- **Group airport transfers to/from Venice Airport for you, your luggage and your bike**
- **Support during the rides from our experienced tour guides on bikes**
- **Two support vehicles**
- **5 nights of *** hotel accommodation on the basis of a double room (single rooms available with supplement)**
- **All dinners and breakfasts**
- **Supplementary water, snacks and fruit on the rides**
- **Laminated cue sheets with detailed directions and altitude profiles**
- **GPS files of all rides**
- **Guaranteed entry spot in the Maratona dles Dolomites Gran Fondo (3rd starting block)**
- **The official Maratona 2017 cycling jersey by Castelli**

Excluded items:

- **Flights to and from Venice Marco Polo Airport**
- **Travel insurance**
- **Lunches, drinks, gratuities and personal expenses**

Price: \$1795 per person, single room supplement: \$395

Please e-mail Carolyn and Pieter for more information and booking: info@bikeplustours.com



We reserve the right to change this itinerary due to availability of accommodation, road closures, weather or other unexpected circumstances.

Our trips are catered to experienced cyclists with excellent bike handling skills. We ride rain or shine. You will be required to complete all rides by bike. Van transfer is not available except in case of an emergency.

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