From the Alps to Lake Como on Sentiero Valtellina

6 days, *€ 754*



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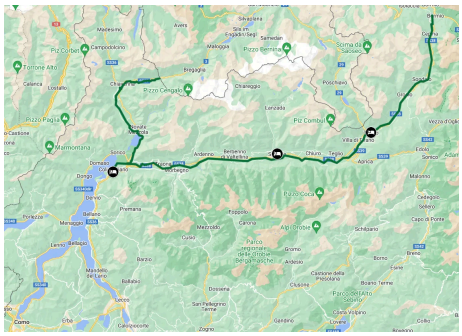
Introduction



The Valtellina cycle path is a cycle-pedestrian route that runs along the river Adda between Bormio and Lake Como, offering a relaxed and scenic way to experience lake Como cycling. Along the route, surrounded by greenery and embraced by the Rhaetian Alps with their characteristic terraced vineyards and the Orobian Alps, it is possible to discover at a leisurely pace the small villages and the scenic and natural beauty of Valtellina. There are many well-equipped rest areas and bike hire points, as well as accommodation and restaurants where you can enjoy the rich wine and food tradition. Happy cycling!

Day to Day

Day 1 **Arrival in Tirano**

Your trip starts in Tirano, just few kilometres from the Swiss border. Tirano is one of the most picturesque towns in Valtellina. The famous UNESCO-listed Bernina Express railway starts its route from here and passes next to the majestic Basilica della Madonna di Tirano, the only Basilica in the province of Sondrio and one of the most monumental renaissance buildings in Valtellina. In Tirano there's a warm, appealing atmosphere for gourmands, culture-seekers and outdoor enthusiasts to bask in. While meandering through Tirano's picture book lanes, you can't miss the ancient Sforza walls with the Bormina, Milanese and Poschiavina gates, the castle of Santa Maria, the bell tower of the Church of San Martino and the wealth of lavish buildings.

You can extend your stay and take the famous Bernina "red train" to experience a ride through the Alpine landscape.

Day 2 **Transfer to Bormio and ride to Tirano** **40 km**

After breakfast a private transfer will take you and the bikes to Bormio from where you will start your daily cycle downhill back to Tirano. The landscape changes here, taking on a noticeably alpine feel. The first descend takes you through Sant'Antonio Morignone, a village no longer in existence after the dramatic landslide of 1987. Halfway along the route, there's an exit signposted for Mazzo di Valtellina, a medieval village perhaps best known as the starting point for the iconic Mortirolo climb.

Challenge: 40 km, 27 m ascent, 795 m descent

Day 3 **Ride from Tirano to Sondrio** **32 km**

The day's route is quite easy and follows all the way the cycle path. Following the River Poschiavino exiting the town of Tirano and then the River Adda. From here, it flits in and out of the woods with the addition of some quiet country lanes taking you through San Giacomo village. Once you've passed Baghetto, you join a public road to ride through ancient villages before reaching the town of Sondrio, capital of the valley, on quiet country lanes.

Challenge: 32 km, 219 m ascent, 350 m descent

Optional extra day – Loop ride in Sondrio

Day 4 **Ride from Sondrio to Colico** **45 km**

There are several riding stables and an ostrich farm in this section, making this stretch of **lake como cycling** particularly varied and scenic. The route passes through the small villages of Campovico, Paniga and Desco, in the lower part of Valtellina, before reaching Morbegno and its expo grounds. The Sentiero finishes off in the centre of Colico with a beautiful stretch along the lakeside.

Challenge: 45 km, 154 m ascent, 252 m descent

Day 5 **Ride in Valchiavenna to Acquafraggia waterfalls** **39 km**

The Valchiavenna cycle trail is a low-altitude path that starts in Colico (Lake Como) and arrives on the Swiss border. Here you can clearly see the fruits of the intermingling of two very diverse cultures, which has created a decidedly Central European atmosphere. From Chiavenna it is possible to continue on the cycle path to the tiny village of Piuro, which boasts archaeological digs, the Acquafraggia waterfalls and the magnificent Palazzo Vertemate, which is an absolute must-see. Take the train back to Colico.

Challenge: 39/41 km, 58/317 m ascent, 284/96 m descent

Day 6 **Departure from Colico**

The trip and our services end after breakfast, unless you have booked a transfer to the airport or other supplementary services.

Prices, Data, Booking

Price pp		**€**
Double room, breakfast	price from	754.00
Rental bike		**€**
Hybrid		60.00
E-bike		110.00
Extra services		**€**
Bike helmet	per piece	10.00

Accommodation

Nights in 3-star hotels with breakfast included

Practical Info



5 nights included



3-star hotels



Breakfast included



Bike rental available



7-days a week service-hotline



Luggage transfer included



Tirano and Colico (return) train stations



Parking available at the hotel



GPS tracks available