

GBI Transalp – Großglockner is calling



In 2021 we start to cross the Alps again. From Salzburg we cross the Großglockner and head towards Upper Adige. Some incredible river valleys will guide us and we detour to the Dolomites before we finish the tour at Lake Garda.

The Global Biking Initiative (GBI) wants to show you the most interesting places in Europe the sportive way. We are proud of our international participants that make it easy for everybody to make new friends from other countries. Our main goal is a continuous support of charity projects worldwide. We achieve this by engaging the participants to raise funds that support charity projects in their home countries.

Tour highlights

- ✓ Discover Austrian hospitality in the Mozart city of Salzburg
- ✓ Conquer the epic Großglockner mountain with a bike
- ✓ Cross the sun-kissed valleys of Upper Adige
- ✓ Easy-going pedalling along the Salzach, Adige & Eisack
- ✓ Visit the Sella Ronda
- ✓ Enjoy dolce vita at Lake Garda

At a glance

Date: September 2 – 7, 2021
 Duration: 6 days / 5 nights (5 cycling days)
 Event type: Guided charity cycling holiday
 Participants: min. 15, max. 32 cyclists
 Distance: approx. 440 km (track 1) / 510 km (track 2)
 Participation fee: from 659,- €
 Single bedroom supplement: 120,- €
 Pre-Night: from 89,- €
 Bike transport: 50,- €
 Rental bike: MTB 69,- €, roadbike 129,- €
 Minimum donation: 50,- €

Details & online registration: www.gbi-event.org

Services

- ✓ Accommodation in hand-picked hotels with breakfast
- ✓ Luggage transport from hotel to hotel
- ✓ Service car with bike repair toolset
- ✓ Pickup service
- ✓ Fast and easy online registration on our website
- ✓ Several cycling teams with different speed levels (min. 2 teams)
- ✓ Any kind of bicycle welcome (Roadbike, MTB, ATB, Pedelec, etc.)
- ✓ 2 different distances per day possible
- ✓ Team leads with GPS navigation
- ✓ GPX tracks for download
- ✓ Route information and daily news
- ✓ Personal support during the tour
- ✓ Nutrition point with energy bars, fruits and drinks every day
- ✓ GBI bike bottle
- ✓ Online photo service
- ✓ International participants
- ✓ Support of charity projects worldwide
- ✓ A lot of fun, unforgettable moments, great international and cross-cultural companionship, challenging moments and radiant eyes

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Day 1: Salzburg – Bruck

After a short welcome we are starting to pedal along the river Salzach and then turn into Germany for a while. We pass Berchtesgaden and gain continuously height. The border to Austria marks the highest point of today's stage. Later we pass the Lake Zell and reach our destination Bruck.



Day 2: Bruck – Lienz

Today the queen's stage is on our agenda, the Großglockner is calling! After a short warming up the long and ambitious ascent with several hairpin curves will bring us up to 2500 m height. The long and challenging descent requires perfect brakes and a good curve technique.

Day 3: Lienz – Klausen

We cycle through the Puster valley into Upper Adige. Later we meet the river Eisack that will guide us to Klausen, our home for tonight. Although we are cycling in valleys, it is constantly going up and down.

Route characteristics

We will climb several severe mountain passes with long ascents and partially steep segments. The following descents are typically very challenging as well and require your full attention and good brakes. This tour is only recommended for experienced cyclists with a proven Alpine mountain cycling experience!

If possible we cycle on minor roads. But mountain and valley roads are often heavily frequented and cycling lanes are sometimes missing. So sometimes it is inevitable to use major roads.

Day 4: Klausen – Auer

We follow the river and turn for a detour into the unique mountain area of the Seiser Alm. Track 2 will extend this detour to the Sella Ronda area. After half of the stage's distance we re-enter the Eisack valley again and may stop for a cappuccino or an ice cream in Bozen. On the perfectly maintained Adige cycle track we pedal easily to our destination.

Day 5: Auer – Torbole

The last day is perfect for a relaxed cycling finale. While rolling downstream along the river Adige we will have impressive views on the mighty mountains to the left and right. At Mori we leave the Adige cycle track and after a short while we can see the marvellous Lake Garda in a distance. Track 2 again heads into the mountains for some more climbs before they follow the river Sarca to Torbole.



Day 6: Gardasee - Salzburg (no cycling)

After the breakfast our shuttle bus will bring us back to Salzburg and everybody can leave individually to his or her home.

We cycle for charity

Each participant commits to raise a **minimum donation of € 50** to support a charity project in his or her home country.

Travel advice

Plane: Salzburg or Munich

Train/bus: good connections e.g. from Munich

Car: Parking for the duration of the tour at the GBI hotel (charged, limited space)