

HeartCycle Bicycle Touring Club
Via Claudia Augusta, 2027
From Donauwörth, Germany to Verona, Italy

- Dates:** August 18–31, 2027
- Coordinator:** Clare Bena
- Rating:** Intermediate
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- Distance/gain:** 338 mi with 228 mi (70%) on bike paths. 50 km (31 mi) per day average; 265 m (870 ft) per day average of elevation gain. Significant parts of the tour are on gravel.
- Riders:** 24 (including tour coordinator)
- Bike rental:** Bike rental is included in the tour price. E-bike +\$510
- Meals:** All breakfasts are included as well as two group dinners and one picnic.
- Price:** \$5,400 per person (double occupancy). \$1,350 deposit due at time of registration. Balance due by May 20, 2027.
Limited single supplements available for \$6,600.
- Cancellation:** [Standard cancellation policy](#)

Travel insurance is strongly recommended.



OVERVIEW

The historic Via Claudia Augusta follows the route of an ancient Roman road linking the Danube region with northern Italy. Today, the Via Claudia is one of Europe's most rewarding long-distance cycling routes, combining Bavarian river valleys, dramatic Austrian Alpine scenery, and beautiful Lake Garda, before finishing in the heart of Verona, Italy.



We average 50 km (31 mi) per day, mostly on bike paths, leaving time for sightseeing and relaxed evenings. Significant parts of the tour are on gravel.

The tour begins in Donauwörth, Germany, 1 hour by train from Munich. Heading south, we cycle through spectacular pre-Alpine landscapes. We pedal through quiet river valleys and spend our nights in charming medieval Bavarian villages. We stop for two nights in Füssen, a fairytale town at the base of the Alps, where we visit the majestic Neuschwanstein Castle. Continuing into Austria, we climb through the dramatic landscapes of the Lech Valley. We cross into Italy and descend through apple orchards and vineyards before reaching the shores of Lake Garda. A memorable overnight in Bardolino allows time to enjoy lakeside promenades and the area's renowned fruity red wines. Our final ride is on a gentle cycling path that takes us into the center of Verona.

Please join us on this 14-day adventure where you can experience three countries, diverse cultures, and over 2,000 years of history along one of Europe's most celebrated long-distance cycling routes.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 70% of the cycling is on bike paths
- Spectacular pre-Alpine and Alpine scenery
- Riverside and lakeside cycling



- Thrilling mountain descents
- Gorgeous walled Bavarian and Italian villages
- Cycling along the Forggensee, Germany's largest reservoir
- Tour Germany's most famous castle
- The Lechfall waterfalls near Füssen
- Church bell tower rising from Lake Resia
- Optional visit to the thermal spa in Merano
- Optional visit to the Iceman (Ötzi) Museum in Bolzano
- Overnight in Bardolino, a resort town on the shores of Lake Garda
- German, Austrian, and Italian cuisine
- Hotels in the historic centers of medieval villages
- Overnight in the historic center of Verona, Italy



ITINERARY

Day 1: Wednesday, August 18, 2027

We meet for an aperitivo in Donauwörth, followed by a group dinner (included). Hotel in historic center of Donauwörth, Germany, near monuments.

Day 2: Thursday, August 19

Donauwörth to Augsburg, Germany

45 km (28 mi), 150 m (490 ft) of elevation gain, and 60 m (200 ft) down

Today, we cycle south following the Lech River. The ride ends in Augsburg, known for its well-preserved historic center where our hotel will be.



Day 3: Friday, August 20

Augsburg to Landsberg am Lech Germany

46 km (29 mi), 200 m (660 ft) of elevation gain, and 100 m (330 ft) down

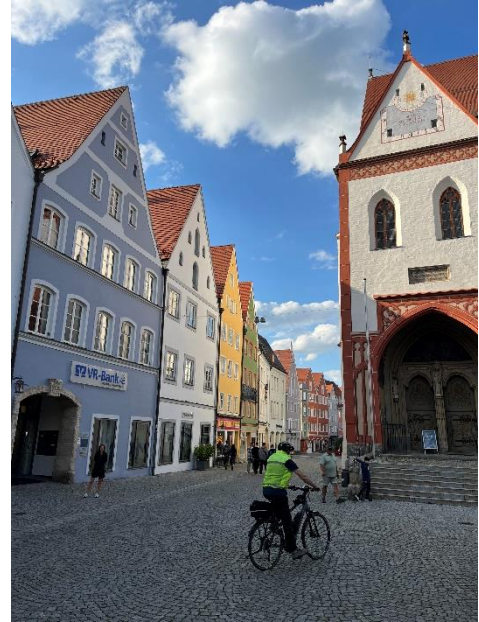
The ride passes meadows, forests, and riverbanks before arriving in Landsberg am Lech, a spectacular walled medieval town.

Day 4: Saturday, August 21

Landsberg am Lech to Schongau, Germany

32 km (20 mi), 370 m (1,210 ft) of elevation gain, and 250 m (820 ft) down

A rolling ride on a bike path follows the turquoise waters of the Lech River to the walled village of Schongau where we'll stay in a hotel converted from the old postal building in the historic center.

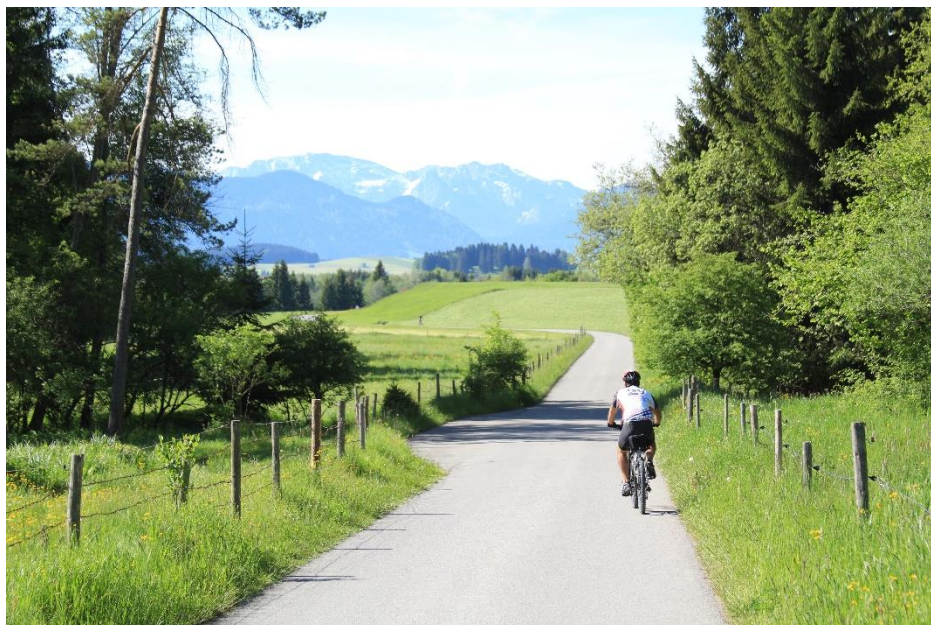


Day 5: Sunday, August 22

Schongau to Fussen, Germany

39 km (24 mi), 330 m (1,080 ft) of elevation gain, and 240 m (790 ft) down

The ride passes rivers and lakes as we transition from pastoral farmland to dramatic pre-Alpine scenery. We finish in Füssen known for its magnificent historic center where we'll overnight in a renovated historic hotel on a main pedestrian street.





Day 6: Monday, August 23

Fussen to Neuschwanstein Castle Loop

8 km (5 mi), 110 m (360 ft) of elevation gain, and 110 m (360 ft) down

On this rest day, we have a short ride to the Neuschwanstein Castle where we visit the Marienbrücke bridge and tour the famous castle.

Day 7: Tuesday, August 24

Fussen, Germany to Imst, Austria

55 km (34 mi), 660 m (2,170 ft) of elevation gain, and 630 m (2,070 ft) down

We pedal through rolling countryside, past crystal-clear lakes, and into the dramatic mountain landscapes of the Austrian Tyrol. We shuttle over the Fern Pass and enjoy a long descent to Imst where we'll stay in a renovated historic hotel in the town center.



Day 8: Wednesday, August 25

Imst, Austria to Glorenza, Italy

48 km (30 mi), 470 m (1,540 ft) of elevation gain, and 900 m (2,950 ft) down

We follow the Inn River as it cuts through the steep Tyrolean Alps. A shuttle takes us over the Reschen Pass. A breathtaking Alpine downhill leads past a 14th-century church tower jutting directly out of Lake Reschen. We'll stay in beautiful historic buildings in the center of the old town.



Day 9: Thursday, August 26

Glorenza to Merano, Italy

56 km (35 mi), 120 m (390 ft) of elevation gain, and 720 m (2,360 ft) down

You will never forget this long, scenic downhill. We descend 720 meters (2,360 ft) following the roaring Adige River, passing castles and endless apple groves. Overnight at a 4-star hotel, 4 minutes' walk from the town spa.

Day 10: Friday, August 27

Merano to Egna, Italy

59 km (37 mi), 110 m (360 ft) of elevation gain, and 200 m (660 ft) down

Bike through apple orchards to Bolzano. Optional visit to the Iceman Museum in Bolzano. Continue to Egna, a charming wine village. Our hotel occupies the old City Hall in the town center.

Day 11: Saturday, August 28

Egna to Rovereto, Italy

67 km (42 mi), 160 m (520 ft) of elevation gain, and 180 m (590 ft) down

We ride the famous Adige Valley cycleway through orchards, vineyards, and historic towns. Along the way we visit the city of Trento, famous for its Medieval and Renaissance architecture. We'll stay at a modern hotel with a pool near the city center.

Day 12: Sunday, August 29

Rovereto to Bardolino, Italy

60 km (37 mi), 350 m (1,150 ft) of elevation gain, and 480 m (1,570 ft) down

We cycle from the foothills of the Alps to the eastern shore of Lake Garda. The ride ends with a downhill to the colorful lakeside resort of Bardolino. Our hotel has a rooftop pool and is a 3-minute walk to Lake Garda.

Day 13: Sunday, August 30

Bardolino to Verona, Italy

28 km (17 mi), 180 m (590 ft) of elevation gain, and 180 m (590 ft) down

Leaving the shores of Lake Garda, we follow cycling paths through rural farmland and into the historic center of Verona, one of Italy's most celebrated cultural cities. We'll stay in the historic center, a 12-minute walk from the Roman-era Verona Arena.

Day 14: Monday, August 31

Verona, Italy

Our bike tour ends after a buffet breakfast. The closest airports to Verona are Milano Malpensa (2.5-3 hours by train) or Venice Marco Polo (1.5 hours by train and bus). Munich is 5 hours away by train. The Verona train station is 3 km (2 mi) from our Verona hotel.

SPECIAL NOTES:

- Bring your bike pedals.
- If you want, bring your own saddle (not required).
- Try to arrive in Germany no later than Tuesday, August 17th. This provides a buffer should you encounter any travel delays.

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