



MTB GUIDE - NCC/TAXI - TAYLOR-MADE TOURS

# FROM THE DOLOMITES TO VENICE

**A 7-day tour from Garda Lake, cycling in the heart of the Dolomites, reaching Venice**



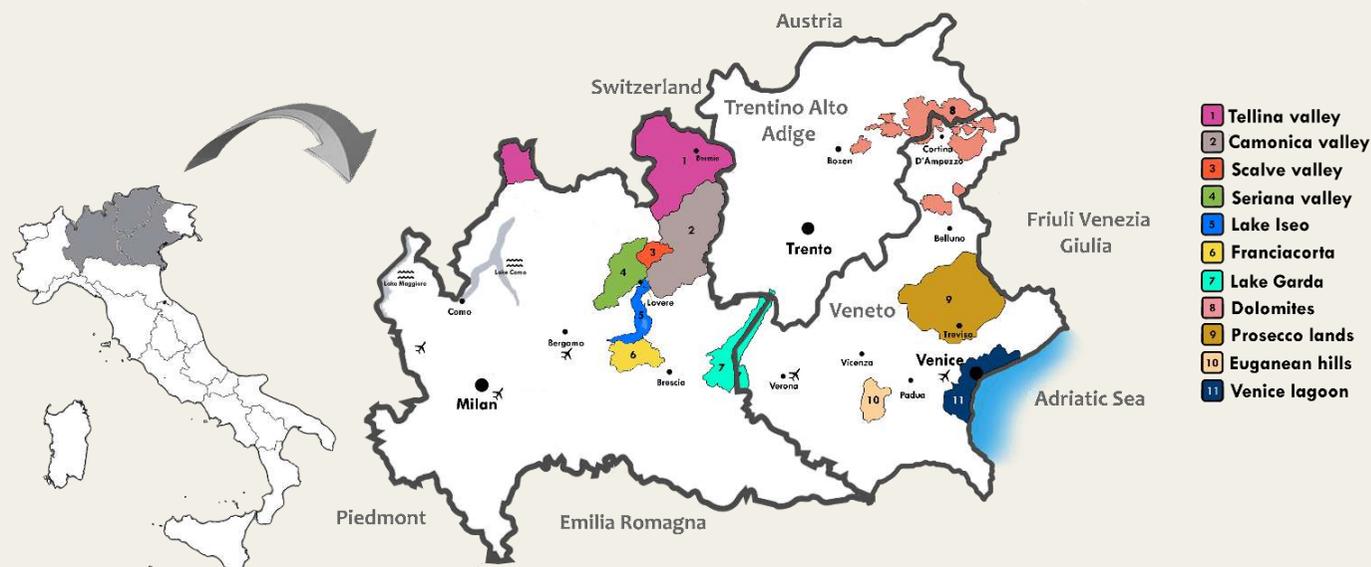
# WHAT YOU'LL DISCOVER

In this 7-day tour you will discover the natural and cultural beauty, cycling among Lombardy, Trentino Alto Adige and Veneto regions. In this wandering journey you will discover the history, and the arts of locals and celebrities.

Follow the colors in our tour, to better understand the places you will be visiting.

Leaving from the brescian bank of lake Garda (7), this tour will lead you to discover the heart of Dolomites mountains (8), awarded as UNESCO world heritage site in 2009, the Ladin land and at the end, the Adriatic sea, around Venice and its famous lagoon (11). A wandering journey among the beauties and the diversities of northern Italy

You will cycle on historical routes, in the footsteps of WWI, on naturalistic trails in the Dolomites and along the sea. You will pedal along cultural routes, on the trail of famous painter Tiziano and of the important sporting events in Cortina. Last but not least you will taste delicious mountain and seafood delicacies.



**DAY N° 1**

# **GARDA LAKE - DOLOMITES**

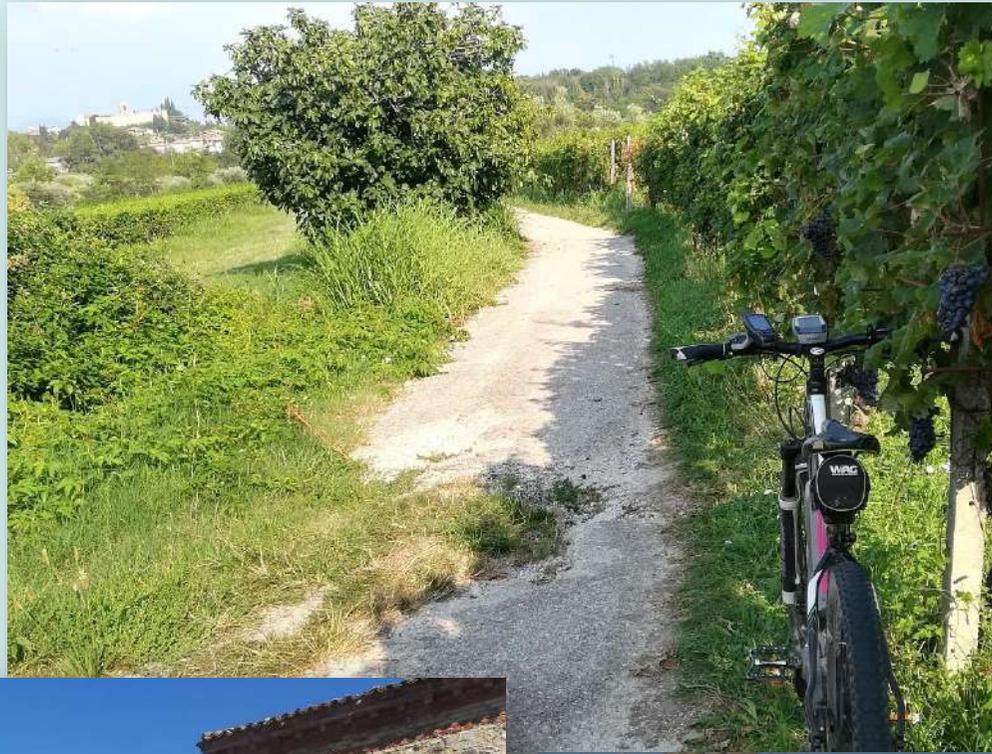


**You will start from the waters of Lake Garda and the beautiful town of Desenzano in a round trip among its hills, savoring the pleasure of a vacation starting from this land. The tour is partly on dirt road and partly on asphalt, also greenway.**

**We will reach a panoramic point and its fortress and then return, moving for the night in the most important town of Val Gardena.**



**DIFFICULTY': km 46, ascent/descent 700m.**



**DAY N° 2**

# **FROM THE VALLEY FLOOR TO THE DOLOMITES MOUNTAINS**



**You will reach Ortisei, a municipality in the autonomous province of Bolzano in Trentino-Alto Adige. Ortisei is the main and most populated town of Val Gardena. After a short while on the saddle of our bicycles, and if we wish on an alternative dirt road, we will discover a "Pearl" hidden in the woods.**

**You will have lunch in a beautiful mountain setting and a good coffee or a pastry in the course, where you can taste an excellent Strudel, a typical dessert. You will continue by bike, along a road useful for the supplying of food and ammunition in Alta Badia during WWI. From here, going up a panoramic and suggestive road, we will arrive at the Pass. Following a long descent of several kilometers we will reach one of the villages of Alta Badia, in the heart of the Ladin land. Dinner and overnight stay.**



**TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY: medium km 44 ascent 1267m descent 1275m. For those who don't want to pedal up to the pass, they can take the bus, reducing the kilometers and the difference in gradient. Difficulty: medium/easy. Km 24,5 ascent 666m descent 653m.**



**DAY N° 3**

# **ALTA BADIA**

## **CULTURAL-NATURAL ROUTE**



**Departure from the hotel at 8,30 a.m. riding your bikes until you reach, after about 10 km, a small village in the heart of the Ladin land. From here you will go up to the top of Santa Croce, for those who want to take the ski lifts (a spectacular place surrounded by these majestic Dolomite rocks). You will descend by bike or on foot to the famous Armentara meadows to enjoy the blossoming, stopping for lunch at a refuge and then come back to take your bikes or continue with them and return to the hotel. If you don't get back to the hotel too late, you will transfer with the minibus to a very characteristic valley where we will visit the historical village of Mulini. The tour includes a walk of about 30 minutes, easy. You will discover the Ladin people with their traditions, culture and history. Dinner and overnight stay.**



**TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY: Stage by bike of 35 km ascent 1185 descent 1051 difficult for the slopes. Not difficult stage with alternating bike and walk or with plant and bike. For the descent by bicycle from Santa Croce it is necessary to have a good command of the bicycle.**



**DAY N° 4**

# **DOLOMITES – CORTINA D'AMPEZZO HISTORICAL ROUTE**



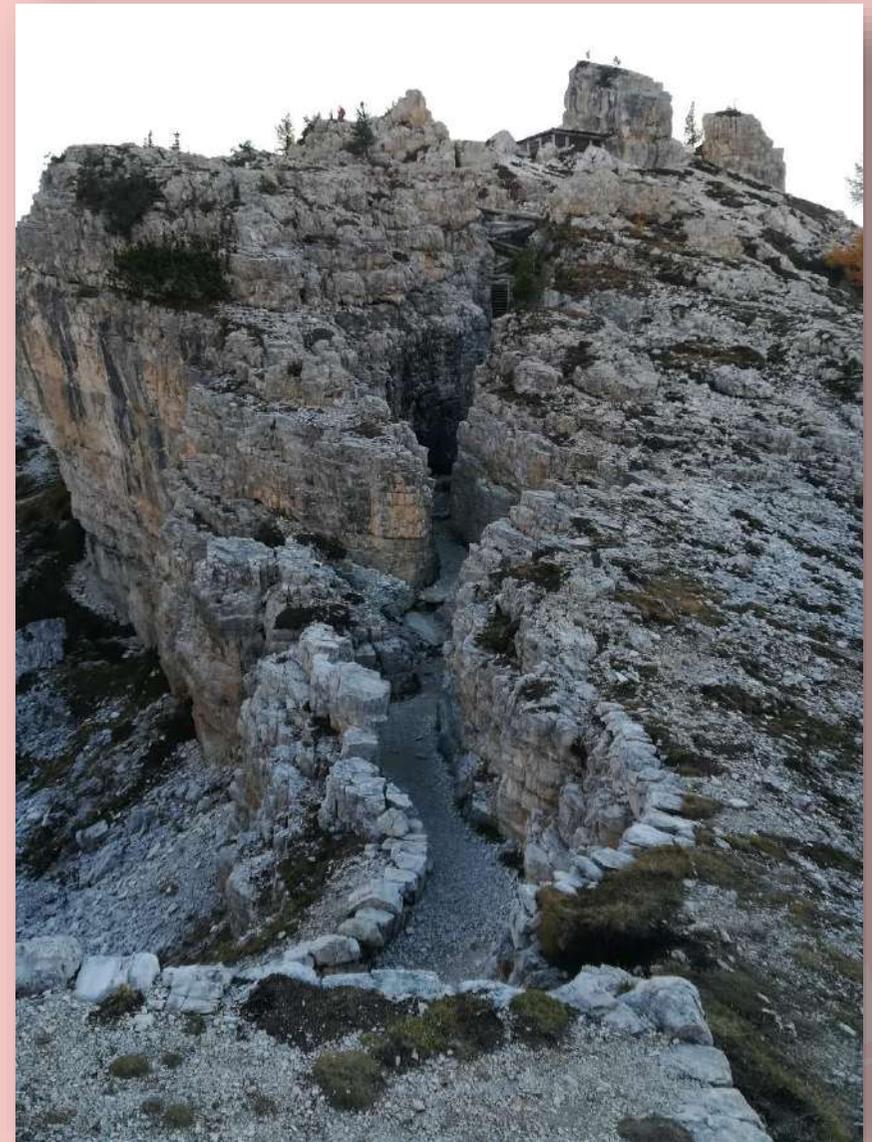
**Departure from the hotel by bike up to the pass and the Fort, today a museum of the Great War.**

**In this pass during the period of the First World War passed the border between Italy and the Austro-Hungarian Empire that for more than a year and a half put the two sides in a continuous attempt of invasion.**

**We will reach some points where you can better understand how the fighting took place and how these large boulders, dug into them, served as points of control and defense. It was also "Cima Coppi" in the 1977 edition of the Giro d'Italia.**

**We will continue down towards the Falzarego pass by bike and then we will visit the old trenches.**

**At the end of your day, you will be in Cortina where you can, if you wish, access the swimming pool and SPA. Dinner and overnight stay.**



**TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY: Stage medium difficulty and all by bike, Km46,3 ascent 848m descent 2217m. Stage medium difficulty: bike and walk. By bike 22,6 km ascent 791m descent 779m + part on foot.**



**DAY N° 5**

# **CORTINA - DOBBIACO**



**Departure from the hotel by bike along the route of the old railway in use between 1921 and 1964 that will take us to Dobbiaco on a route partly on asphalt and mostly on dirt road.**

**This route is also famous for runners, thanks to an event that has been repeated for many years, and that passes near Lake Landro and Lake Dobbiaco.**

**From Dobbiaco we will continue by bike along the cycle path until we reach San Candido, a beautiful village on the border with Austria.**

**From here we will return to Dobbiaco where we will find the bus waiting for our return to Cortina. Free time for an aperitif. Overnight stay and dinner.**



**TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY: . Easy stage from Cortina to Dobbiaco km 31,7 ascent 382m descent 352m**



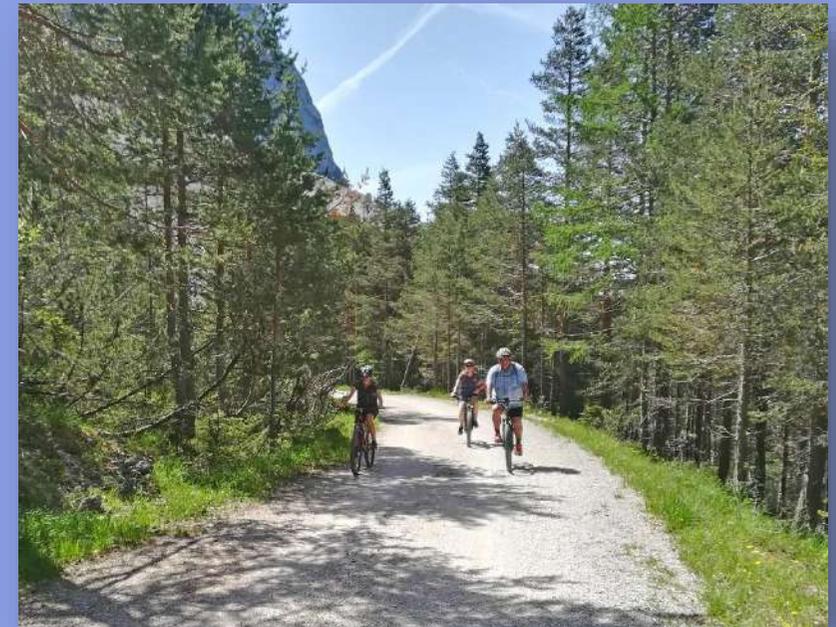
**DAY N° 6**

# **CORTINA – VENICE CULTURAL ROUTE**



**Departure from the hotel in Cortina at 9.30 am, then on the saddle of our bicycles along the greenway partly asphalt and partly dirt road, we'll reach Pieve di Cadore. Lunch/snack.**

**Today our first visit will be to the birthplace of Tiziano Vecellio that will introduce us to the wonderful city of Venice, passing from the colors and nature of Cadore that inspired the great artist (among the most important in Italy) and made him a special master in his painting, to the magnificence of Venice where he lived and worked. We will also go through the analysis of the foundations of Venice, which are made of wooden piles that come from the entire area. At the end of the visit, we can't help but enter the Eyewear Museum which is just a few steps away where a tour guide will lead us along a path about the importance of sight and the tools and fashions that over the centuries followed one another for its benefit. A last visit, which will be a surprise but I think interesting, always accompanied by the guide, will end the day. Dinner and overnight stay**



**TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY: Easy km 33 ascent 208m descent 547m**



# DAY N° 7

# VENICE ON FOOT

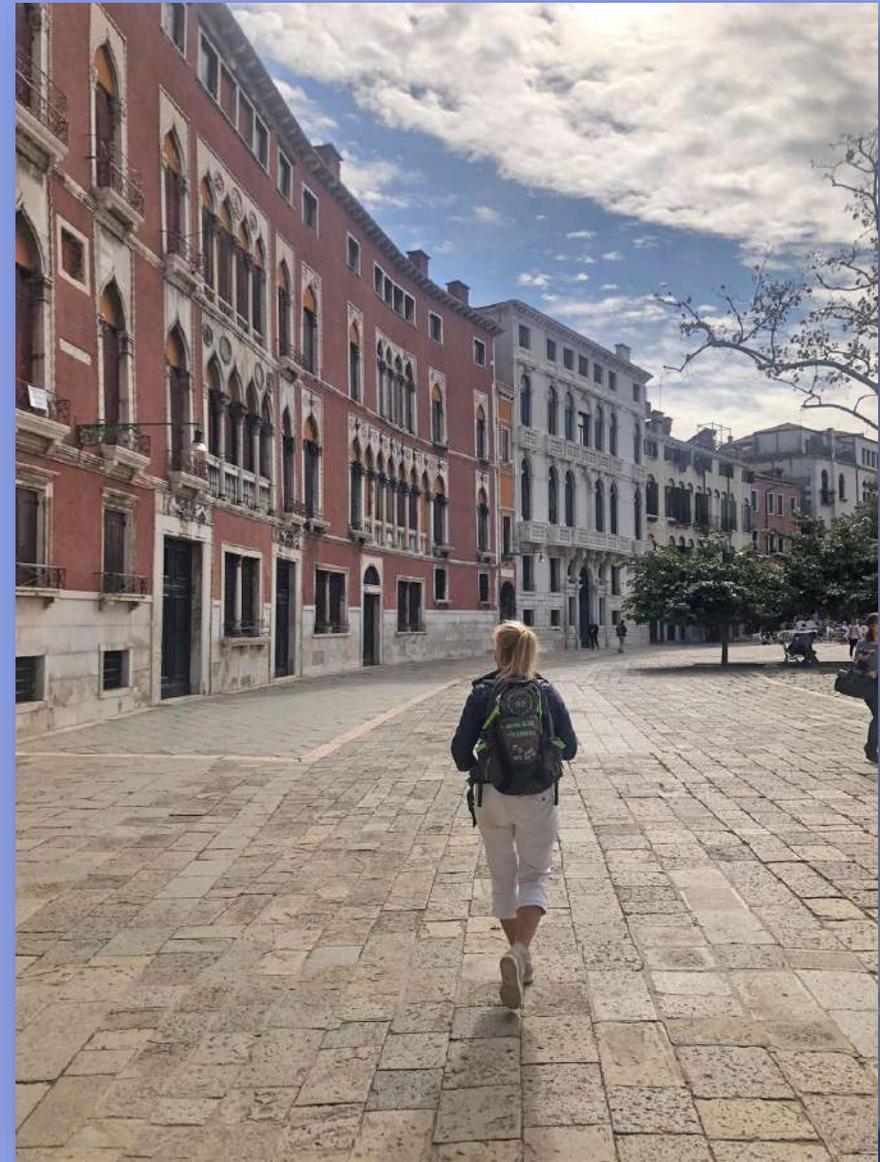


**Departure at 8 a.m. with the minibus to reach Venice. We will start our walk in an alternative route that after some entrances to historical monuments and short visits will take us to Piazza San Marco.**

**We will enter the beautiful Basilica and then continue with very short crossings in gondola until we reach the bus again in a round trip. We will not miss a good aperitif with prosecco and some typical cicchetti.**

**About Venice, which is an existing and unique spectacle in the world there is nothing else to add.**

**After the visit, departure from Venice to bring you back to the agreed points for your return home.**





**DAY N° 7**  
**(ALTERNATIVE BY BIKE)**  
**CHIOGGIA AND THE LAGOON ISLANDS**



**As an alternative to the seventh day's walking tour of the splendid city of Venice, for the indefatigable riders, or for those who already know Venice, we propose Chioggia and some of the islands of the lagoon. You cannot miss a dinner with fish, in the seaside town of the second most important fish market in Italy, and a nice ride in the islands the next day.**

**Alternative day, only for groups already formed. Return with the minibus in the agreed points**



# WHAT TO KNOW

## THREE PROPOSALS:

- 1- By bike and on foot, suitable also for families with children from 14 years of age.**
- 2- By bike and with ski-lift facilities.**
- 3- By bike only.**

**For proposals 2 and 3, you must take into account an average percentage of ascent and descent of about 15%. Route suitable for people with good training.**

## FOR EVERY PROPOSAL:

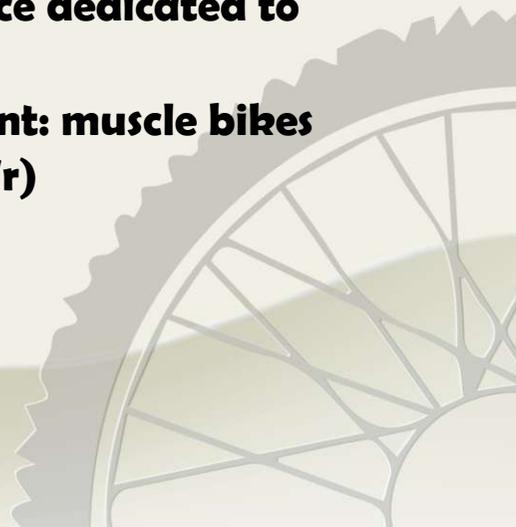
- A 7-day experience, 6 days by bike and one on foot. If you choose the tour by bike only, you will pedal all 7 days, reaching one of the lagoon's islands.**
- TAYLOR MADE! For groups of at least 6 people traveling together, the tour will be totally taylor-made. You will choose the difficulty and the dates you prefer.**
- Transfer by authorized van (NCC same as TAXI).**

- **Bikes, helmets and lights' costs are already included in the fare. You can choose between MTB bikes and E-bikes.**
- **The price of the trip will vary depending on the bikes: rented MTB, rented e-bikes, your own bikes.**
- **For groups already formed (6 pax) tailor-made tour (es: different dates to choose and difficulty). Otherwise groups will form in the fixed dates.**
- **Registrations can be made no later than 30 days from the date of departure.**
- **On the van small workshop for bike maintenance.**
- **Helmet compulsory during the stages.**
- **For technical and organizational reasons, the program may be subject to change.**
- **Logistics, tickets, insurance by a tour operator or an Italian travel agency with which we collaborate.**
- **For accommodation in single or triple room there will be an increase or decrease in fee that will be communicated upon request.**
- **The program may be subject to change, for reasons that will be evaluated at the time.**



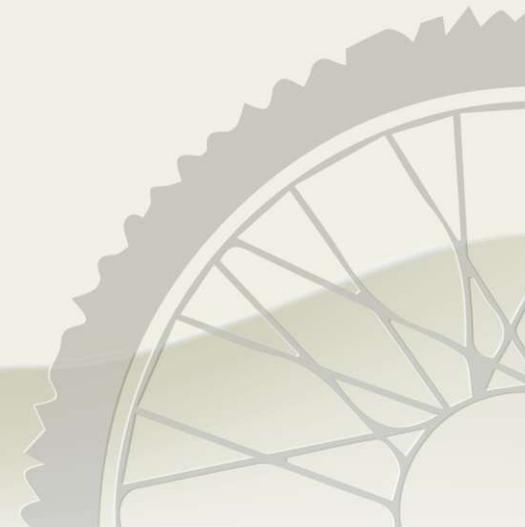
# OUR SERVICES

**We include the following services in our rates for the above tours and stops:**

- **Bicycles: muscle, electric for rent, or loading and unloading of your bikes.**
  - **Transfers by minibus of a qualified person, with recovery from the points of departure and return of the tour and where required by the program. The van is a Mercedes Sprinter long wheelbase comfortable and equipped with 220 volt current, refrigerator, DVD screen and internal part dedicated to bicycles.**
  - **Accompaniment of a certified Italian MTB Guide**
  - **Half board in selected hotels and restaurants. 3 or 4 star hotels or characteristic family run hotels all in double room**
  - **Entrance fees for visits to historical and cultural centers chosen by the organizer, including Tourist Guide.**
  - **Medical/Luggage Insurance valid only for Italians or foreigners with Italian residence. For foreigners not in possession of their own insurance policy, insurance dedicated to them.**
  - **If you will not be using our bicycles: collection of your sports equipment: muscle bikes or e-bikes and helmet in Italy at the agreed points with transport (a/r)**
  - **Tickets to go up with the lift where provided;**
  - **Accompaniment of Medium Mountain Guide where provided.**
  - **Agency fees.**
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# **ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

- **Entrance to the swimming pool in Cortina.**
- **Lunches, drinks, tips, extras and anything not mentioned in the "OUR SERVICES" rate.**



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