

Second week's journey

The road of the Serenissima

Portorož - Koper - Trieste - Venezia

Bike and boat among beaches and the lagoon

From **Portorož (Portorosa)** and Koper (Capodistria) you reach Trieste and the Gulf with the same name thanks to a ferry from Muglia. Then you climb the Carso using the cycling path of Val Rosandra, with splendid sea views: then you carry on towards Basovizza and then easily descend towards **Duino**, embellished by the cliffs overhanging the water and the beautiful castle. As an alternative from Trieste you can go by train to the town of Monfalcone. Now you are in "Bisiacaria" – a land between the rivers Timavo and Isonzo – which you cross to reach **Grado**, suspended between land, sea, lagoon, rivers and canals.

Then you pass through **Aquileia**, a jewel of Roman and Byzantine art, continuing then towards the Marano lagoon and Lignano Sabbiadoro. There is also the possibility of arriving here by boat from Grado.

Then you go to **Bibione** to head towards the Concordia Sagittaria archaeological site and the beautiful centre of **Portogruaro**, resting on the banks of the river Lemene.

After this you go towards the coastal area along the seaside cycle paths: **Caorle**, Eraclea, Cortellazzo to then reach Jesolo and **Cavallino**, the orchards of the Venetian lagoon.

From **Punta Sabbioni**, with a short motor-vessel ride, you arrive on the island of **Lido of Venice**, which you can ride around and then take the ferry to Pellestrina which takes us into an authentic atmosphere, between the sea and the lagoon, until you arrive in front of Chioggia.

As an alternative, from Lido you can go to **Venice**, a natural place to stop during this journey on the Serenissima routes.





- 1 Portorož - Portorose, Landscape
- 2 Koper - Capodistria, Brolo Square
- 3 Grado, beach
- 4 Duino Castle, panoramic view
- 5 Bibione, beach and lighthouse
- 6 Venice-Mestre, San Giuliano Park

ROUTE INFORMATION

Starting point: Portorož (Portorose)

Arrival: Venice

Length: 400 km

Conditions: route with some short stretches of dirt roads

Indications: an easy route with asphalted roads, suitable for everyone, except for the stage near Trieste which has some uphill climbs and gravel stretches which can be avoided by train.

Inter-modality: bike + boat

STAGES

1. Portorož - Koper - Muggia - Trieste
The Gulf of Trieste (km 31)
2. Trieste - Duino - Monfalcone - Grado
Between the Karst and the sea (km 100)
3. Grado - Aquileia - Lignano Sabbiadoro
The Marano lagoon (km 82)
4. Lignano Sabbiadoro - Concordia Sagittaria - Portogruaro
Along the Lemene (km 52)
5. Portogruaro - Caorle - Eraclea - Jesolo - Cavallino - Punta Sabbioni
The coastline of the Veneto (km 77)
6. Punta Sabbioni - Lido di Venezia - Pellestrina - Chioggia
The islands of Venice (km 23)