YOUR OFFLINE TRIP GUIDE

Alpe Adria.
4 riders, 5 cycling days.

SALZBURG → GRADO

Approximately 402 km by bike, plus the Tauern crossing. For a fit group travelling with light luggage; the car stays in Salzburg. Allow a total of 7 days and 6 nights, before adding any extra stop on the journey home.

> **2027 season:** Tarvisio-Venzone closes for winter from November to April. The Tauernbahn is closed **8 February - 9 July 2027**, with reopening scheduled for 10 July. Our suggested timing is early September, once route access and transport are confirmed.

5 cycling days, one direction.

DAY 0	Arrive by car, park and stay overnight in Salzburg.
DAY 1	Salzburg → Dorfgastein | approx. 87 km
DAY 2	Dorfgastein → Spittal an der Drau | approx. 68 km + train
DAY 3	Spittal an der Drau → Tarvisio | approx. 76 km
DAY 4	Tarvisio → Buja | approx. 84 km
DAY 5	Buja → Grado | approx. 87 km
DAY 6	Return to the car with your bikes. Continue home or stay an extra night.

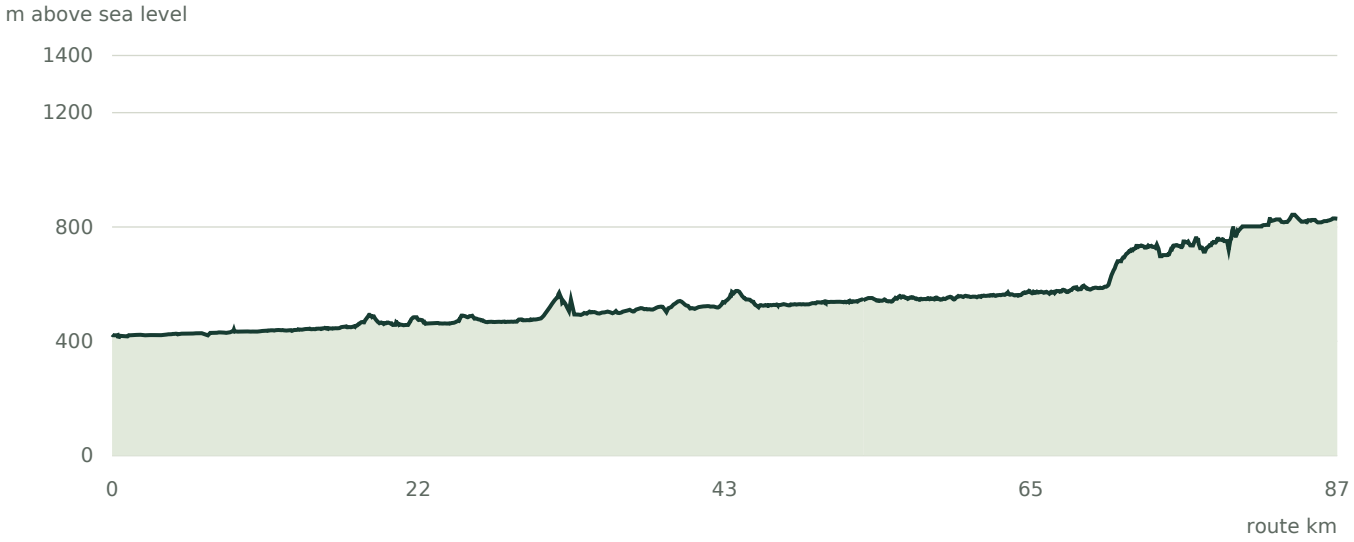
May-June: ÖBB has announced a bicycle shuttle from 19 March to 9 July 2027. Confirm 4 riders, 4 bikes, the collection point and journey time. The standard route file for the crossing day does not show the shuttle’s road detour.

Departure date: _____ Return confirmed: _____

Salzburg → Dorfgastein

~87 km cycling | 5-6 hours moving time

Salzburg → Hallein → Bischofshofen → Schwarzach → Dorfgastein



Common scale: 0-1400 m. Indicative profile from elevations in the official route file; elevation gain is not totalled.

The day’s rhythm

Day one ends in the Gastein Valley, before the steep final climb to Bad Gastein. Save energy for the climb into the valley. Allow 7-8 hours including stops.

Suggested stop

Bischofshofen or Schwarzach: a meal and water refill before the final section.

What to watch for

Pass Lueg includes a road with motor traffic, and the Klamm Tunnel requires working lights. The route file ends near the centre of Dorfgastein.

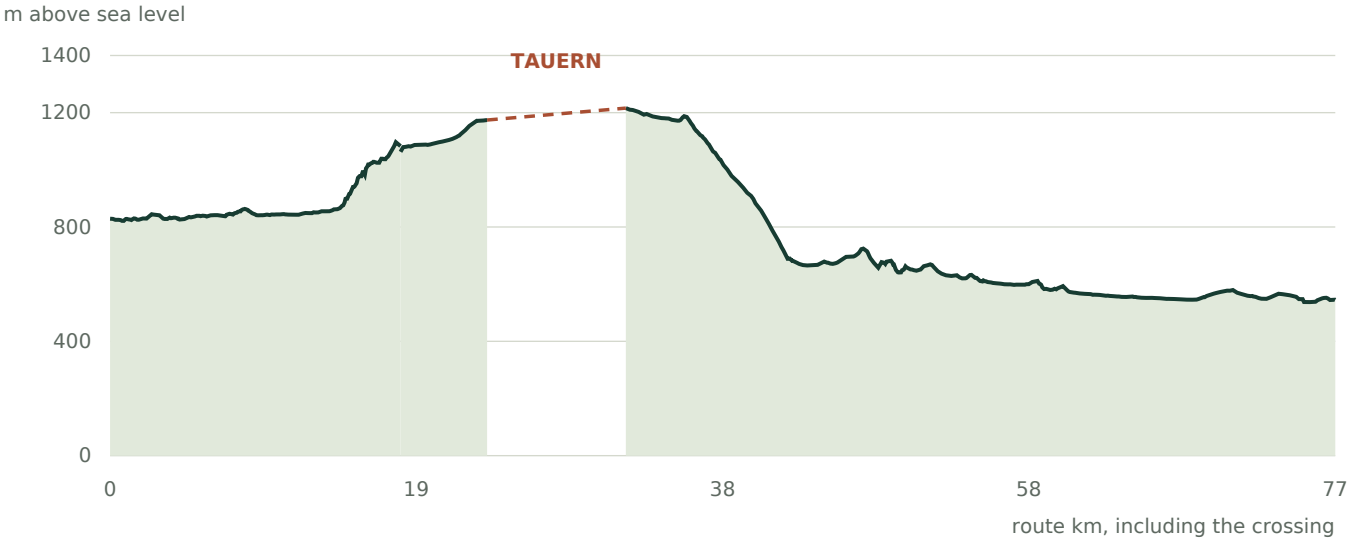
Overnight: Dorfgastein. Confirm secure storage for 4 bikes, breakfast and arrival arrangements. Hotel access and detours add to the distance.

Download GPX for stage 1 · Base route files: check detours and short gaps between sections before travelling.

Dorfgastein → Spittal an der Drau

~68 km cycling + Tauern crossing | 4-5 hours moving time

Dorfgastein → Bad Hofgastein → Bad Gastein → Böckstein → [train] Mallnitz → Spittal



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The day’s rhythm

Today brings the climb to Bad Gastein, the Tauern crossing and a long descent south. Allow 6-8 hours including stops and the train; timing depends on the confirmed service.

Suggested stop

Eat after the crossing in Mallnitz or further down the valley; dinner in Spittal.

What to watch for

Confirm the crossing for the entire group. Control your speed and check your brakes on the steep Mallnitz-Obervellach descent.

Overnight: Spittal an der Drau. Confirm secure storage for 4 bikes, breakfast and arrival arrangements. Hotel access and detours add to the distance.

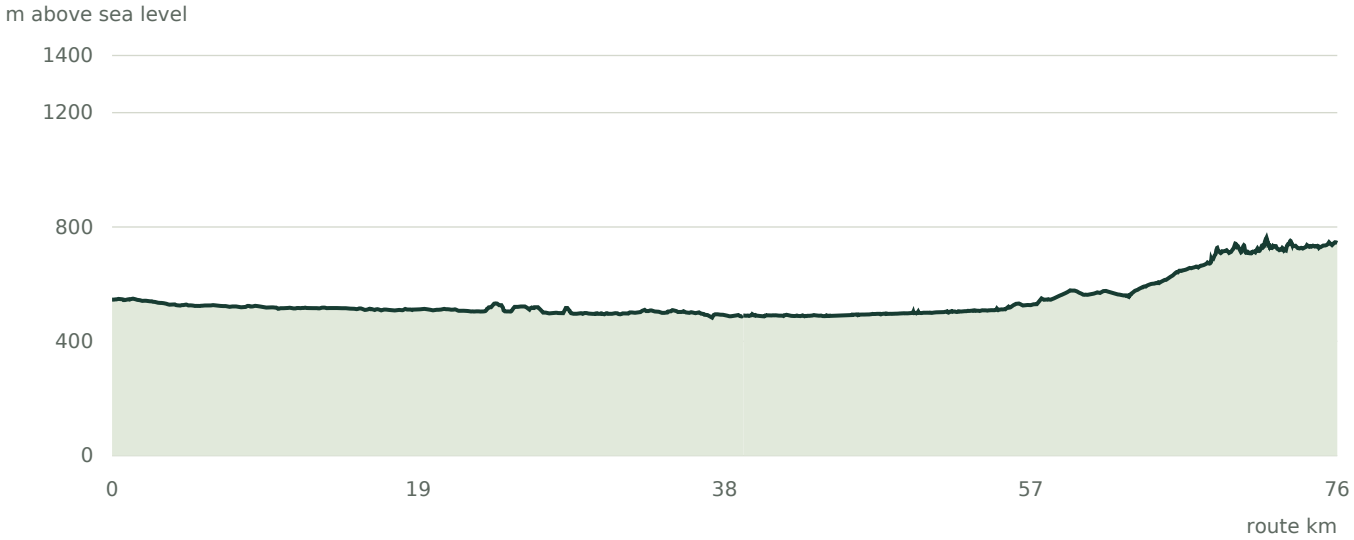
> **Tauern:** confirm the crossing for 4 riders and 4 bikes. The GPX contains only the cycling sections on either side of the tunnel; transport during the closure needs separate arrangements.

Download GPX for stage 2 · Base route files: check detours and short gaps between sections before travelling.

Spittal an der Drau → Tarvisio

~76 km cycling | 4-5 hours moving time

Spittal an der Drau → Villach → Arnoldstein → Tarvisio



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The day’s rhythm

Start with an easier stretch along the Drava, then climb towards the border and Tarvisio. Allow 6-7 hours including stops.

Suggested stop

Villach: lunch and supplies before the Italian section.

What to watch for

Save energy early on: the climb comes in the second half of the day. Confirm bike storage at your accommodation in Tarvisio.

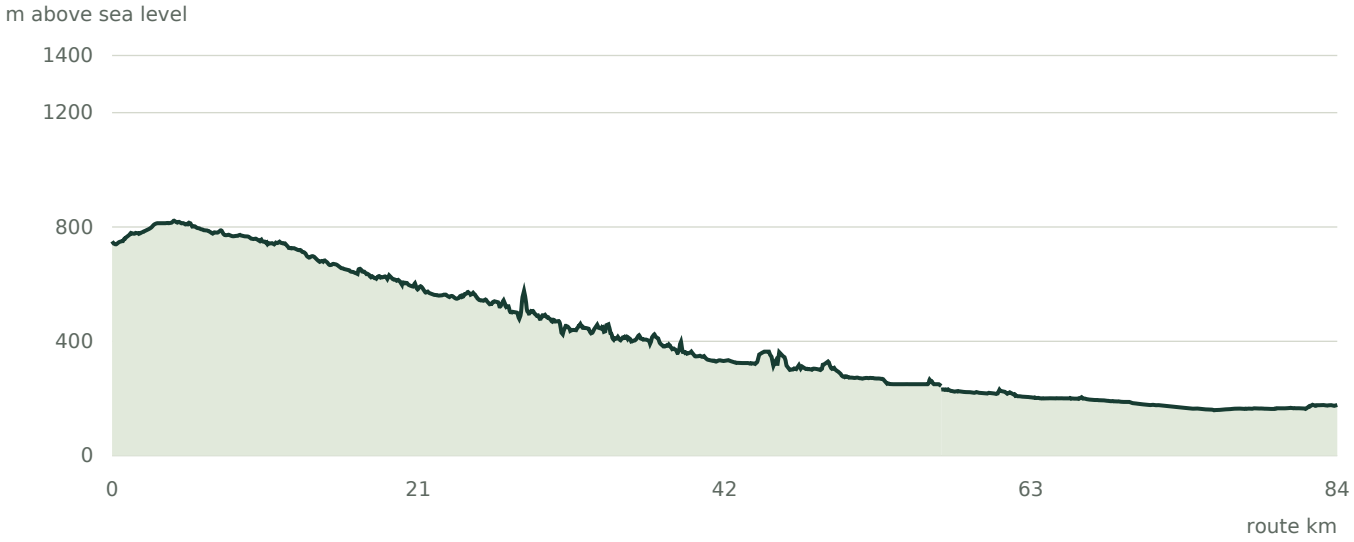
Overnight: Tarvisio. Confirm secure storage for 4 bikes, breakfast and arrival arrangements. Hotel access and detours add to the distance.

Download GPX for stage 3 · Base route files: check detours and short gaps between sections before travelling.

Tarvisio → Buja

~84 km cycling | 5-6 hours moving time

Tarvisio → Pontebba → Chiusaforte → Venzone → Gemona area → Buja



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The day’s rhythm

The former Pontebbana runs through tunnels and over bridges in the Fella Valley; the landscape gradually opens out beyond. Allow 7-8 hours including stops.

Suggested stop

Chiusaforte or Venzone: a longer break. Leave time to enjoy the views.

What to watch for

Tarvisio-Venzone closes seasonally from November to April. The endpoint in Buja is on the route, about 0.8 km in a straight line from the centre; hotel access adds distance.

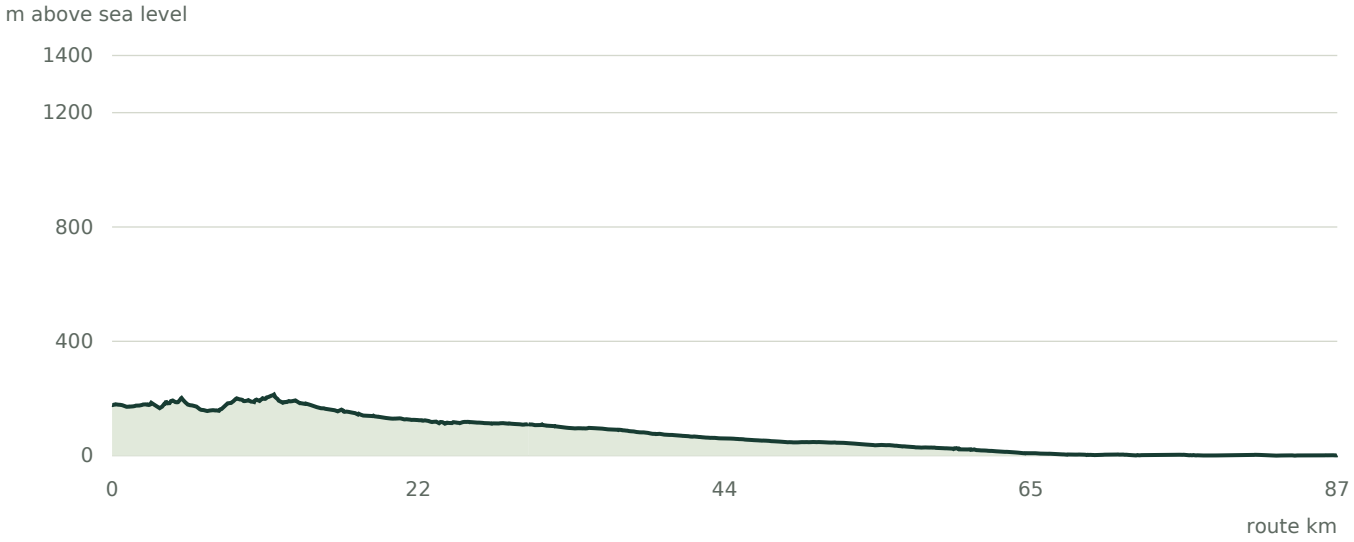
Overnight: Buja. Confirm secure storage for 4 bikes, breakfast and arrival arrangements. Hotel access and detours add to the distance.

Download GPX for stage 4 · Base route files: check detours and short gaps between sections before travelling.

Buja → Grado

~87 km cycling | 5-6 hours moving time

Buja → Udine → Palmanova → Aquileia → Grado



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The day’s rhythm

An easier finish through Friuli’s towns to the lagoon. Do not plan a detailed visit at every stop. Allow 7-8 hours including breaks.

Suggested stop

Udine or Palmanova: lunch. A short stop in Aquileia before the sea.

What to watch for

Wind and heat can slow the final section. Stay overnight in Grado and arrange transport back to the car for the next day.

Overnight: Grado. Confirm secure storage for 4 bikes, breakfast and arrival arrangements. Hotel access and detours add to the distance.

Download GPX for stage 5 · Base route files: check detours and short gaps between sections before travelling.

Confirm the return journey first

Car park: P+R Alpenstraße Süd

Alpenstraße 159, Salzburg. Contipark lists 24/7 access, a maximum stay of 30 days and €6 per 24 hours. For 7 days, allow **42 € per car**. Choose the standard parking tariff; the P+R package with public transport has different conditions.

Return for 4 riders and 4 bikes

Rudigier / Gasteintaxi: €120 per person + €10 per bike, totalling **520 € for the group**, based on the tariff checked on 14 November 2026. Published service: Grado 09:15 → Salzburg about 15:00. Minimum 2 people; guaranteed operation May-September when booked at least 2 days ahead. Confirm your 2027 date, fare and drop-off near the car.

By train: Grado has no railway station. First reach Cervignano, then find connections via Udine and Villach. MICOTRA and ÖBB long-distance trains require a reservation for each bike. Confirm every leg and space for the whole group.

Budget: 4 riders, 6 nights, 7 days

ITEM	ALLOWANCE	GROUP
Accommodation	4 × 6 nights × €60	1 440 €
Food	4 × 7 days × €35	980 €
Return transport	4 × 130 €	520 €
Tauern	allowance 4 × 15 €	60 €
Parking	7 days × €6	42 €
TOTAL	**760.50 € / person**	**3 042 €**
WITH 15% BUFFER	**rounded total**	**3 498 €**

This is an estimate, not an offer or booking. Accommodation, food and Tauern costs are planning allowances. Fuel, vignettes, road tolls and equipment purchases are excluded. Confirm prices and transport capacity for your 2027 travel date.

Before you close the boot

- [ ] Travel dates and opening of Tarvisio-Venzone and the Tauern crossing.
- [ ] Crossing and return: 4 riders + 4 bikes, service and check-in point.
- [ ] 6 nights with bike storage, plus the car park’s conditions.
- [ ] GPX and offline maps; working lights, brakes, tyres and drivetrain.
- [ ] Forecast, detours, documents, insurance and accommodation contacts.

Light luggage, shared tools

Each rider: helmet, lights, inner tube, water bottles, snacks, waterproof jacket, a warm layer for descents, gloves, glasses, sunscreen and phone. Shared: pump, patches, multitool, chain quick link and basic first-aid kit. Divide the shared equipment among the riders.

> **Backup plan:** in thunderstorms, icy conditions or closures, stop in a town and arrange transport. Do not look for a shortcut over the Tauern passes. Set the pace to suit the rider with the least energy. Emergency number: **112**.

Sources and data limitations

Official route and elevations
https://alpe-adria-radweg.com/map

ÖBB: Tauern closure and shuttle
https://www.oebb.at/de/fahrplan/baustelleninformation/tauernsperre-schwarzach-mallnitzobervellach

Tarvisio-Venzone winter closure
https://www.turismofvg.it/en/bike/fvg1-alpe-adria-cycle-route-c100

Rudigier return shuttle
https://www.gasteintaxi.com/en/leistungen/adria-bike-shuttle/

Contipark: parking and tariff
https://www.contipark.at/de/parken/salzburg/parkplatz-pr-alpenstrasse-sued/

MICOTRA: bike reservations
https://www.ferrovieudinecividale.it/orari-micotra-udine-villach-trieste/

Source data: 14 November 2026. Itineraries prepared: 24 November 2026. Profiles use elevations recorded in the official route file, not a field survey. We do not total elevation gain from inconsistent data. Signposted detours take priority over the GPX.