



PINNACLE P A S S E S

14 - 23 JULY 2024

Passo Gardena, Italy

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We invite you to join us and experience the pinnacle of all European Alps tours

This ride includes places you may have never heard of, but at the end will hold magnificent memories for you.

Some of the highlights include:

1. MILAN
2. LIVIGNO
3. STELVIO PASS
4. HALLSTATT VILLAGE
5. GROSSGLOCKNER PASS
6. DOLOMITES
7. GARDENA PASS
8. LAKE GARDA

TOUR DATES

14 - 23 July 2024

START/FINISH

Milan (Monza), Italy

DURATION

9 days/ 10 nights

DISTANCES / RIDING TIME

The distances for each day range between 170 - 350km. Total distance on tour of around 2,250km. On average, riding time is likely to be 5-7 hours including stops.

You will be truly spoiled, guaranteed...

HIGHLIGHTS

Our route through the Alps takes in some of the most highly acclaimed European Alpine Passes and features:

- Ride the some of the best European alpine passes including - Passo di Giau, Passo dello Stelvio, Passo Gavia, Timmelsjoch, Grossglockner and more!
- Ride the latest model Ducati motorcycles including the Multistrada V4, Multistrada V2 or DesertX. Or perhaps a BMW R1250GS or R1300GS might be more your style. Other brands or models available on request.
- Most overnight stops are two nights so time has been allowed to explore some of the iconic tourist destinations and savour the luxury accommodation.
- Diverse luxury accommodation each night ranging from boutique hotels and ski lodges up in the mountains to drop dead gorgeous views by the Italian Lakes.
- Breakfast & dinner included every day.
- Enjoy the ride with your Australian tour guides Nick and Trudi, who adore the Italian Alps & Lakes districts and are excited to share their favourite destinations with you.
- High alpine passes in Italy & Austria.
- Italian Lakes districts of Como and Garda.
- Ski resort towns of Livigno and Leogang in Summer (quick MTB run in the afternoon?)
- The Dolomites! Tre Cime, Sella Ronda and Passo di Giau will be etched in your memory.

RIDE OVERVIEW

The route we will cover is on sealed roads and includes some of the most incredible roads you only dream about. The kind of roads that from a distance appear to be grey ribbons snaking their way up and down mountainsides.

We begin in Milan and head northeast, towards the ski village of Livigno where we will stay 2 nights, with awesome Stelvio Pass just over the hill and perhaps mountain bike tracks to try out in the afternoon.

Leaving Livigno we continue east into Austria over Timmelsjoch pass and onto the ski village of Leogang. Make no mistake these are proper mountains, not like our piddly ones in Australia. They truly are a sight to behold.

Our path back into Italy takes us over Grossglockner which regularly rates in the Top 5 passes in Europe. Next, it's on into

For an Australian travelling to Europe and riding the Alpine passes it is mind blowing. The scenery is stunningly beautiful. The roads are incredibly twisty and fun to ride. The food is invariably amazing.



Dreaming of sweeping mountain passes?

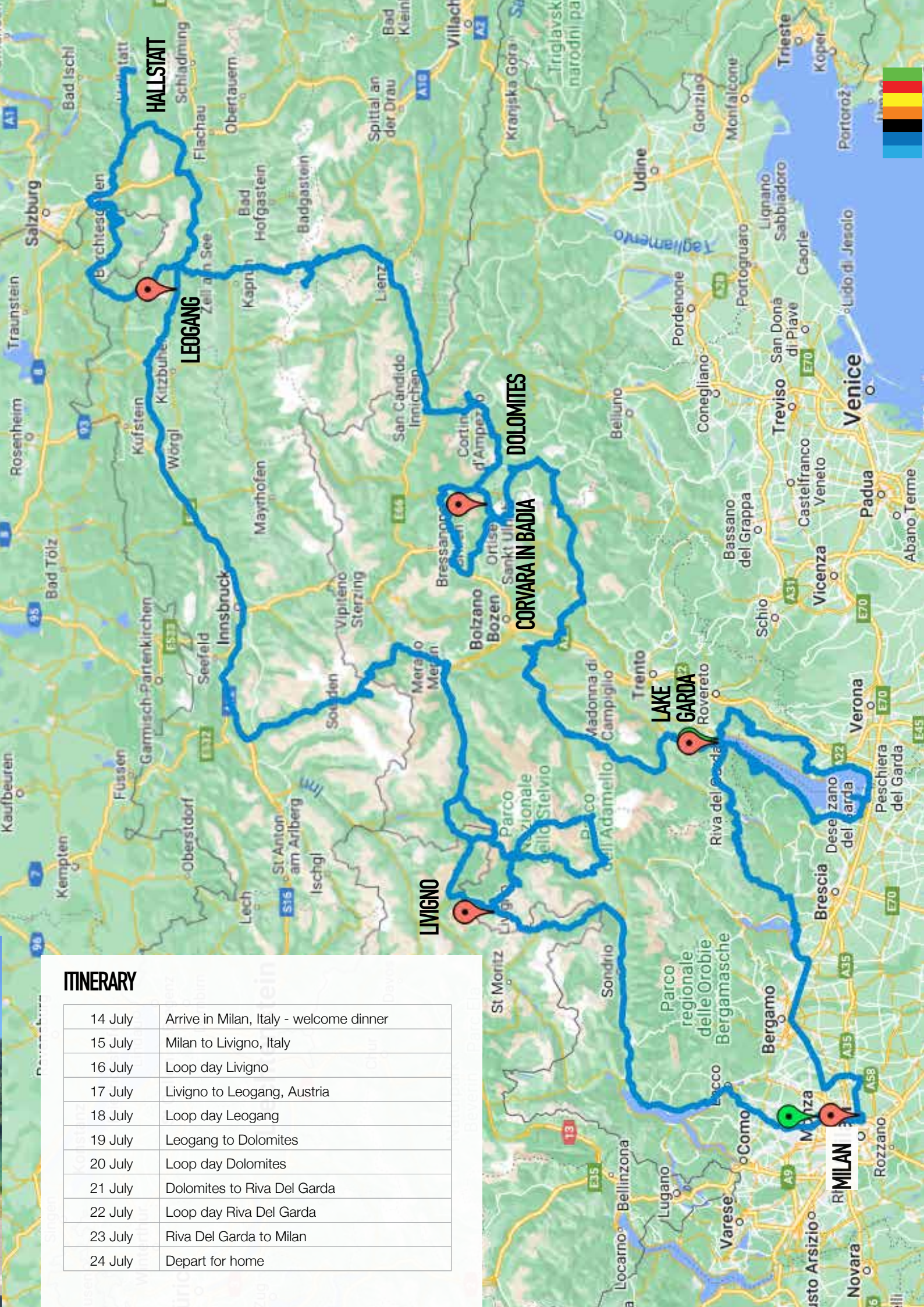
the jaw-dropping Dolomites region taking in the spectacular Tre Cime & Sella Ronda.

Heading south through the Dolomites onto Lake Garda, through to the picturesque Lakes District before finishing back in Milan.

Staying in villas and small deluxe hotels, this trip will immerse you in incredible landscapes, food and wine, and of course unbelievable riding.

This is a small group ride, and pillions are most welcome. As we are travelling through multiple alpine passes, the riding will be challenging in places with many extreme twisty hairpins and some longer days in the saddle. However this will be mixed up with loop days, so if you'd like to have rest off the bike, then that's fine too. Although we will be on sealed roads you should be an experienced rider because the alpine passes will test you.





ITINERARY

14 July	Arrive in Milan, Italy - welcome dinner
15 July	Milan to Livigno, Italy
16 July	Loop day Livigno
17 July	Livigno to Leogang, Austria
18 July	Loop day Leogang
19 July	Leogang to Dolomites
20 July	Loop day Dolomites
21 July	Dolomites to Riva Del Garda
22 July	Loop day Riva Del Garda
23 July	Riva Del Garda to Milan
24 July	Depart for home

All arrangements on tour including motorcycle hire in Milan will be organised by us. All you have to do is book your flights, turn up and we will take care of the rest!

The key to enjoying this trip is to go with the flow, enjoy your surroundings and the fabulous friends you'll meet along the way!

You will have a couple of hard pannier or top boxes to carry your gear for 9 days. If the group size is large enough we will also have a luggage van providing support for our group. Our route will be provided as a GPS file but we will ride mostly as a group.

Your guides are English speaking Aussies that speak just enough Italian to order you a vino at the end of the day or an espresso to get you fired up in the morning! We have some great contacts over there that promise to make this tour special with some "money can't buy" experiences.

ACCOMMODATION

If you like a little bit of luxury in your life then you will love the accommodation we present you with on our tours. Typically at least 4 stars, each property is carefully selected to wow you in some way; whether its location, views, food or just straight up



Delicious local cuisine, Bormio Italy

pampering.

We have some exceptional accommodation lined up. We've kept the theme of villas and small hotels throughout the trip so whilst we're travelling through the regions, you get to experience the food, the people and the landscapes.

Some of the locations we stayed at on our previous tours and have survived our stringent quality standards to be included here!

MEALS

All breakfasts and dinners are included as part of the tour. The only meal you will need to cover each day is your lunch. We don't want all the meals on tour to be 100% pre-planned because you never know what delicious surprises we might find along the road. Last time, some of the best food we had were discovered just by circumstance!

Breakfast will generally be at our accommodation each day.

Dinner will either be at our accommodation or we'll take you to some of the great local places we have visited before. We like to show you some variety and explore the local specialities.



RIDE GRADING

As we are travelling through some of the most famous Alpine passes, think twisty!! This means there are some very narrow roads, and lots of tight switchbacks. For example, the full length of Stelvio Pass has 82 corners - or "tornante"!!!!

Also, remember they drive on the right hand side of the road over there too. There will be heavy traffic in some of the cities we visit, and the Italians are notorious for not obeying every road rule, so you'll need to be particularly vigilant. Also to the uninitiated, European roads are sometimes impossibly narrow!

Each riding day we will cover around 170-350km on the bikes which is plenty far enough in the Alps. This equates to around 5-6 hours riding.

So, basically we don't recommend this ride for inexperienced riders. You should have several years riding experience along with your passenger (if you bring one) being comfortable with endless twists and turns.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

We have allowed space in our tour schedule to be flexible with our route to allow for days off the bike or to really soak up the quality accommodation. Perhaps some MTB riding, taking a cable car to a mountain summit or a boat cruise on a lake.

Some of these activities are included, others are extra depending on weather conditions and rider preference. See our inclusions list for a better understanding of what is included.



TOUR PRICE

Couple	Single	Shared
€14,780	€9,990	€9,000
EUR	EUR	EUR

Pricing **includes rental of a Ducati Multistrada V2, DesertX or BMW R1250GS, accommodation and meals** as outlined in this document. Other motorcycle models are available to rent which will either reduce or increase tour price depending on model selected.

(Note: Twin Share option includes two single beds in one room and due to often compact rooms will only be offered where people are familiar with one another! Couple refers to rider and pillion on one bike.)

PLEASE NOTE: We have prepared pricing in Euros due to the conversion and GST implications in Australia.

INCLUSIONS

- Tour guides x 2 - Nick & Trudi Selleck
- 10 nights of luxury 4-5 star accommodation
- 9 days bike rental - Ducati Multistrada V2 (or similar)
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Bike parking each night, city tax
- Maschine tour T-shirt
- Support vehicle with 3rd guide if group size exceeds 10

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

A \$2,000AUD per person non-refundable deposit is payable at the time of booking on our website, is all that's required to reserve your place due to the limited numbers available for the tour.

At the time of booking, please confirm the motorcycle you wish to rent for the tour as this needs to be reserved for you straight away. Please note bike preference is allocated by order of entries. First in best dressed!

Then balance of tour fees (payable in Euro) is due in two further payments in February and April.

Of course if you prefer, you can always pay in full at any time before that date.

Please note: the minimum number of riders to run the tour is 5. We have capped the tour at a maximum of 15 riders.

HOW DO I PAY IN EURO?

We will provide you with our foreign currency account details when our invoice is sent to you. All you will need to do is direct deposit the funds into our foreign exchange bank account.

All major banks have the facility in their internet banking to enable you to do this and is very simple to do. We can assist with this process should you need it.



Lake Como, Italy



CANCELLATION POLICY

You may withdraw from the tour at any time by notifying us in writing via email. In case of withdrawal, a cancellation fee calculated by reference to the tour and hiring fees is payable as follows:

- 0% if 60 days or more notice is given prior to the commencement of the tour
- 50% if 31-60 days notice is given prior to the commencement of the tour
- 75% if 15-30 days notice is given prior to the commencement of the tour.
- 100% if 14 days or less notice is given prior to the commencement of the tour.

If the tour does not proceed because the minimum number of participants is not reached, your deposit will be refunded in full.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is a mandatory requirement prior to you participating in the tour that you purchase a travel insurance policy. We will require you to send a copy of this policy to us prior to commencing the tour.

Please do your research around the different insurance providers and ensure the cover they include mentions activities such as road riding a motorcycle above 250cc.

INTERNATIONAL DRIVERS LICENCE

Aside from a passport, please make sure you obtain an international drivers licence before you leave!! It is a mandatory requirement to ride in Europe and the bike rental company will require this as well.



*Go on do it.
you won't regret it*

BIKE RENTAL

Bike rental will be for 9 days with pickup/dropoff in Milan. We will transfer via taxi to and from our hotel. We have arranged to leave suitcases/gear bags at the bike rental company whilst on tour with a smaller overnight bag to be carried in our van.

Tour price includes the rental of a Ducati or BMW adventure bike as listed below including hard luggage cases - top box and panniers. A range of models are available to choose. If the model you desire isn't listed here, please contact us and we will organise it for you (pending availability). We may also be able to arrange accessories such as low seat, GPS etc. on request.

Hire fee includes basic insurance, unlimited kilometres and luggage. There is the option to take out excess reduction insurance should you wish.

The models listed below are based on current availability and change frequently. There are very limited numbers of each model, so it will be first in best dressed.

Ducati DesertX	Ducati Multistrada V2	Honda Africa Twin	Ducati Multistrada V4
Inc. In Tour Price	Inc. In Tour Price	Inc. In Tour Price	+ EUR 200
BMW R1250GS	BMW R1300GS	Other Models Available	
+ EUR 170	+ EUR 350	Contact Us!	

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Meals outside of those stipulated as part of the tour package (ie. lunches)
- Alcohol
- Additional activities you participate in during the tour
- Public transport or taxi fares (except transfer to/from bike rental depot)
- Flights
- Fuel, fines, some minor road tolls
- Travel insurance
- Visas (if required). Please check your individual circumstances

ARRIVAL INTO MILAN/MONZA

We will begin with welcome drinks, riders briefing and official welcome dinner on Sunday 14 July so you need to arrive in Milan by lunchtime that day at the latest. We will pickup our bikes on the morning of 15 July and leave Milan directly from the rental depot.

We can arrange transfers through our hotel to and from the airport should you require it. Some airlines also offer this service for free, so check with them at the time of booking your flights.

If you require additional nights accommodation either pre or post tour at our hotels we are happy to arrange that.



Ducati Multistrada V4



Ducati Multistrada V2



Ducati DesertX



BMW R1300GS



BMW R1250GS



FLIGHTS TO AND FROM MILAN

If you are arriving into Milan direct from Australia we advise you to arrive into Europe a day or two before 14 July so you can have some time to adjust your body clock.

There are a number of Airlines that fly to Milan - Qantas, Singapore, Etihad and some of these arrive early in the day which can help with the adjustment.

If you intend on leaving immediately after the tour finishes (Wednesday 24 July), there are morning & afternoon flights available.

NOT FROM AUSTRALIA, BUT WANT TO JOIN US?

Whilst this tour is being run by a group of Aussies we more than welcome riders from other countries to join us. Join an English speaking Aussie tour group with experienced guides - you're guaranteed to have lots of fun :-)

ABOUT MASCHINE

Maschine is a motorcycle events and tours business that operates from New South Wales, Australia. We have been organizing motorcycle adventure tours in Australia since 2011 and internationally since 2015.

We are highly experienced in managing large-scale motorcycle events. Equally, we know how to create an incredible luxury experience for more intimate groups of riders such as this tour.

WHAT NOW?

To book, go to maschine.com.au and click on Adventure Tours where you will find a list of our events. You can secure your place by purchasing the Deposit online and then we will look after the rest.

Or, you can give us a call on 0428 023 057.

We will register your details for the event and send an invoice to secure your place.

Please let us know at the time which bike you would like to rent for the tour.

We look forward to you joining us on this amazing journey.

*Cheers,
Nick and Trudi*

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**real people.
real adventures.**



SOME PICS FROM
OUR PAST TOURS



Passo dello Stelvio, Italy



Passo Val Gardena, Italy



Passo Gavia, Italy

