



## **Dolomites, Italy**

### **June 13-20, 2026**

The trip to the Dolomites begins and ends in Bolzano, Italy. You can fly to Venice, Munich or Milan and then take the train to Bolzano. After the minimum of 10 reservations is reached, we will advise you to make your air travel reservations. We will meet at the Bolzano train station.

Trip Start: June 13, 2026 – Bolzano/Bozen train station  
Trip Finish: June 20, 2026 – Bolzano/Bozen train station  
Trip Length: 8 days, 7 nights  
Trip Cost: \$3,200 per person sharing a room  
\$3,350 for a single room

(Trip cost includes everything except airfare, 1 dinner, 1 lunch, beverages, tips, and all items of a personal nature.)

### **Day by Day Overview**

**Saturday , June 13** - Meet Karen and Patrizia (our guide) at the train station in Bolzano/Bozen (this is the Italian/German name for the town) in the main hall (ticket hall) at 4:30PM. From here we will take a bus to Collalbo/Klobenstein and the Dolomiten Hotel - [www.hoteldolomiten.com](http://www.hoteldolomiten.com) . Collalbo is about 3,500 ft elevation. Get settled and explore the village on your own.

- 6:30—Meet on terrace for refreshments, getting acquainted and preview of week.
- 7:00 – Dinner together in the hotel dining room.

**Sunday, June 14** - We start our day from the hotel, walking an easy path through the town of Longomoso—at one time a stopover for the Teutonic Knights. Our woodland path gives us views to the “People Pyramids”, Gothic churches, and long views of pasture land and fields of flowers. We walk back to Collalbo.

- Packed lunch.
- Dinner together.

**Monday, June 15** - Today we leave our hotel on a path that transverses field and woods. The view of the impressive Rosengarten range of the Dolomites is always with us. We will have interesting stops along our route today: the Bee Museum—the oldest surviving “maso” of the area—a typical farmhouse including dwelling, hay barn and stable ( [www.suedtirol-it.com/renon-en/apiculture-museum.htm](http://www.suedtirol-it.com/renon-en/apiculture-museum.htm) ); The afternoon introduces us to the “apple experience” of South Tyrol: tasting & identifying various varieties. Then return to Collalbo.

- Packed lunch.
- Dinner together.

**Tuesday, June 16** - A bus will take us to another area of the Dolomites today. Castelrotto, an alpine village (3,500ft) with lots of character is base for exploration of the Alpe di Siusi region. Alpe di Siusi, Europe's largest high alpine meadow( 6,000ft), separates two of the most famous Dolomite ski resort valleys. We use a cable car to reach higher elevations today. Views here are of the Sasso Lungo Mountains at the head of the meadow and the Schlern Peaks. We experience both meadow walks and altitude walks today. Return to Collalbo by bus.

- Packed lunch.
- Dinner together.

**Wednesday, June 17** – This is a “town day”. We take the narrow-gauge train, then cable car down the mountain to Bolzano. At 10:00 a.m. we will visit the South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology, home to the famous 5000-year-old “Ice Man”—we have a specialist guide. <http://www.iceman.it/en>

Lunch/shopping from 11-1PM followed by a guided town walk of Bolzano. Bolzano is considered the gateway to the Dolomites. <https://www.italia.it/en/south-tyrol/bolzano/guide-history-facts> Bus back to Collalbo.

- Lunch and Dinner on your own.

**Thursday, June 18** - Our bus will take us to the cable car which will “lift” us to 6,600ft. Then an hour's walk accompanied by spectacular Dolomite scenery takes us to the “Corno of Renon”. (Corno=horn; Renon=name of area). Then we may walk or bus back to our hotel through scented pine forest and alpine meadow.

- Packed lunch.
- Dinner together.

**Friday, June 19** - By bus we will reach the town of Ortisei. This valley is widely known for its accomplished wood carvers. Our comfortable path along an old train-way leads us across Santa Christina and Selva Gardena (the three charming villages of the Val Gardena Valley. Again, we have stunning views of mountain peaks, castles, village churches and “solitaries malga” (shepherd's huts in the Alps). This valley bursts with tradition, culture and character. Our bus will return us to Collalbo.

- Packed lunch.
- Farewell dinner in hotel dining room.

**Saturday, June 20** - We leave Collalbo this morning after breakfast to be at the Bolzano train station by 10:00a.m. If you need an earlier departure, a taxi can be arranged.

**Notes:** Our hikes each day are 6-7 miles. This is the Italian Alps and so some of the hikes have significant elevation changes. For the hikes with the greatest altitude gain, we take a gondola/lift part way. While elevations change during our week from valley to high mountain meadows the actual hiking elevation range is from 500 ft to 1,500 ft. The highest elevation we reach is 7,000'. To enjoy this trip, you should hike regularly in the months prior to the trip, include hills and be prepared for a great week of hiking!

We leave Collalbo each morning around 9:00 AM. Our breakfasts and dinners are at the hotel with the exception of one dinner on your own. A picnic lunch is provided by the hotel each day with the exception of one lunch on our Bolzano day.

**Please Note: The above schedule is subject to change due to weather or other circumstances beyond our control.**

## **Flight and Airport Info**

**Getting to Bolzano** — Fly from the U.S. to Venice, Milan or Munich. You can take the train from any of these cities to Bolzano. Train tickets are cheapest bought via the internet using the Trenitalia website or Bahn if traveling from Munich. Of course, tickets can be bought at your departure train station or through your travel agent.

**Weather:** Early summer weather with possible cool mountain temperatures and rain. June daytime temperatures range 70-85 degrees, nighttime 50-65 degrees.

## **Helpful Websites:**

[www.visitdolomites.com](http://www.visitdolomites.com)

[www.iceman.it](http://www.iceman.it)

<http://www.trenitalia.com/cms/v/index.jsp?vgnextoid=ad1ce14114bc9110VgnVCM10000080a3e90aRCRD>

(Italy trains website)

<https://int.bahn.de/en> - German train website