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Self guided Cycling Trip mount Etna to Ionian Sea. From March until November.
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Self guided cycling Trip Mount Etna to Ionian Sea on road bike

The history of Mount Etna is not only that of the most active volcano in Europe since 2011, but it's also the history of Eastern Sicily itself. A bike ride through the Sicilian hinterland, in the shade of mighty Etna and among extraordinary national parks. It's a fantastic journey because the shifts between history and mythology to the discovery of enchanting tiny villages and foregone flavours.

You will ride through tiny villages with always the azure blue Mediterranean Sea in the vicinity of the track. Our start will be in Nicolosi with its stunning natural landscape and excellent weather all year round. From Nicolosi we follow our way along Mount Etna. Cycle around Mount Etna and visit medieval villages like Randazzo and Bronte before arriving the coastline of the Ionian Sea. The last 2 days you will visit old historical villages as Taormina & Giardini Naxos. This

region around Mount Etna is ideal for a great cycling holiday because the sunny climate and all year round warm climate. Sicily is the perfect island for a great cycling holiday. You won't be the first one to discover that Sicily is a cyclist's paradise. In addition this beautiful historical bike program on Sicily islands includes unique features. Enjoy fitness with the qualities of life in "Ancient Sicily"

Immerse your Cycling Holiday in Europe and Cycle Sicily!

- Mount Etna National park with breath-taking scenery
- Mount Etna wine tasting & experience the Sicilian cuisine in Randazzo
- Visit old historical places like Taormina & Giardini Naxos
- Relax on one of the many spectacular beaches
- Nicolosi, a pleasant town known as the "Door to Etna"
- The wine road", the "Gorge of the Alcantara river" (natural park)

Itinerary

Day 1

Check in

Check in around 14.00 at your hotel in Nicolosi. Introduction, bike fitting and description of the tour. After the briefing you can store your bikes or take a look at the bikes you may have rented.

Day 2

Mount Etna to Nicolosi 20km

Using a public bus, you will reach Rifugio Sapienza (1900m), the starting point of your trip up the Mount Etna. After your excursion you will ride down to Nicolosi along a scenic road which winds its way along 1200m of different levels. In case of adverse weather conditions, you can do an excursion to the old town of Catania by a public bus (20 km). Overnight in Nicolosi.

Day 3

Nicolosi to Bronte 49km

After leaving Nicolosi ("The door to Etna"). You will be riding mostly downhill along quite secondary roads until you reach Forre Laviche del Simeto nature reserve. Here you can see a very special kind of canyon carved by the Simeto river through an old lava flow. You can also see Ponte dei Saraceni, an old bridge dating back to the Roman era. Large pistachios groves preannounce the proximity to Bronte, a village at the foothills of the volcano, famous for its 'green gold'. You will be staying at an old manor surrounded by pistachios groves. Overnight in Bronte. The pleasant town Bronte is famous for its warm-weather nut.

Day 4

Bronte Maniace - Randazzo 30-36km

On your third day of cycling you will start in Bronte. Bronte is well known for being the European capital of Pistachio. A few km from Bronte you will cycle north towards Parco dei Nebrodi. Maniace not far away anymore. Here you can visit the famous Nelson Castel and the former Norman abbey of S. Maria di Maniace. On the quiet countryside roads you cycle the last stretch to Randazzo. Overnight in Randazzo. This pleasant small town on the slopes of Mount Etna: its rich and has an interesting historic centre

Day 5

Randazzo - Castiglione - Giardini Naxos 46km

The "Wine Road" or in Italian la strada dei vini dell'Etna is the area where Mt Etna's wines are produced. Wine tasting is possible in a local vineyard canteen. Visit to the Alcantara River Gorges whose water cut through the lava. here you will be able to see the beautiful "Gorge of the Alcantara river" (natural park) & Alcantara valley. We strongly recommended a visit to Castiglione di Sicilia. Your last destination is Giardini Naxos from here you can get a refreshing dip in the Ionian Sea with its Christal clear water. Overnight in Giardini Naxos

Day 6

Giardini Naxos - Taormina - Giardini Naxos 20km

Today is a very relaxing day with only 20 kilometres of pedalling. There are only a few uphill's but the views are really spectacular! Visit Taormina : the pearl of Sicily. This town is famous for its art and culture. Don't miss the Greek theatre and its main street with the churches of different epochs. Feel the romantic atmosphere of Giardini Naxos and try an excellent glass of Sicilian wine in one of the many restaurants in this ancient little town. Overnight in Giardini Naxos.

Day 7

Giardini Naxos to Acitrezza 37km

Day 7 is another easy leg, riding along lemon river near the Ionic coast of Sicily. Today's ride will lead you along a unique stretch of coastline named the Riviera dei Limoni for a very good reason, you will see some spectacular panoramas. After your cycling trip it's time to relax with a good glass of local Sicilian wine. Wander around in Acitrezza a nice pleasant fishing village and a popular spot for Italian vacationers. Overnight in Acitrezza.

Day 8

Departure day

Departure day.....Time to say goodbye, a good flight back home or a pleasant stay in Italy.
Transfers on request

- Catania is the second largest city in Sicily and has the busiest airport on Sicily Island with over more than six million passengers a year. The airport is situated 7 kilometres southwest of Catania next to highway A-19. Every 20 minutes busses leaving to Catania centre. There are regular bus services to the resort towns nearby like Taormina & Giardini Naxos. The bus ride to Palermo takes 2 hours and 30 minutes.
- In Palermo is another important airport called "Falcone-Borsellino". The airport is 32 kilometres away to Palermo's city centre and can easily reached by highway A29. Buses leaving every half an hour to Palermo Central station or Piazza Castelnuevo. There are busses running frequently to Agrigento, Trapani, Catania or Syracuse.

Booking Information

Add your start date

- All prices are based on double rooms - for bookings & inquires: send an email to info@cycleclassictours.com
- Price € 660 basic package per person in double Supplement high season (July and August) € 90

Extra Information

1. Fill out and submit the online booking request or send an email to info@cycleclassictours.com
2. Once we receive your request we contact the local tour operator if the tour is available.
3. When the tour operator confirms to us. We confirm to you and charge you're a deposit fee of € 350 per person plus a € 15 booking fee.
4. We tend and try to send all over within 48 hours.
5. You will receive an invoice, the tour program and the terms and conditions of the tour operator.
6. Please do not make travel plans until you receive our confirmation.
7. Your confirmation invoice contains a statement reflecting of your deposit payment and the balance due.
8. The balance payment is due 60 days before the start of the tour.
9. Please be advised that we make every effort to ensure that all the information given on this site is accurate. All statements and information has been researched and supplied by third parties.
10. The information given is accurate and reliable, to the best of our knowledge. Should errors be found, we will rectify them as quickly as possible. However, we accept no responsibility for errors or inaccuracies.

Included

- Accommodation with breakfast for 7 nights in 3-star-hotels and B&B
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Detailed maps and road book
- Phone assistance

Not Included

- Transfer to/from the airport Transfer per person, min 2 pax (to be paid on-site):
- Catania Airport – Nicolosi € 25
- Acireale – Catania Airport € 25
- Bus ticket or private transfer from Nicolosi to Rifugio Sapienza (1st stage)
- Dinners
- Lunches
- Entrance fees, tips City taxes
- Basic package per person in double room € 660
- single room supplement € 190
- extra night in Nicolosi in DBL per person € 38
- extra night in Nicolosi in single room € 53
- extra night in Acitrezza in DBL per person € 40
- extra night in Acitrezza in single room € 60
- half board supplement (drinks excluded) € 180
- supplement high season (July and August) € 90
- single participant supplement € 100
- city bike rental € 90
- fitnessbike (hybrid) € 110
- e-Bike rental € 150
- tandem € 190
- trailer for kids (max. 40 kg) € 50

