

SERVAS by Bike 2020 in South Tyrol

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The Servas Group of Trentino Alto Adige invites Servas international members to participate at *Servas Bike* from **14th to 17th of May 2020** in the upper *Vinschgau* valley.

The Vinschgau valley is known for Lasa's white marble and the church tower in lake Resia. A new bicycle path was built a few years ago. It runs along the Adige river to Merano along the entire valley, This makes the path ideal for this event.

The valley is also accessible by train. It leaves from Merano every half hour and is suitable for the transport of bicycles. We therefore invite you, to leave your car at home and to take the train to Trento or Bolzano.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 14 at 15:00 at Bolzano train station or at 17:30 at Mals train station. The garnì where we will stay in Clusio, a hamlet of Mals, is waiting for us for dinner. For Friday and Saturday we have planned two bike tours: one on a not very steep dirt road up to Switzerland and one a bit more challenging one: a bike road to Lake Resia. This last trip requires an adequate physical preparation or a bike with assisted pedaling, as the route is 22 km long and ranges 500m in altitude difference.

It is possible to rent bicycles in Malles, both electric and not, at the price of 36€/23€ per day. The helmet can be rented at €3 per day.

During the trips we will visit two monasteries, the oldest mill in Europe, Glorenza, the smallest town in South Tyrol, gathered in its medieval walls, Chur Castle, a medieval castle with the largest private armoury, and the mouths of the river Adige. You can then visit the first and only Italian whisky distillery outside the walls of Glorenza.

The cost for board, lodging and visits to castles and monasteries is 200€ per person.

The overnight stay is in double rooms, with the possibility of an extra bed in some rooms.

Malles is located at 1051m above sea level and Resia at 1498m above sea level. Even in May it can get cold. Adequate clothing is also recommended for cycling trips.

In case of bad weather we will organize an alternative program which may include additional costs (e.g. train to Merano) and will not require a bike.

Registration accessible from 15/02/2020.

The aforementioned form is used for a pre-registration which will be confirmed by the organizers with an email that will contain the details of the payment. The pre-registration order will be respected by favoring those who will be present for the entire period and who intend to ride a bicycle. Unfortunately we will not be able to host all but only the first 20 who register and make the transfer of the total amount upon receipt of the confirmation email

For questions or clarifications you can write to trentino@servas.it

To better understand the peculiarity of South Tyrol and its people, we recommend reading the novel *Eva Sleeps* by Francesca Melandri (also available in Italian, German, Dutch, Ukrainian, French, Croatian and Arabic).