

HOLIDAZE SKI TOURS®

Florida Ski Council

CORTINA 2019

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

MONDAY, MARCH 11,- VENICE, ITALY



Cortina - Venice: 2 ½ hrs drive

Venice: built on 117 islands, it has 150 canals and 400 bridges. It is a city with a multitude of moods and faces and for centuries gondolas have been the traditional means of transport. There is still a strong artisan tradition in Venice and alongside the glass and lace you will find leather goods, antiques and beautiful jewelers.

With your guided tour of Venice you'll be able to see Rialto Bridge, the Grand Canal, the Bridge of Sighs, and St. Mark's Basilica. You can visit the Doges Palace (Entrance Fee included) and view paintings by Tintoretto, Veronese and Bosch. Entrance fee for St. Marks Basilica with compulsory headsets is also included.

Have some free time for lunch, a gelato or a Gondola boat ride before going back to Cortina.

DEPARTURE TIME: 9:00 AM

ARRIVE IN VENICE: 11:30AM

DEPART VENICE: 4:00 PM

ARRIVAL IN CORTINA: 6.30 PM

PRICE PER PERSON: \$175.00

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TUESDAY, MARCH 12, - BOLZANO & ICEMAN MUSEUM, ITALY



Cortina - Bolzano: 2 ½ hrs drive

Depart Cortina to Bolzano, and enjoy a marvelous coach ride with breathtaking landscapes of the region. Enjoy a walking tour of Bolzano with your local guide, walking down along Via Museo to Piazza delle Erbe. Every morning except Sunday, you'll find the colorful fruit and vegetable market. On the corner with via Portici sits the Fountain of Nettuno dating from 1745. The so called 'Gabelwirt' or 'Oste with fork' is among the most beautiful fountains in Italy.

The impressive covered walkway in via dei Portici houses Bolzano's commercial life. Do enter the ancient pharmacist shop 'Alla Madonna', almost a museum of oils, scents and cures.

The work on the Gothic Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta was begun in 1280 by the Lombards in Romanic style, modified by the Swabians in Gothic form and finally completed in 1400. The bronze door is modern, a work of the Innsbruck sculptor Defner.

Palazzo Mercantile in Argentieri Street dates from 1708 and marks the southern boundary of the old city moat. This was the Merchant Magistrates Court and is now a museum. The economic history of Bolzano is documented here and no doubt all the business of nearby Piazza del Grano where the agricultural and grain market was based.

Your last stop is also the oldest part of town. The original inhabited area developed below the walls of the castle of the Princes of Trento were demolished a long way back by Meinardo II of Tirol in 1277. Close by is one of Bolzano's most beautiful buildings, the Casa della Pesa from 1634.

Free time for lunch. Visit the "Iceman Archeological Museum", which documents the whole history of the province from Paleolithic times to the Carolingian era (entrance fee included).

You can also choose to try one of the marvelous wines of this region of Italy, accompanied by *speck* (typical smoked prosciutto) or *bresaola* (local beef cold cut).

Do not leave the area without taking a few pictures of the Western Dolomites, which separate two regions of Italy, Bolzano and Cortina.

DEPARTURE TIME: 9:00 AM

ARRIVE IN BOLZANO: 11:30AM

DEPART BOLZANO: 4:00 PM

ARRIVAL IN CORTINA: 6.30 PM

PRICE PER PERSON: \$110.00

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THURSDAY, MARCH 14, -CONEGLIANO, ITALY



Cortina - Conegliano: 1 ½ hrs drive

Depart Cortina to Conegliano and enjoy the scenery along the way.

The trip starts in Conegliano, a city offering you the chance to stroll under the porticos of Contrada Grande and admire the façades of noble palaces, the splendid frescos on the front of the cathedral and the castle in the background.

We begin our itinerary with our local guide to discover Conegliano from Piazza Cima with the Palazzo del Comune and the Teatro dell'Accademia.

From the square, along via Madonna delle Neve, we proceed to the Rocca, about ten minutes walking distance. On the left stands the former convent of San Francesco, a vast complex of buildings now restored and open to the public; we admire the cloister with garden, surrounded by round arches, before continuing to the castle.

Moving towards Porta Ruio, we arrive at the Duomo, with a façade marked by pointed arches and decorated with frescoes depicting biblical scenes.

Your Conegliano tour will also include a visit to a winery and wine tasting of some Prosecco wine, an Italian sparkling wine that is produced in this special region of Italy.

From Valdobbiadene, driving towards Cortina, you begin the return trip over roads featuring some of the most beautiful and imposing panoramas of this area.

DEPARTURE TIME:	9:00 AM	ARRIVE IN CONEGLIANO: 10:30AM
DEPART CONEGLIANO:	4:00 PM	
ARRIVAL IN CORTINA:	5:30 PM	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$115.00	

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FRIDAY, MARCH 15, - INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA



Cortina - Innsbruck: 3 hrs drive

Depart Cortina to Innsbruck. Enjoy the spectacular scenery as you cross the Alps over the Brenner Pass and enter Austria. Shortly thereafter you'll arrive in Innsbruck, the Capital of the State of Tirol.

Once there meet the local guide and discover the historic parts of Innsbruck on our walking tour: an enchanting stroll through the gothic old town with emperor Maximilian's golden roof, imperial court church and palace, city tower, St. James cathedral and see Innsbruck's main street, Maria – Theresia Street with the arch of triumph.

There will be time for shopping at many of the quaint shops in the Old Town. Be sure to stop for a visit of the famous Swarovski Store for some nice gifts to bring back home. You'll also find many typical cafés and restaurants where you can enjoy local Tirolean cuisine.

You might also want to try some Gruner Veltliner, an excellent Austrian white wine.

Your time in Innsbruck will end in the afternoon as you depart the Tirol and again cross over the Brenner Pass into Italy and on to Cortina.

DEPARTURE TIME: 8:00 AM

ARRIVE IN INNSBRUCK: 11:30AM

DEPART INNSBRUCK: 3:00 PM

ARRIVAL IN CORTINA: 6:00 PM

PRICE PER PERSON: \$97.00

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SATURDAY, MARCH 16, - UDINE, ITALY



Cortina – Udine: 3 hrs drive

Reserved and elegant but also cheerful and friendly: this is Udine, the city that is tinged with the colors of Giambattista Tiepolo (1696-1770), the famous Venetian painter who left works of rare beauty in the city. Udine has some truly spectacular piazzas and some incredible Venetian architecture – Udine was part of the Venetian republic from 1420 until the republic's demise in 1797. Walking into Piazza della Libertà, with the magnificent Loggia del Lionello, one could almost imagine they were actually in Venice – except there aren't very many people, and even less pigeons!

Our local guide will start our itinerary from Porta Aquileia which is a part of the walls that once surrounded Udine and which is evidence of Roman rule.

Continue along via Aquileia, from where you can admire the Church of the Madonna del Carmine.

Then you come out in Via Vittorio Veneto and the Duomo. Built in the thirteenth century, the facade retains its Gothic-Romanic. To the right of the Cathedral stands the Oratorio della Purità whose ceiling is adorned by the fresco of the Assunta. Piazza della Libertà is just a stone's throw from the Duomo.

Piazza della Libertà is the heart of Udine and the entire region and the buildings that compose it remind one of the domination under the Venetians. The most important building is the Loggia del Comune, then there is the Loggia di San Giovanni, the Clock Tower, the Column with the Statue of Justice, the Column with the Lion of San Marco and the Monumental Fountain.

For those who are tired at this point, around the hill there are many peaceful gardens to rest a bit. These extend up to the Archbishop's Palace and on the other side up to the I May Square.

Have a spritz Aperol or glass of wine there, before heading back to Cortina.

DEPARTURE TIME: 8:00 AM

ARRIVE IN UDINE: 11:00AM

DEPART UDINE: 3:00 PM

ARRIVAL IN CORTINA: 6:00 PM

PRICE PER PERSON: \$95.00