

## STELVIO EXTENSION

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## The Queen of the Alps

Few climbs in the world stir the imagination like the Stelvio. With its endless ribbon of switchbacks, storied Giro d'Italia battles, and breathtaking high-alpine scenery, this ascent has become a true pilgrimage for cyclists. Reaching its summit is not simply a ride—it is a rite of passage, an unforgettable finale worthy of the Majestic Dolomites—or a powerful stand-alone addition to Ride the Dolomites.

A final experience measured not in miles, but in legend!

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#### Mileage

Climb approximately 24 km / 15 miles from Prato to summit with several steady stretches above 10% grade

#### Elevation Gain

1,800 m / 5,900 ft

#### Terrain

Sustained alpine ascent with steady gradients and iconic switchbacks

#### Hotel

Park Hotel Laurin

- Location: Bolzano
- Duration: 1 night
- [www.laurin.it](http://www.laurin.it)

#### Meals

Breakfast (next morning)

#### Support

Shuttle from Bolzano, two guides on-road support, summit celebration, return transfer to Bolzano

### Highlights

This special extension begins and ends in Bolzano. After breakfast, a private shuttle departs around 9:00 a.m., traveling through the orchards and villages of the Vinschgau Valley toward Malles and nearby Prato allo Stelvio, where one of cycling's most legendary ascents begins. After a flat warm up, you roll out gently through forests and alpine meadows before the road reveals its famous sequence of forty-eight numbered switchbacks.

The climb unfolds at a steady, rhythmic gradient, inviting you to settle into your pace, pause for photographs, and absorb ever-expanding views of the Ortler massif. As altitude increases, the air cools and the landscape becomes stark and dramatic—terrain forever linked to the heroic passages of the Giro d'Italia that shaped the Stelvio's myth.

At 2,757 meters, the summit delivers sweeping panoramas, crystalline mountain light, and a deep sense of accomplishment—an emotional high point to crown your Dolomites experience.

After celebrating at the summit café, the descent is adapted to weather, road conditions, and group preference. Depending on timing and road openings, you may continue into the wild beauty of the Val Müstair in Switzerland, a flowing alpine road framed by larch forests and open pastures. Alternatively, you may retrace the classic Prato side, savoring the symmetry of climbing and descending the same historic route.

At ride's end, a private transfer returns you comfortably to Bolzano.

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### PRICE

- \$ 900 per person (based on a minimum of 2 participants)
- Single supplement: \$ 180 per person

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Use of carbon road bike
- Service of two local, professional guides
- Full van support
- Accommodation
- 1 breakfast
- Super snacks
- Shuttle from Bolzano to Prato allo Stelvio and back