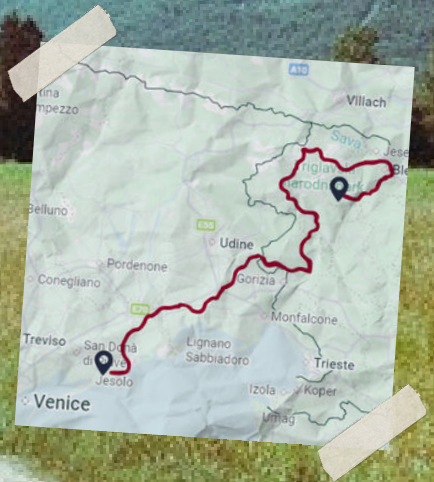




Italy to Slovenia 2027



INFORMATION PACK
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The Challenge

Transaid's 2027 fundraising cycle challenge will take riders on an unforgettable journey from Italy to Slovenia, starting on the Adriatic coast at Jesolo Beach near Venice, passing Lake Bled and finishing on the shores of beautiful Lake Bohinj.

Over four days, you'll cycle 335km and tackle around 3,650m of climbing, as the landscape transforms from the flatter roads around Venice to vineyard-covered hills, lush valleys and the spectacular mountains and lakes of Slovenia's Julian Alps.

With rewarding climbs, incredible scenery and plenty of opportunities to enjoy the region's fantastic food and drink after a day in the saddle, this promises to be a challenging and memorable ride through one of Europe's most beautiful cycling regions.

Most importantly, every kilometre will help raise vital funds to support Transaid's work transforming lives through safe, available and sustainable transport.

Please take note that the route is best suited to **road bikes**.

-  **17 - 22 May 2027**
-  **6 days away**
-  **4 days of cycling**
-  **335 kilometres**
-  **3,650 metres elevation**

-  **Registration fee: £249**
-  **Fundraising pledge: £2,350**

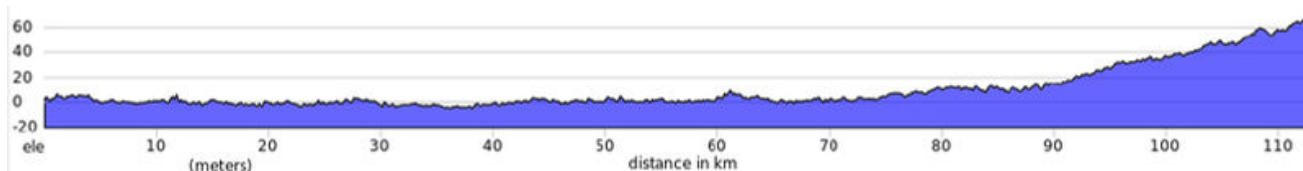
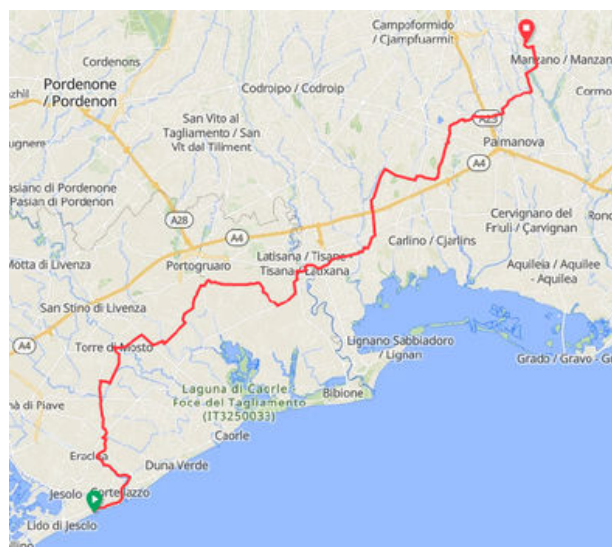


The route

Day 1 of cycling (18 May) Venice to Buttrio - 114 km / 400m

We begin our journey from Jesolo beach heading north-east through the flat farmland of the Tagliamento region, passing small villages and rural landscapes as we make our way towards Buttrio, just south-east of Udine, where we'll spend our first evening.

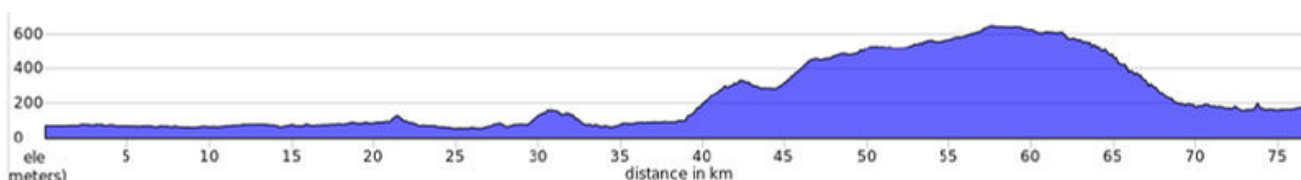
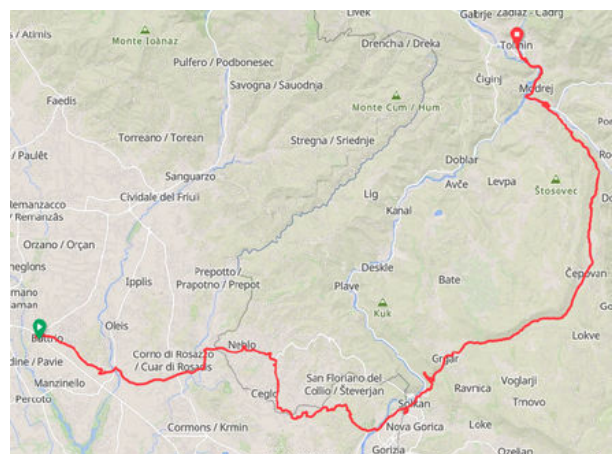
With very little climbing, the opening day offers a great opportunity to settle into the challenge, find our rhythm as a group and get some kilometres in the legs before the bigger climbs and mountain scenery ahead.



Day 2 of cycling (19 May) Buttrio to Tolmin - 77km / 1100m

Day two is very much a ride of two halves. The morning continues across relatively flat terrain, but as we cross the border into Slovenia, the farmland gradually gives way to rolling hills, picturesque villages and vineyard-covered landscapes.

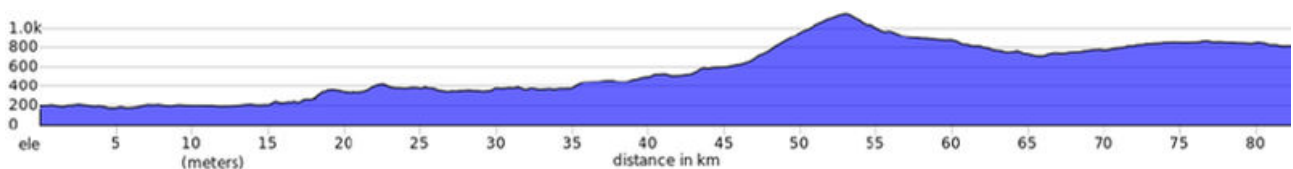
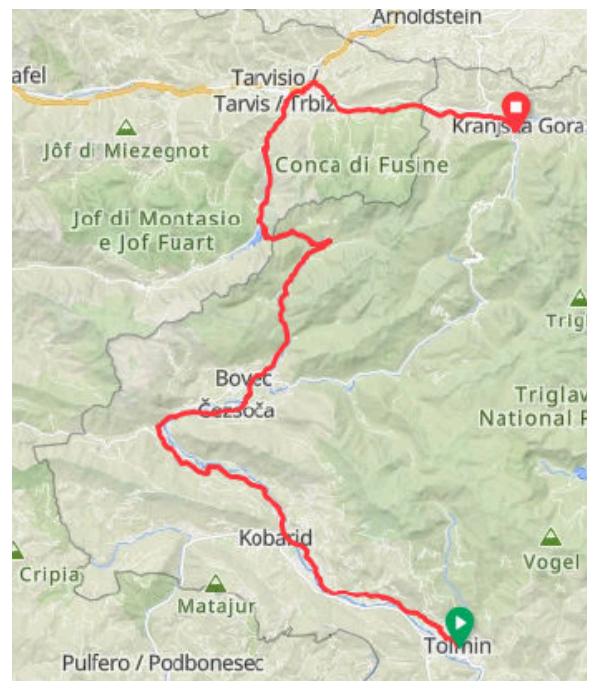
Shortly after lunch, we'll reach Solkan, where the first real test of our climbing legs begins. From here, we'll tackle a long, steady climb through lush green countryside and up onto the plateau, before continuing into the Tolmin region for the evening.



Day 3 of cycling (20 May) Tolmin to Kranjska Gora via the Predil Pass - 83km, 1350m

Today's ride takes us into the mountains as we follow the beautiful Soča Valley, tracking the turquoise waters of the river through some of Slovenia's most spectacular scenery. Along the way, we'll cross the famous Napoleon Bridge near Kobarid before beginning the day's main challenge: the climb to the Predil Pass.

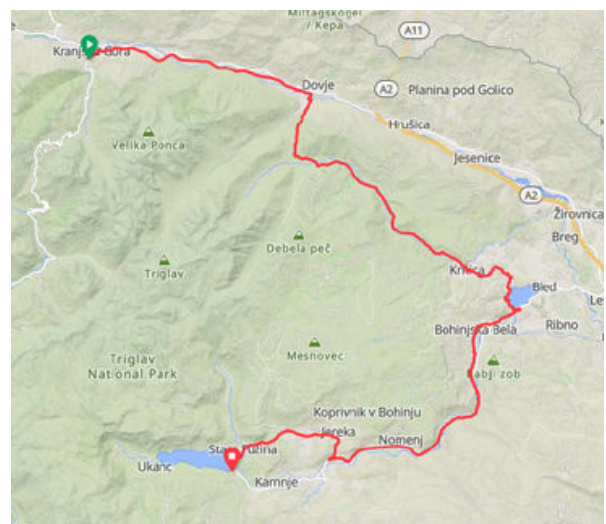
Linking Slovenia and Italy, the Predil Pass rewards our efforts with spectacular mountain views and a satisfying summit at 1,156m. From the top, we'll descend past the beautiful Predil Lake before crossing back into Slovenia for the final stretch of the day, following a traffic-free cycle path into Kranjska Gora, a picturesque Alpine town and renowned ski resort.



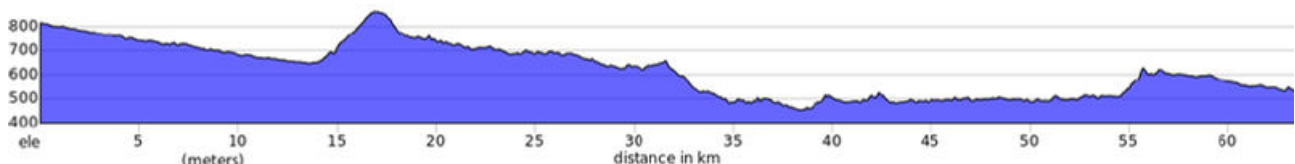
Day 4 of cycling (21 May) Kranjska Gora to Lake Bohinj via Lake Bled - 63km / 800m

After the heights of yesterday's stage, our final day offers a spectacular ride through the heart of the Slovenian Alps to Lake Bohinj. We'll begin on a smooth, traffic-free cycle path, enjoying more incredible views of Triglav National Park along the way.

We'll then arrive at the famous Lake Bled, with its picture-perfect island and castle overlooking the lake. We'll stop here to take in the views and sample a slice of the region's famous Bled cream cake; well earned after three days in the saddle!



From Bled, our final stretch takes us through open meadows and dramatic Alpine scenery towards Lake Bohinj. Surrounded by mountains, it provides a spectacular setting in which to cross the finish line and celebrate completing our journey from Italy to Slovenia.





The package

Included

- Twin-share accommodation
- Five nights bed and breakfast
- Dinners on all challenge overnights
- Four cycling-day lunches
- Cycling refreshments
- Group airport transfers from/to Venice Marco Polo airport at specific set times*
- Vehicle and on-road support
- Luggage transfer
- Route planning and GPX files
- Bike-box transport from the start to the end of the challenge

*Airport transfers timings will be confirmed at a later date. Please refrain from booking flights until these have been confirmed and minimum numbers achieved.

Not Included

- Drinks with lunch and dinner
- Flights to/from the starting and finishing points
- Bicycle hire and bicycle transportation to/from the starting and finishing points
- Travel and bike insurance

Optional expenses:

1- Solo Occupancy Room – £225 per person: enjoy your own private room where available. Offered on a first-come-first-served basis.

2- Bicycle rental - £205 for bike + £5 for pedals if needed.

3- Transfer from Lake Bohinj to Ljubljana airport - to be confirmed and shared among those interested in this option.

We kindly ask that the above supplements are paid directly to Mellow Jersey. They will invoice you directly and payment will need to be made via BACS.

Accommodation

Carlton Hotel - Jesolo Beach

Park Hotel - Buttrio

Hotel Dvorec - Tolmin

Hotel Kompas - Kranjska Gora

Hotel Jezero - Lake Bohinj

Flights & Transfers

The airport transfers for this challenge will be to / from Venice Marco Polo Airport. We have timed the transfers to align with flights from London Heathrow / Manchester and Edinburgh, as follows.



Arrival day - Monday 17th May

Edinburgh - 10:45 arrival - Easyjet

Manchester - 12:00 arrival - Jet2

London Heathrow - 12:05 arrival - BA



Departure day - Saturday 22nd May

Edinburgh - 17:00 departure via London Heathrow - BA (direct flight option on Monday 24th with Easyjet for those looking to extend their stay in Venice)

Manchester - 16:35 departure - Ryanair

London Heathrow - 17:00 departure - BA

This list is not exhaustive and there are other flight options that can be taken that require a longer wait at Venice Marco Polo airport.

There is also the option to return from Ljubljana at the end of the challenge (c.1 hour transfer from Lake Bohinj). There are direct flights to Edinburgh and London on 22nd - this transfer can be arranged for you at additional cost.

Bikes : two options



BRING YOUR OWN

You'll need to travel with it in a proper bike box. The bike box will be collected from Jesolo, then transported to Lake Bohinj at the end of the tour. The bike and the bike box will be transported back to Venice at the end of the ride.

OR



HIRE THROUGH MELLOW JERSEY

Mellow Jersey will reserve a bike (MERIDA SCULTURA 6000 or similar) on your behalf, but the hire contract is between yourself as the client and Positive Sport (supplier) directly. Payment for the bike hire will be invoiced to you separately to the core challenge costs.

To reserve your bike, please provide us with the following information:

- Your height in cm
- Saddle height (centre of crank to top of saddle)
- If pedals are required (£5) or if you're bringing own

If you would like to bring your own saddle, Mellow Jersey will help fit onto the hire bike. All bikes come with a pump, spare inner tube and tyre levers. We recommend that you take note of any damages and take photos accordingly, as you are responsible for any damage or loss that may occur during the rental period.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO INSURANCE OFFERED BY HIRE BIKE PROVIDERS IN SLOVENIA. WE RECOMMEND YELLOW JERSEY, WHO OFFER INSURANCE FOR HIRE BIKES. FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE GO TO WWW.YELLOWJERSEY.CO.UK. WE ALSO HAVE AN EXCLUSIVE 10% DISCOUNT CODE WHICH IS "MELLOWJ10"!

Fundraising



Registration fee (non-refundable): **£249**



Minimum fundraising pledge: **£2,350**
(excluding reg fee and Gift Aid)



First fundraising deadline: **£1,410 (60% of pledge) due by Thursday 1 April 2027.**



Second fundraising deadline: **£940 (40%) due by Friday 28 May 2027.**

Of the total fundraising target of £2,350, a total of £1,425 will cover your core costs on the challenge.

Your employer may be willing to sponsor your registration fee, the core costs or even the full fundraising pledge. If not, be sure to enquire about match funding as it will be very helpful in smashing your target.

Most participants find it much easier to meet their target than expected, however we will be providing fundraising support throughout and are always available for a chat if you need any ideas, tips or reassurance.





TERMS & CONDITIONS BETWEEN TRANSAID AND PARTICIPANTS

1. In return for a place on Transaid's Italy to Slovenia cycle challenge, and as an indication of your serious fundraising intent, we require a non-refundable registration fee of £249 (payable on registration) and a commitment to raise at least £2,350 for Transaid.

2. **STAGE ONE PAYMENT:** £1,410 of this sponsorship must be paid to Transaid a minimum of 6 weeks prior to the departure date (by 01.04.2027). Failure to do so means that you must make up the balance yourself. If you have not raised the required amount by the stage one payment deadline then your place will be forfeited unless you advance the balance yourself. A personal advance can only be made in accordance with the conditions below:

A personal advance is made when a refund is intended. Refunding of the advance will only be made after the event's minimum sponsorship target has been reached (excluding the amount advanced and registration fee). The refund will not be made later than four weeks after the return date of the event. You will need to request a refund of your personal payment in writing (including email).

Please note the £2,350 target does not include your registration fee of £249 or any Gift Aid that your donations incur.

THE BALANCE OF YOUR TARGET (£940) is to be paid within one week of completion of the challenge (by 28.05.2027).

Payment for solo occupancy room supplement, hire bikes and alternative airport transfers will be invoiced by Mellow Jersey and payment is required 60 days prior to the challenge.

3. If you have registered as a team and a member of your team withdraws within 8 weeks from departure (i.e. on or after 22nd March 2027), the minimum amount of sponsorship that must be raised by the remaining members will not be reduced.

4. **Booking transfer to another person:** You can transfer your existing booking to another person subject to agreement by our suppliers.* Notice must be received in writing from the person who made the booking at least 6 weeks before departure. (i.e. by 1st April 2027). The replacement traveler must satisfy and fulfil any conditions that apply to the challenge, and all costs of the original booking.

*If you are unable to travel, you may wish to check whether cover is provided for your cancellation within the terms of your travel insurance policy as this may incur less cost to you.

5. If you withdraw from the event on or after the 22nd March (i.e. 8 weeks before departure), then you will still be liable to pay at least the amount due as stated in the registration pack, whatever the circumstances of your withdrawal. We would ask that you speak to your sponsors and ask if they are still comfortable making their donation, if not then this must be returned to them.

6. All funds raised in the name of Transaid must be paid as soon as is practical to Transaid.

7. You must be over 18 by the date of departure.

8. Your participation to the event is accepted on the understanding that you accept:

ENHANCED RISK: Cycling tours are active events; participants engage in the sport at their own risk. We cannot guarantee rider safety as rides use public roads, and the event can include groups of varying abilities. Participants are personally responsible for complying with all road traffic regulations and wearing a helmet is obligatory.

By participating in the event, participants must accept that they could get injured and that their equipment could get damaged. It is the participants' responsibility to ensure that they are sufficiently fit and healthy to complete the event.

By signing up to the event you accept that the Transaid and the Mellow Jersey teams have the authority to prevent participants from engaging in any part of the event should they have reasonable concerns about:

- (a) their ability to safely partake in an activity or
- (b) their physical ability to complete an activity in the required timescale.

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On any ride it is necessary that participants abide by the authority of the leader/guide(s), who represent/s Mellow Jersey and whose decision is final.

Any information given by Mellow Jersey in regard to climate, clothing, special equipment, etc. is done so in good faith and must be rechecked by participants prior to relying on it.

9. MEDICAL NEEDS AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Mellow Jersey welcomes people with restricted mobility, medical or particular care requirements or a disability, and aims to ensure that their services are as accessible as reasonably possible to all. However, in order that they may consider the possibility of making reasonable adjustments, it is important that we are fully informed of any needs, requirements and conditions of participants prior to the event.

Mellow Jersey guides can only provide general first aid.

You should inform us immediately, if within 4 weeks prior to the commencement date or during the event, you have, or develop an infectious or contagious medical condition. If so, we have the right to:

refuse to accept a participant; cancel the event; or ask any participant to leave immediately, should we, in our reasonable discretion, consider it necessary to protect the health of others.

10. INSURANCE DISCLAIMER: You understand and accept that taking part in an event organised by Mellow Jersey and Transaid is at your own risk.

You need to be sufficiently fit and not suffering with any illness that could be exacerbated by the types of activities undertaken on the event.

You are required to have sufficient travel insurance to cover all medical expenses, loss of earnings, cost of care, any loss or damage to baggage and equipment, any liability you may incur against a third party and cancellation/curtailment of the trip should they need it. Failure to arrange adequate insurance is at the participants' own risk.

You hereby agree that except in respect of death or personal injury caused by negligence of Mellow Jersey, neither Mellow Jersey nor its employees or agents will have any liability for any loss, damage, injury or death participants may suffer in connection with any event organised by Mellow Jersey.

This includes but is not limited to theft of bicycles, injury as a result of cycling, and in particular injuries sustained as a result of personal equipment which has not been adequately maintained or serviced or for failure by participants to wear a cycle helmet. In addition, Mellow Jersey shall not be liable for losses suffered related to any business of yours such as lost profits, lost data, loss of contracts, etc, or any other business loss that you may incur as a result of any breach of these terms and conditions. Except for those matters for which we do not seek to exclude our liability to you, our total liability to you is limited to £100,000.

Participants traveling to Italy and back with their own bikes should ensure that bikes are transported in a fit for purpose bike box and are insured - whilst due care will be taken when transporting the bikes on airport transfers, neither Mellow Jersey or Transaid accepts any liability for damages resulting from the loss of or transit of bikes.

If you are hiring a bike for the challenge, please note that you are responsible for the bike for the duration of the challenge - We recommend that you take note of any damages and take photos accordingly, as you are responsible for any damage or loss that may occur during the rental period. Please note that there is no insurance offered by hire bike providers in Slovenia.

11. DATA PRIVACY: Any data collected during the course of this event will be stored securely on Transaid's and Mellow Jersey's computers. We will not share participants' details with any third party except as required by law or regulation.

12. PHOTOS: Photographs, likenesses or images of participants taken during the event may be used without remuneration in all media for bona fide promotional or marketing purposes. Consent will be obtained by Transaid as part of the event booking process for use of photos which they feature in or take on the tour.

13. LEGAL AND BINDING AGREEMENT: This Agreement is legal and binding upon registration to the challenge.

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