

The VALBELLUNA Ring



Description

Hop on the saddle, relax, and let yourself be amazed by an enchanting valley!

The Valbelluna Ring is a cycling route of about 80 kilometers that revolves around two main hubs: the cities of Belluno and Feltre.



The Belluno Dolomites and the Prealps form the backdrop to this easy cycling tour that will take you on a journey through the Valbelluna, following a route that traces the course of the Piave River, your special travel companion.



Developed along bike paths and country lanes, with no particular difficulties, this trail is also suitable for less experienced cyclists or families. You can comfortably ride it with an e-bike as well.



Along the way, you'll encounter several places of historical, cultural, and natural interest, with the option to expand your ride through intriguing "off-track" detours. You won't find a set time to complete the loop here, because it all depends on the stops you choose to make and the pace you decide to follow: the Valbelluna Ring is an ideal route for slow, taste-driven cycle tourism. So take as much time as you want, without rushing.

It's your time, your rhythm, your adventure!

Insider Tips

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We recommend riding the Valbelluna Ring in a counterclockwise direction. What does that mean? From Belluno to Feltre, it is best to stay on the “right bank of the Piave,” and from Feltre back to Belluno, follow the “left bank of the Piave.” We’ll soon provide you with general directions to follow.



The San Felice and Busche bridges allow you to shorten the Ring, adapting the route to your needs. The railway line, with five stations: Belluno, Bribano, Santa Giustina, Busche, and Feltre, supports train + bike inter-modality, making it easy to end or shorten your ride whenever you wish.



In the charming historic centers of Feltre, Belluno, and Mel (one of Italy’s most beautiful villages and a Touring Club “Orange Flag” destination) you can stop for a break.



If you set off early in the morning, you might arrive in time for lunch in the center of Feltre (or Belluno, if starting from Feltre): in either case, you’ll find several lovely places to welcome you.



Along the way, you might want to stop for a snack halfway through, roughly between Sedico, Santa Giustina, and Busche (on the “right bank of the Piave”), or between Busche, Lentiai, and Mel (on the “left bank of the Piave”). Keep in mind that as you ride, you’ll pass by dairies and farms where you can buy local products for a snack, as well as agriturismo, snack bars, and restaurants where you can enjoy something tasty and recharge before getting back in the saddle.

From Belluno to Feltre

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Elevation gain : 425 m



After departing from the center of Belluno (you could hop on your bike at the train station or the Lambioi parking area), head toward Salce, which is located on a hillside. From there, continue along the bike path in the direction of Sedico.

Near San Fermo (the last hamlet within the municipality of Belluno), follow the signs for Villiago: a pleasant secondary road shaded by trees will lead you to Sedico, in the Longano area. This way, you can completely avoid traffic and find yourself near the Cordevole stream, which you'll cross via the bridge connecting Bribano to Santa Giustina (in the Gravazze area). After crossing the watercourse, continue along the bike path that cuts through the center of Santa Giustina and leads you to the Mulino di Santa Libera (dating back to 1526, an idyllic spot to discover!). You'll ride accompanied by the gentle sound of flowing water along the "Via dell'Acqua", with numerous irrigation channels running alongside the Vesès stream.

The route will then take you to Busche, a town known for being home to the Latteria Sociale Cooperativa della Vallata Feltrina, founded in 1964 and now nationally and internationally recognized as Lattebusche. The facility, which includes a dairy bar and a bike-friendly rest stop, is just a short detour away, but if you're in the mood for a cheese sandwich or need technical assistance for your bike, this is the place to go.

You're now close to Feltre: by following the bike path through Vellai, you'll reach the walled city, where you can stop to admire the beautiful historic center and enjoy a well-deserved break in one of the many caf  s and restaurants.



Some ideas to extend and make the route more challenging (both in terms of distance and elevation gain: if you choose to take a detour, make sure to carefully consider the distances and the time you have available!), rewarding your effort with the satisfaction of discovering breathtaking places.



If you're cycling along the Val Belluna Ring from Belluno toward Feltre, you can extend your route by exploring the Mis Valley, located within the Dolomiti Bellunesi National Park. This stunning valley is surrounded by the dramatic cliffs of the Monti del Sole and Mount Pizzocco.

From Belluno, head toward Mas (passing through Tisoi – Libano or Antole – Casoni), then cross the Cordevole stream at Ponte Mas. From here, you have two options: continue toward the Certosa di Vedana and the nearby lake (with a refreshment area), or take a shortcut through Gron, continue to Meano, and rejoin the main cycling path in the Gravazze area.



A place of historical and cultural interest for cycling enthusiasts is the “Toni Bevilacqua” Historical Bicycle Museum, not far from the Dolomiti Ethnographic Museum, both situated in Cesiomaggiore.

To reach them, you'll need to climb a bit after passing through the center of Santa Giustina.

Alternatively, if you have strong legs and time, and you've already taken the detour toward the Mis Valley, you can head uphill from Gron instead of descending to Santa Giustina. Follow the scenic foothill road that connects Sospirolo, San Gregorio, and Cesiomaggiore.

(this stretch is part of the Panoramic Ring of Valbelluna cycling itinerary).



If you decide to head toward Cesiomaggiore, an interesting option for descending toward Feltre could be to ride through Soranzen, Villabruna, Foen, and Pedavena, and from there reach Feltre (note that this way you'll skip Busche and extend the route).

Alternatively, from Cesiomaggiore you can descend toward Busche and continue along the classic route to Feltre.

From Feltre to Belluno

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The Valbelluna Cycle Ring, when ridden in the Feltre–Belluno direction, begins in the historic center of the walled city and proceeds to Anzù and Villapaiera, following secondary roads.

You'll soon reach Busche: here, take the "left Piave" using the bridge over the dam and then head toward Lentiai. In the town center (which the GPX track actually bypasses) you'll find the Church of Santa Maria Assunta, recognized as a National Monument. Not far away, you can also visit the charming 14th-century chapel of Sant'Antonio Abate in Bardies, and the natural site of the Laghetti della Rimonta.

You are now within the territory of Borgo Valbelluna, rich in historical, cultural, and natural attractions. Continuing toward Belluno, you'll come to Mel, a picturesque village awarded the Touring Club's Orange Flag, located in a beautiful elevated and panoramic position: definitely worth a stop. On the main square, in addition to the 18th-century church, you'll find several buildings in Venetian architectural style.

Leaving Mel behind, you'll enjoy a pleasant sequence of rural landscapes as you make your way toward the provincial capital. Step by step, you'll pass through Pialdier with Villa Montalban, then Cesa di Limana with Villa Piloni, and finally (after passing Visome and the charming hamlet of Rivamaor) just before reaching Belluno, you'll ride past the red chapel of San Pellegrino, part of Villa Buzzati. This was the birthplace of the renowned Belluno-born writer Dino Buzzati, who admired the Schiara range and the Dolomites from this beautiful garden.

The last few rides will bring you back to the starting point of the ring.

It is worth passing through Borgo Piave, the ancient river port of Belluno and landing point for the "Zattieri", the traditional timber rafters who floated logs down from the forests of Cadore to the plains and all the way to Venice. From the village, climb back into the historic center by passing through the magnificent Porta Rugo, the southern gateway to the city.



If you'd like to discover more places beyond the classic route on the left bank of the Piave, there are a few detours you might consider.



In the area around Feltre, the ancient architectural complex of the Sanctuary of Saints Vittore and Corona (patron saints of Feltre) is well worth a visit.



Another spot, interesting from a naturalistic point of view and ideal for a picnic surrounded by nature, is the Vincheto di Celarda Nature Reserve (located between Feltre and Busche), or the previously mentioned Laghetti della Rimonta (near Lentiai).



Within the territory of Borgo Valbelluna, a rather challenging digression (make sure to carefully assess your energy and available time!) can lead you to admire the best-preserved castle in the entire Valbelluna: the medieval Castello di Zumelle.

Good to know

- ★ **Parking:** Lambioi car park (Belluno) or Pra del Moro car park (Feltre)
- ★ **Distance:** 78 km
- ★ **Difficulty level:** easy to moderate
- ★ **Estimated time:** 8 hours, which can be completed in one or two days
- ★ **Recommended equipment:** mountain bike / road bike / e-bike
- ★ **Direction:** travel the Val Belluna Ring in a counterclockwise direction, following the right bank of the Piave River from Belluno to Feltre, and the left bank from Feltre back to Belluno