

Northern Italy Roadbook, five-road sample (DRAFT)

5 ROADS · 167 KM · ITALY, SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRIA

Tolls, gate times and closures researched for the 2026 season.
Every road carries the source it came from.

Five roads from the 2026 book, complete and unabridged, including the toll road that no longer sells a ticket at the gate. One page each: what it is like, what it costs, when the road is yours, and a button that opens the route in Google Maps. Nothing here needs an app, an account or a mobile signal.

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The full 2026 book has 44. The last page of this one tells you where to find them.

DISTANCE

Distance is measured from the GPX file we ship, drawn from OpenStreetMap. No published figure for these exact stretches was found to check it against, so the file is the only measurement this book has and it is the one printed.

THE BOOK ON ONE PAGE

WHERE THE ROADS ARE



READING THE MAP

Every road in the book, drawn from the same map data as its own page. The number beside each one is the page it is on. Cities are here so you can place yourself. No road in the book runs through one.

The 5 roads in this sample are numbered. The other 39 are drawn in grey: this is the shape of the whole book, not of the sample.

35 of the 44 roads sit in one cluster 405 km across, each within 80 km of the next. The other 9 are spread over everything else. That is why the numbers crowd in one corner of this map and stand alone in the rest of it.

IT · 15 · LOMBARDIA-ALTO ADIGE · POINT TO POINT

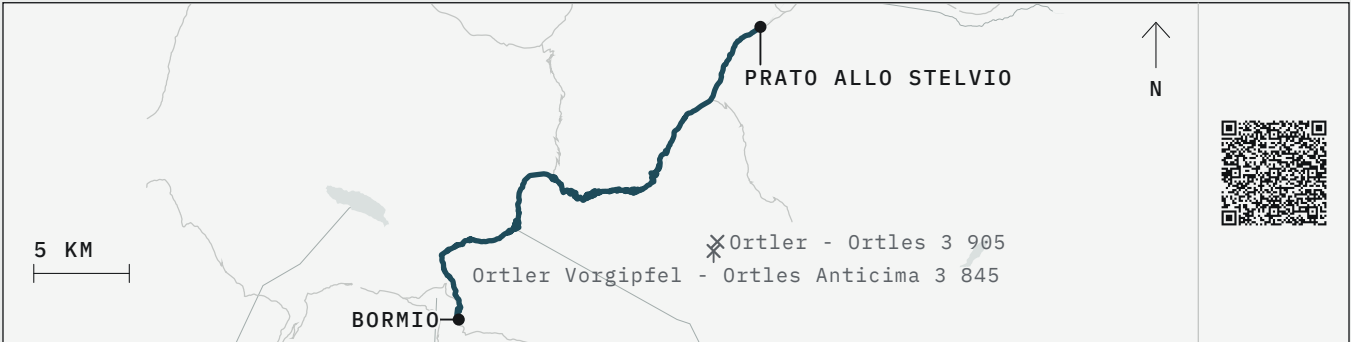
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STELVIO PASS

Passo dello Stelvio

SCORE

8.7



PRATO ALLO STELVIO → BORMIO · OPENSTREETMAP

SCAN → PHONE

DISTANCE	HIGH POINT	ACCESS	SCENERY	CORNERS	SEASON
43.5 km	2 758 m	Bike day shut 29 Aug	5/5 ■■■■■	5/5 ■■■■■	22 May to Nov

The drive

Italy's highest pass. From Prato the 48 numbered hairpins stack up one wall to 2,758 m, each corner tighter than the last; from Bormio 40 more drop through galleries and the Braulio gorge. The Umbrail joins 200 m below the top.

Before you go

All three sides opened 22 May 2026 at 10:00; shuts with the first heavy snow, usually November. Car-free on the Stelvio Bike Day, 29 August 2026. In July and August go before 08:00 or after 17:00: by ten the hairpins are a queue.

DRIVE THE ROUTE
whole road, Google Maps

↓ GPX FILE
komoot, Kurviger, OsmAnd

📍 THE START
46.61013, 10.57438

Worth stopping for

TAP ANY ONE TO OPEN ITS LISTING

- 01

Kuppelrain

24.7 km off

Eat well · 1 Michelin star · Tue-Sat from 19, bistro 12-14; closed Sun-Mon
- 02

Rifugio Tibet

0.2 km off

Eat cheap · late May-early Oct, kitchen 11.30-15, 19-20.30
- 03

QC Terme Grand Hotel Bagni Nuovi

0.3 km off

Sleep · 5-star
- 04

Messner Mountain Museum Ortles

5.7 km off

Worth a look · from 1 Jun 2026, 14-18, Jul-Aug 13-18, closed Tue

NEAREST, KM

Umbrail Pass 11

Foscagno and Eira Passes 22

Gavia Pass 22

IT · 16 · ALTO ADIGE-TRENTINO-VENETO · LOOP

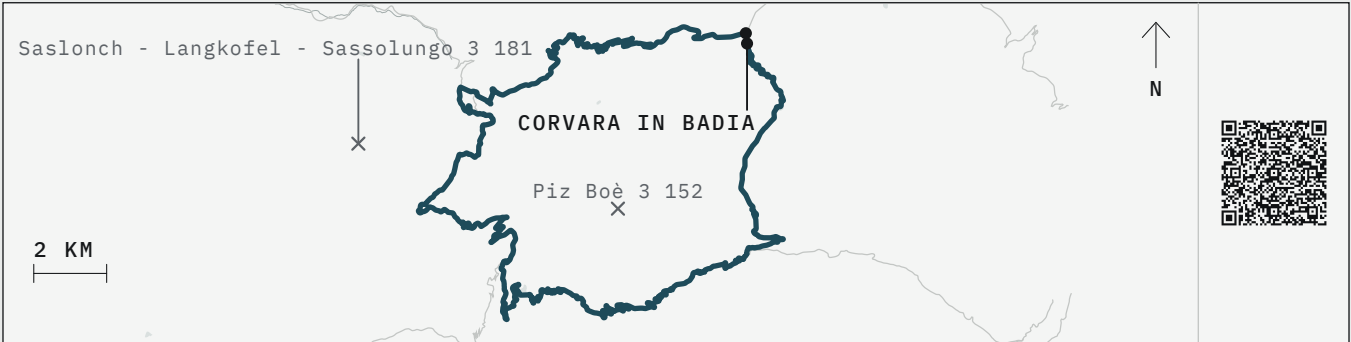
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SELLA RONDA

Sellaronda

SCORE

8.7



CORVARA IN BADIA (LOOP) · OPENSTREETMAP

SCAN → PHONE

DISTANCE	HIGH POINT	ACCESS	SCENERY	CORNERS	SEASON
52.1 km	2 239 m	Bike days 6 Jun, 5 Jul, 12 Sep	5/5 ■■■■■	5/5 ■■■■■	Open all year

The drive

Four passes round one massif in about an hour and a half: Campolongo at 1,875 m, the Pordoi's 33 hairpins to 2,239 m, the Sella at 2,240 m under the Sassolungo, the Gardena at 2,121 m. Start at Corvara before eight or share every bend with a coach.

Before you go

All four passes stay open through winter. Closed to engines 08:30 to 16:00 on the Sellaronda Bike Days, 6 June and 12 September 2026, and on 5 July for the Maratona dles Dolomites. The Gardena's traffic-zone trial starts in September 2026.

DRIVE THE ROUTE
whole road, Google Maps

↓ GPX FILE
komoot, Kurviger, OsmAnd

📍 THE START
46.54963, 11.87455

Worth stopping for

TAP ANY ONE TO OPEN ITS LISTING

- 01

🏠 La Stüa de Michil

Eat well · 1 Michelin star

0.0 km off
- 02

🍴 Rifugio Salei

Eat cheap · 17 Jun-end Sep 2026

0.6 km off
- 03

🏨 Hotel La Perla

Sleep · 4-star superior

0.1 km off
- 04

🚠 Sass Pordoi cable car

Worth a look · 14 May–1 Nov 2026, 9–17

0.0 km off

NEAREST, KM

Fedaia Pass 11

Giau Pass 18

Falzarego and Valparola Passes 20

IT • 13 • ALTO ADIGE-OSTTIROL • POINT TO POINT

■ OPEN NOW

STALLER SATTEL

Passo Stalle

SCORE

8.9

ANTERSELVA DI MEZZO → ST. JAKOB IN DEFEREGGEN • OPENSTREETMAP

SCAN → PHONE

DISTANCE	HIGH POINT	ACCESS	SCENERY	CORNERS	SEASON
24.8 km	2 052 m	One-way 15 min an hour each way	5/5 ■■■■■	4/5 ■■■■□	mid-May to end Oct

The drive

Along the Antholz lake and its Olympic biathlon stadium, then a single lane hung on the mountainside to the Obersee at 2,052 m and the border. Fifteen minutes an hour each way is the point: you are alone with the lake below and an empty valley ahead.

Before you go

Open mid-May to end October, 05:30 to 22:15. The last stretch on the Italian side is 2.5 m wide and one-way by traffic light: into Austria minutes 30 to 45 of each hour, into Italy minutes 1 to 15. Miss it and you wait. No buses or trailers.

DRIVE THE ROUTE

whole road, Google Maps

↓ GPX FILE

komoot, Kurviger, OsmAnd

📍 THE START

46.85795, 12.10092

Worth stopping for

TAP ANY ONE TO OPEN ITS LISTING

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|----|--|-------------|
| 01 | 🏠 Schöneck | 17.3 km off |
| | Eat well • 1 Michelin star • closed Mon-Tue | |
| 02 | ⚡ Alpengasthaus Obersee | 0.0 km off |
| | Eat cheap • from 22 May 2026 | |
| 03 | 🏨 Hotel Seehaus Mountain Lake Resort | 0.1 km off |
| | Sleep • 3-star superior | |
| 04 | 🏂 Biathlon Arena Antholz | 0.1 km off |
| | Worth a look • May-Oct 2026, Tue and Thu 10, booking | |

NEAREST, KM **Falzarego and Valparola Passes 35** **Tre Cime di Lavaredo Road 35** **Giau Pass 37**

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CH · 40 · URI-TICINO · POINT TO POINT

OPEN NOW

GOTTHARD PASS AND THE TREMOLA

Gotthardpass / Passo del San Gottardo

SCORE

8.4



ANDERMATT → AIROLO · OPENSTREETMAP

SCAN → PHONE

DISTANCE	HIGH POINT	ACCESS	SCENERY	CORNERS	SEASON
24.9 km	2 106 m	3.5 t limit on the Tremola	4/5 ■■■■■□	5/5 ■■■■■	16 May to 7 Nov

The drive

Up from Andermatt to the 2,106 m hospice, then down the Tremola: 24 cobbled hairpins in the Val Tremola, Switzerland's longest road monument, built in 1832 and still paved in granite setts, the new road curving past on viaducts. Keep to the cobbles.

Before you go

Pass road opened 16 May 2026, the Tremola on 22 May; both close 7 November 2026. The Tremola is limited to 3.5 t and cobbled the whole way: slow, and slippery in rain. Lorries are banned. The Alpenbrevet cycle event crosses on 5 September 2026.

DRIVE THE ROUTE

whole road, Google Maps

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↓ GPX FILE

komoot, Kurviger, OsmAnd

📍 THE START

46.63574, 8.59001

Worth stopping for

TAP ANY ONE TO OPEN ITS LISTING

- 01

🍽️

The Japanese Restaurant

Eat well · 2 Michelin stars

0.3 km off
- 02

🍴

Albergo San Gottardo, Ristorante Prosa

Eat cheap · with the pass

0.0 km off
- 03

🛏️

The Chedi Andermatt

Sleep · 5-star

0.3 km off
- 04

🏞️

Sasso San Gottardo

Worth a look · Jun-Oct

0.1 km off

NEAREST, KM

Nufenen Pass 26

San Bernardino Pass 47

Splügen Pass 57

IT · 29 · VENETO · THERE AND BACK

OPEN NOW

TRE CIME DI LAVAREDO ROAD

Strada delle Tre Cime di Lavaredo

SCORE

7.6



CORTINA D'AMPEZZO → RIFUGIO AURONZO · OPENSTREETMAP

SCAN → PHONE

DISTANCE	HIGH POINT	TOLL	SCENERY	CORNERS	SEASON
21.5 km	2 333 m	EUR 40.00	5/5 ■■■■■	4/5 ■■■■□	23 May to early Oct

The drive

Over the Tre Croci to the Misurina lake, then the toll road past the Antorno lake up to the Rifugio Auronzo at 2,333 m and the south faces of the three peaks. The most expensive drive in this book and, at eight in the morning, worth every euro.

Before you go

Toll EUR 40 per car, 26 per motorcycle, 60 per campervan, and from 2026 a booking is REQUIRED at pass.auronzo.info for a timed 12-hour slot: no booking, no entry. Toll road open 23 May to early October 2026. Shuttle from Dobbiaco to 11 October.

DRIVE THE ROUTE
whole road, Google Maps

↓ GPX FILE
komoot, Kurviger, OsmAnd

📍 THE START
46.54013, 12.13698

Worth stopping for

TAP ANY ONE TO OPEN ITS LISTING

- 01

🍽️

Tilia

Eat well · 1 Michelin star

13.4 km off
- 02

⛶

Rifugio Auronzo

Eat cheap · end May-Oct

0.1 km off
- 03

🏨

Grand Hotel Misurina

Sleep · 4-star

0.0 km off
- 04

🏛️

Monte Piana open-air museum

Worth a look

2.5 km off

NEAREST, KM

Falzarego and Valparola Passes 0

Giau Pass 3

Sella Ronda 20

SCORE

HOW THE DRIVE SCORE WORKS

The drive score is not a feeling. It is three separate judgements, combined by one formula, applied the same way to all 44 roads.

I rate each road's corners from 0 to 5 and its scenery from 0 to 5, then subtract a traffic penalty from 0, near empty, to 2, crowded. The published score is corners, plus four fifths of scenery, minus three fifths of the traffic penalty, rescaled to a mark out of ten. Corners count for more than scenery, on purpose: this is a driving book, not a viewpoint list.

Those three ratings are judgement, not measurement. They come from maps, elevation profiles, curve counts and other drivers' published accounts rather than from a road test, which is exactly what the score is for: comparing the roads in this book against each other on one consistent scale. It cannot know the surface, the weather, or the traffic on the day you actually go.

Use it to compare roads against each other, not as a promise.

The gate on this one is a booking, and it opened in 2026.

The road to the Rifugio Auronzo under the Tre Cime di Lavaredo costs EUR 40 a car and, since May 2026, cannot be driven without a timed reservation made online beforehand. Every printed guide to the Dolomites still says pay at the booth.

Northern Italy is not the Alps book: hardly any of these roads has a toll, and what stops you is a timetable, a quota, a car-free day or a traffic light with a clock. The full book has 44 roads across Italy, Switzerland and Austria, each drawn against OpenStreetMap and each carrying its own source line, so you can see which rules came from the body that sets them and which are my own reading.

The full book is not on sale yet. This sample is the work so far, and it is complete as far as it goes.

THE OTHER 39 ROADS

Agnello Pass	10.0	Fauniera Pass	10.0
Colle San Carlo	10.0	Würzjoch	10.0
Splügen Pass	10.0	Nufenen Pass	10.0
Gavia Pass	9.3	Strada della Forra	9.3
Nivolet Pass	9.3	Timmelsjoch High Alpine Road	9.3
Giau Pass	9.3	Umbrail Pass	9.3
San Marco Pass	9.1	Manghen Pass	9.1
Monte Zoncolan	9.1	San Bernardino Pass	9.1
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Mortirolo Pass	8.2	Monte Baldo Road	8.2
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Falzarego and Valparola Passes	8.2	Fedaia Pass	8.2
Rolle Pass	8.2	Bernina Pass	8.2
Maloja Pass	8.2	Great St Bernard Pass	8.2
Lombarda Pass	8.0	Penser Joch	8.0
Nassfeld Pass	8.0	Forcola di Livigno	8.0
Western Gardesana	7.6	Muraglione Pass	7.6
Foscagno and Eira Passes	7.3	Jaufenpass	7.3
Monte Grappa	7.3	Mendola Pass	6.7
Futa Pass	6.4		