



EPIC ITALY
Sip, Cycle, Explore



Bespoke cycling tours and true local experiences,
with every detail perfected.

Sip, Cycle and Explore, The Italian Way

EPICITALY BRINGS TOGETHER CYCLING, FOOD, WINE, AND CULTURE IN THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AREAS OF NORTHERN ITALY.

Welcome to Veneto, a corner of Italy where life moves to a different rhythm. The roads roll gently through vineyards and olive groves before rising to meet the dramatic peaks of the Dolomites. Between the hills you'll find quiet villages, open countryside, and roads that feel made for cycling. Bassano del Grappa, our home, is the beating heart of it all. It is a town with elegant piazzas, an iconic wooden bridge, and a cycling culture like no other. For now it is still relatively unknown, which makes it all the more special for those who visit.

Cyclists have long known this landscape. The Giro d'Italia has passed through time and again, and some of the most famous names in the sport call this region home. Yet it is not just about the climbs or the history. It is the feeling of freedom on quiet, winding roads, the chance encounters in sleepy villages, and the sense that you are seeing Italy at its most authentic.

As well as being within the region that produces the largest amount of wine in Italy, Bassano is also the birthplace of grappa, the fiery local spirit that keeps the tradition of the town alive.

The food here is rustic and rooted in the seasons. A bowl of bigoli pasta with duck ragù, risotto with wild mushrooms, or rich, slow-cooked cod (Baccalà alla Vicentina), that tastes even better when shared with friends after a long day on the bike. Meals are unhurried, full of flavour, and always paired with the right bottle. To ride in Veneto is to eat and drink in Veneto, and that is what makes the experience unforgettable.



(Opposite Page): Benji, Prosecco Hills.

(This Page): An alfresco lunch with Prosecco at Borgoluce Vineyard.

(Cover): Bassano's iconic Ponte degli Alpini, at dusk.

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 (below right): Bassano del Grappa from above.



Our Home: Your Adventure

WE'RE SUSI AND BENJI, AND EPIC ITALY IS OUR WAY OF SHARING THE LIFE WE LOVE.

This corner of Veneto is home for us, it's where we ride, eat, drink, and spend time with friends. When we started welcoming guests here, our goal was simple: to show people the real Italy, the one that exists beyond the tourist trails.

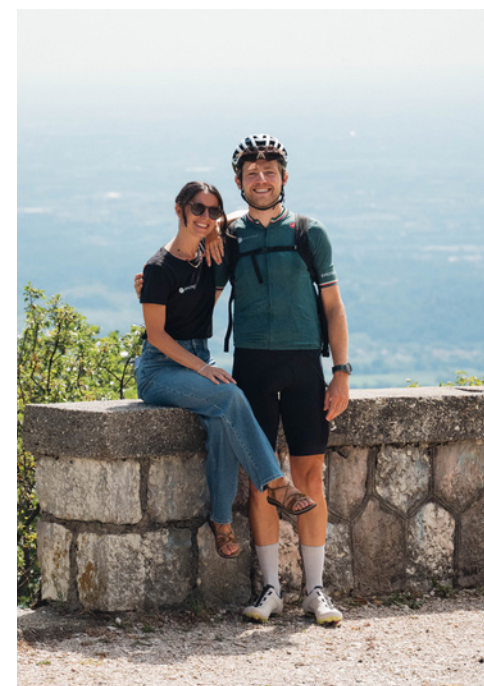
Benji has been on a bike since he was a teenager and knows every climb, café stop, and quiet back road around Bassano. He'll make sure each route has the right balance of challenge and reward, with plenty of stories from a lifetime of cycling.

Susi grew up here and has a talent for uncovering the best family run restaurants and tucked-away vineyards. She's training as a sommelier and loves nothing more than helping people discover the flavours of her region. Between rides, she's the one making sure you're cared for, comfortable, and always with a glass in hand at the right moment.

Together, we've built Epic Italy to feel like joining old friends at the place they call home. Expect great rides, amazing food, and plenty of laughter along the way.

We can't wait to welcome you.
 Con affetto,

Susi & Benji





Cycling Heaven

WITH US, THE RIDE ALWAYS FITS THE RIDER. THE PACE IS TAILORED TO THE GROUP, WITH TIME FOR CAFÉ STOPS, PHOTOS, AND SOAKING UP THE VIEWS.

Whether you're chasing a summit or rolling through the Prosecco hills, there's a route to suit every rider. And for those who want to push a little harder, optional climbs can be added along the way, giving everyone the chance to ride at their own level without ever missing out on the shared experience.

And if you want to arrive in Italy ready to make the most of every ride, Benji's brother Sam, a professional cycling coach, is available in the months leading up to your holiday. With personalised training plans and practical advice, he'll help you build the confidence and fitness to enjoy the experience to the fullest. For some, that might mean tackling the famous climbs of Monte Grappa or the Dolomite passes. For others, it's about finding joy in the quiet lanes and wine country rides that make this region so special.

However you ride, Veneto gives you the space to find your rhythm.



(right): The Prosecco Hills have endless gravel tracks and quiet roads to explore.
(top): Our ride Partner Basso bikes.
(here): We ride as a group!



This region has hosted countless Giro d'Italia stages and is home to some of the most iconic names in the sport — Campagnolo, Basso, Pinarello, Selle Italia, Fizik. To ride here is to step into the heart of cycling heritage.



"Thank you, Ben and Susi, for an amazing holiday! Everything was seamless and perfectly planned, leaving us free to enjoy every moment. It's been brilliant!"
- Mike E.



“Every detail has been exceptional - beautiful stays, incredible food, and delicious wine. This experience is so well curated, and I couldn’t recommend it highly enough!”
- Lucy

Destination Spotlight: The Lakes

RIDING THROUGH THE LAKES OF NORTHERN ITALY FEELS LIKE STEPPING INTO ANOTHER WORLD.

One moment you’re climbing past vineyards and mountain villages, the next you’re rolling down winding cycle paths to the deep blue of Lake Garda, Italy’s largest and most dramatic lake. Garda is always a highlight, its shores are framed by cliffs, vines and olive groves, and after a ride there’s nothing better than diving straight into the cool, clear water.

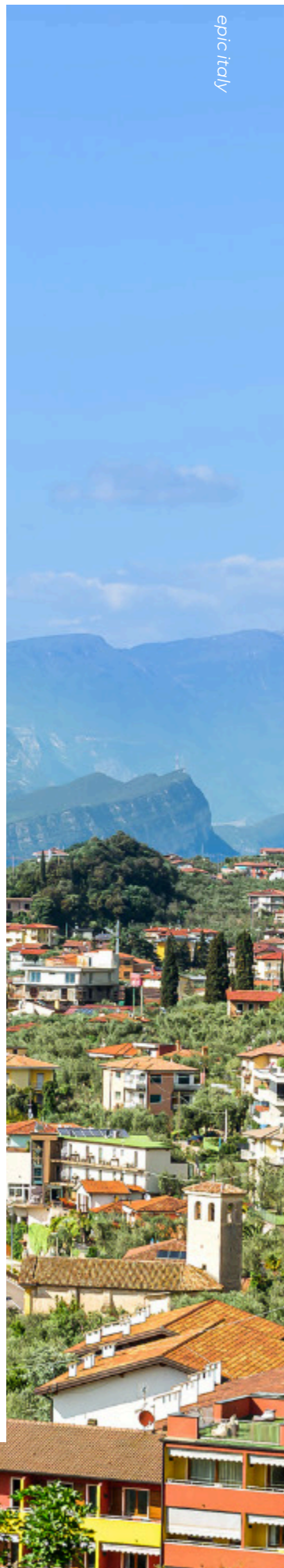
But the lakes here are not just about scenery. They’re full of flavour and tradition. We’ll stop for strangolapreti, a rustic spinach and bread gnocchi whose name means “priest stranglers,” a local joke about how quickly they disappear from the plate. It’s the kind of dish you’d only discover with a local by your side, simple but unforgettable.

And for those who love cycling history, Trento has a special treat. The Moser family winery not only produces elegant Trento DOC sparkling wines, it also houses a small museum celebrating Francesco Moser, one of Italy’s greatest cyclists. Jerseys, hour-record bikes, Paris-Roubaix cobbles... it feels like stepping into cycling folklore, with a glass of bubbles in hand.

Why you’ll love it:

Shimmering lakes perfect for swimming, food that comes with stories attached, and a chance to sip local wine while surrounded by the legends of Italian cycling.

(here): Lake Garda has to be seen to be believed!





Destination Spotlight:

Bassano del Grappa

A TOWN WITH CHARM IN EVERY CORNER: NARROW STREETS, LIVELY PIAZZAS, AND THE FAMOUS PONTE DEGLI ALPINI STRETCHING OVER THE RIVER BRENTA.

Bassano is where our story begins and where Susi and Benji call home. Food here is a serious affair. In spring you'll find the prized white asparagus of Bassano, delicate and full of flavour, while year-round there's bigoli d'anatra — fat strands of pasta tangled with rich duck ragù, a true local comfort dish.

And then there's the spirit that gave the town its name. Bassano is known for grappa, but if you want to taste something extraordinary, we'll take you to the lesser-known Distilleria Capovilla, where they prefer not to call it grappa at all. Their eaux-de-vie are crafted with such care that even connoisseurs are left speechless.

Just a short ride away, Marostica offers something entirely different: a giant chessboard in the main square where, every two years, locals act out a human-sized game of chess in full costume. It's pure theatre against a backdrop of medieval walls.

And looming above it all is Monte Grappa — mighty, iconic, unforgettable. Most cyclists know it from the Giro d'Italia, with countless switchbacks up ten different approaches, all leading to a summit that holds both breathtaking views and poignant war memorials. For riders, it's a challenge and a story of triumph to tell. For everyone, it's a mountain steeped in history.

Why you'll love it:

Authentic flavours, extraordinary traditions, and the thrill of living at the foot of one of cycling's great climbs.

"I was living in that little town... just below the mountains, a town that smelled of grapes and war."

-Ernest Hemingway



"This has spoiled self-guided tours for me! Effortless organization, breathtaking routes, and Susi's food and wine insights at every stop make it unforgettable. (Note to self: never race Ben up a hill!)"
- Cathie

The Ponte degli Alpini by dusk, with the mighty Monte Grappa rising in the background.

Destination Spotlight:

From Prosecco Bubbles to Valpolicella Reds

SOUTH OF BASSANO THE ROAD WINDS INTO THE GENTLE HILLS OF TREVISO, WHERE VINEYARDS CLIMB EVERY SLOPE AND BELL TOWERS PEEK ABOVE THE VINES.

This is the home of Prosecco, a wine born here and nowhere else. Light, crisp and celebratory, it's the drink that seems to suit every occasion — from a mid-ride pause in the sunshine to a long evening around the table. Visiting the vineyards is an experience in itself: rows of green rolling away into the distance, glasses raised in the very place the grapes are grown.

But the region is not just bubbles. The Colli Asolani and Montello hills produce reds with real character — from the bold Raboso, once known as the “wine of travellers” for its ability to age, to softer Merlots and Cabernets that pair beautifully with the rich food of the Veneto.

And of course, Treviso has another claim to fame: it gave the world tiramisu. Creamy, rich, and layered with coffee and cocoa, it's a dessert Italians are rightly proud of. Tasting it here, in its birthplace, somehow makes it even more indulgent.

Food is a way of life in these hills. One of our favourite experiences is an afternoon spent with a local nonna, learning to make fresh pasta by hand. It's flour-dusted tables, laughter, and stories of family traditions — and then the reward of sitting down together to eat what you've created.

Why you'll love it:

Sparkling Prosecco sipped at the source, characterful local reds, tiramisu where it all began, and the joy of cooking alongside a true Italian nonna.

(right) Prosecco with the vineyard views in Borgoluce, Terraglio restaurant from above, white asparagus like no other and pasta making with our guests.
(here) A birds eye view of the group making pasta.





Our Ride Partner:

Basso Bikes & Bassano Clubhouse (BCH)

EVERY RIDE BEGINS WITH THE RIGHT BIKE. THAT'S WHY OUR PARTNERS ARE BASSO, BUILDERS OF SOME OF THE MOST SOULFUL MACHINES TO COME OUT OF ITALY.

Born in the Veneto in the 1970s, Basso still design, engineer, and hand-finish every frame close to Bassano. Their bikes combine precision with elegance, making every climb smoother and every descent unforgettable. When you roll out on a Basso, you're not just riding a bike, you're carrying a piece of Italian craft.

And when the day's riding is done, many of our guests stay at the Bassano Clubhouse. Set on the Brenta River in the heart of the old town, just steps from the Ponte degli Alpini, it's a place made for cyclists and friends of cyclists alike.

Mornings begin with a fuelling breakfast in the villa garden: coffee and pastries alongside scrambled eggs, bacon, and avocado to power your ride. In the evenings, BCH becomes the perfect launch pad for those who want to wander into the historic centre, where dozens of cafés, wine bars, and cocktail lounges create a lively scene.

Light-filled rooms and a warm welcome make it feel less like a hotel, more like staying with old friends.

Why You'll Love It

Bikes with true Italian soul, and a clubhouse that feels like home.

(above): Setting off from BCH. (right): Italian hospitality is an art form - Foresteria, Borgoluce.



In northern Italy, hospitality is an art form, and every stay is carefully chosen to match your group's desires. Some guests prefer a rustic farmhouse where the family still produces their own wine and olive oil, others a vineyard retreat with a pool, or a boutique room in a bustling historic town. Wherever you stay, comfort always comes with character. Wild lakes nearby invite a swim, mornings begin with strong coffee and pastries, and for those who want more than one base, we can design an itinerary that blends rural peace with cultural buzz for the best of both worlds.

Next Steps:

1) FIRST CONSULTATION

Meet Benji, Susi or both for a relaxed chat about your dream Italian escape. We'll listen, learn about your group, and suggest areas, rides and experiences to suit.

2) YOUR FIRST TRIP BRIEF

You'll usually receive your first trip brief within a week — a short concept with destinations, ride options, local highlights and a feel for accommodation. Share it with your group to gather thoughts.

3) DETAILED ITINERARY & DEPOSIT

With your feedback we craft a full PDF itinerary — a day-by-day plan with maps, highlights and visuals to whet the appetite. To confirm, we request a per-person deposit.

4) PRE-TRIP TO POST-TRIP CARE

Before you travel you'll get updates, packing tips and timings. On tour, you'll have our full attention and support. Afterwards, we'll share photos and welcome your feedback.



INCLUDED:

The Essentials, On Us:

- Full board accommodation
- Welcome pack on arrival
- Exclusive experiences 24/7 bilingual support and expert guiding
- Bike setup assistance plus mechanic back-up and spare parts
- Luggage transfers between stays
- Secure storage with overnight cleaning and adjustments
- GPX files and navigation support
- Morning route briefings
- Curated photo set to relive the highlights.

Note: flights and travel insurance are not included.

NOT INCLUDED:

Flights, travel insurance, and a few meals at leisure.

WHY IT WORKS:

We keep things simple. You arrive, we handle the rest. Authentic rides, food with soul, and places chosen to match your group. It's the balance of organisation and freedom that makes our trips memorable.

If you're ready to get started or just have a few questions, you can email Susi and Benji directly here:

info@epicitaly.cc

How It Works

AIRPORTS:

Treviso is the closest airport, with Venice Marco Polo and Verona also excellent options

TRANSFERS:

We arrange private pick-ups, so your trip begins as it will continue: completely hassle-free

ACCOMODATION:

Every group is different, so we pair you with the stay that suits your style - boutique, farmhouse, or Bassano Club House.

RIDES:

Guided daily routes, from vineyard hills to Monte Grappa, tailored to the group.

FOOD & WINE:

From coffee and pastries to pasta and Prosecco, every day ends around a table with local flavour.

EXPERIENCES:

Cooking classes, vineyard visits, villa tours, live music, or simply a long lunch in the sun - we weave in moments off the bike that capture the best of life in Italy.

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