

## ITINERARY

This formula is designed for those who have a great desire to move freely following their own rhythms and interests.

In this formula of 2 days and 1 night it is possible to choose between an asphalt route that touches the picturesque villages of Brisighella, Castrocaro and Terra del Sole reaching Tuscany and the dirt road between Monte Mauro and the Parco della Vena del Gesso Romagnola and the Corolla delle Ginestre.

## EASY Routes

- **Starting from the Oriolo Tower** you can choose **2 very simple** but also very pleasant **routes**. Both have a circular route to make you **meet points** of historical interest, *landscape and food and wine* that this area can offer you. The experience is especially dedicated to those who want to go in search of emotions, stories and shows of nature. For those who love to be fascinated by *good living and good food*.

*Tour of Oriolo 27 Km*

*Tour of Oriolo Corto 16 Km*

- **Towards the ideal city of Cosimo de' Medici:** this itinerary begins with the climb to **Monte Fortino** from the top of which you can enjoy one of *the most beautiful views of the area* ranging from the hills to the sea and the Casentino. The descent through the **badlands** leads to **Terra del Sole**, the *ideal city* wanted in 1564 by *Cosimo de' Medici* as a fortified city and a splendid example of military and urban engineering of the Renaissance. **Castrocaro Terme** is also worth a stop, before returning to the agritourism. During the return journey you can choose to continue towards **Faenza** to visit the city, or return to the farm for a dip in the pool.

*Distance :40km*

- **Between Fortresses and Villages:** this completely *flat* itinerary leads to the discovery of the *fortresses of lower Faenza* and their *villages* once surrounded by walls. In **Solarolo** remains the outer walls and one of the fortified gates, while further on, in **Bagnara** still remains the *Rocca Sforzesca* which houses the archaeological museum. The itinerary continues among the orchards of Romagna up to Lugo characterized by the imposing *Rocca and Pavaglione*, an important 18th century legacy of civil architecture at the service of the commercial development of the area. Originally intended for the silkworm market, it is still today the seat of important commercial activities.

*Distance: 70km.*



## Routes MEDIUM DIFFICULTY

- **The pearls of the Vena del Gesso Regional Park:** pedaling in the first hills, this itinerary takes you to the **Senio valley**, before starting the climb to **Monte Rontana**, in the *Vena del Gesso Romagnola Park*.

The views over the park's *badlands* are splendid before descending towards **Brisighella** with its *Rocca dei Veneziani*. Stop to visit the *village*, the famous *Strada degli Asini* and the *Pieve del Tho*, before continuing through the vineyards of the **Lamone** valley towards Faenza and the farmhouse.

Depending on the time available, you can stop in Faenza for a visit to the city.

*Distance :62km.*

- **Destination Ravenna:** *flat* itinerary for the more sporty for a *ride up* to **Ravenna** for a visit to the splendid museums that house 8 **Unesco monuments** including Byzantine and Paleo Christian mosaics.

Ravenna was once the seat of the Roman imperial fleet, later the capital of the Western Roman Empire and of the Kingdom of the Ostrogoths. Today it offers the visitor an important historical legacy that never ceases to amaze.

*Distance: 82km*

## CHALLENGING paths

- **Brisighella and its charming village:** A beautiful ring dedicated to sports enthusiasts that combines the challenge of climbs with local history and culture. **Brisighella** is the first stop on the tour where you can visit the village, the *Romanesque Pieve del Tho* and, if desired, also the *Rocca dei Veneziani*.

A panoramic climb then takes us to **Modigliana** with its *medieval bridge called della Signora* and the *Palazzo Pretorio*.

From Modigliana you then go up to **Monte Trebbo** for a splendid view of the surrounding hills before the long descent to the farmhouse.

*Distance: 75km.*

- **An arduous path for the more sporty:** a challenging but rewarding path with sweeping views over the Romagna's hills.

First you go to **Brisighella** where you can visit the *village* and the *Rocca dei Veneziani*, before climbing the **Monte Rontana** pass. From here the view sweeps over the *Pliocene badlands of the Vena del Gesso Romagnola Park*.

Go down to **Zattaglia** to take the beautiful valley road of the Valdifusa up to **Poggiolo** for the second climb that leads to **Casola Valsenio**. Following the Senio valley to **Riolo Terme**, which can be visited with a small detour, we begin the return to **Faenza** and **Oriolo**.

- *Distance: 88 km*



## DETAILS

**Days:** 2 days and one night

**Total distance:** At your choice

**Route info:** Routes chosen between asphalt and dirt (dirt roads). The difficulty ranges from easy to difficult, you decide!

You can choose between paths on asphalt to discover small villages or immerse yourself in nature through the numerous dirt roads exploring the Vena del Gesso Romagna Park.

**Dates:** At your choice

**Departure by bike from:** Oriolo dei Fichi farmhouse

**Arrival by bicycle at:** Oriolo dei Fichi farmhouse

Technical direction: Pedaliamo in Italia

