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DOLOMITI
UNESCO WORLD
NATURAL HERITAGE

CORTINA

THE PEARL OF THE DOLOMITES... LIKE YOU HAVE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE



**€ 245.00 PER PERSON, 2 NIGHTS IN HALF BOARD
VALID SUMMER 2010**

STORY OF THE TERRITORY

Cortina is the Alpine salon of Italy, situated right in the centre of the Dolomites and the whole of the Veneto mountain area. Cortina plays a pivotal role in the local tourist industry. It is surrounded by the most splendid peaks such as the 'Tofane', the 'Cristallo', and the 'Pomagagnon'. The town is one of the most beautiful and best known tourist resorts in the world. It has 100km of downhill slopes and around 70km of cross-country trails. Downhill skiing, crosscountry skiing and so much more than just skiing.

Cortina is a real dream of a destination for skiers..and intellectuals.

It is based in a natural amphitheatre, warmed by the sun and sheltered from the winds by the splendid mountains which encircle it. Visitors can choose from a huge range of walks of all lengths and levels. It offers numerous mountain bike itineraries, walks and equipped mountain paths and climbs. If you don't fancy climbing, you can go canyoning or discover adventure parks.

Cortina is also rich in tradition and culture, it's a place where visitors can enjoy top-class art exhibitions, literary encounters, musical, culture and folk events where you can rub-shoulders with the crème de la crème cinema artists, politicians, journalists and business men.

During the year there is always a range of sport events that take place (skiing events, hockey, polo championships,...).

For the shopping lovers Cortina boasts with over 250 exclusive luxury shops offering the finest Italian and international fashion wear, as well as art galleries, antiques and local craft products.

Corso Italia is one of the most prestigious places for shopping in Italy and indeed in Europe.

The cuisine in Cortina is very similar to Tyrolean cuisine, as a result of the strong links with western Austria. The local traditional dishes are made with simple, yet tasty genuine ingredients, you will always find something that will suit your taste. Locals produce cold meats, speck, barley soup, polenta, grappa and liqueurs..and the sweets are fantastic, redcurrant jam omelettes, apple fritters, strudel, brazola (a kind of round focaccia) sparkled with grains of sugar, 'fartaia and carafai'.



PROGRAMME

We suggest a relaxing excursion in the surroundings on horse-sledge, or for those who love sport an excursion with a nature expert guide on snowshoes. There are around 42 itineraries for trekking.

Some suggestions:

The **Ancient Routes of the Dolomites** are a network of trails where the beauty of the landscape is enriched by the historical interest of the area.

There are two routes to choose from for those interested in the **1st. World War**. One of these goes through the trenches and the Italian artillery posts below the **Cinque Torri**. The other route winds through the tunnels of the Open Air Museum on **Piccolo Lagazuoi**, and bears witness to the incredible war of mines, which was fought here.

The **Dinosaurs Route** leads to Monte Pelmetto, the site of spectacular dinosaur prints dating back 220 million years.

The **Mondeval Man Route** leads up to a height of 2000 meters, where a burial site dating back 7,000 years was discovered.

The **Iron Route** is an ancient trail built to transport iron from the mines to the melting furnaces. The Castle of **The Route of the San Marco Lions** runs along a wall constructed in 1752 to resolve a border dispute between the Republic of Venice - whose symbol was the San Marco lions - and the Habsburg Empire. **Andraz** is a Medieval fortification, which has recently been restored. Another important site to visit is the **Museum of Cortina**.

Some of the most important permanent exhibitions of the Dolomites have been housed for over twenty-five years in the **Ciasa de ra Regoles**, the historical building located in the very heart of Cortina.

The **Palaeontologic Museum** "Rinaldo Zardini" hosts the most important Italian private collection of **fossils** dating from the Cassian period, i.e. from the geologic era ranging between 230 and 220 million years ago. In addition, the Museum recounts the extraordinary adventure of the life in the tropical seas, the Dolomites were born from, through the fossil evidence found in the rocks of our mountains. Two hundred million years are narrated by the traces which the land has given us and the scientific research is today able to interpret.

The **Ethnographic Museum of the Ampezzo Valley** collects the objects of our past, from rural life to domestic life, from the religious beliefs to the artistic expressions of the Ampezzo Valley. A small summary of the rustic and pastoral world of our valley in the past centuries, combined with feelings of refined artistic precision and objects from earlier periods, enhanced by the traditional costumes which are still shown off today on the most important occasions.

The **Modern Art Museum** "Mario Rimoldi" exhibits one of the largest private collections of figurative arts of the Italian twentieth century school, with over 300 works of art by the major painters of the early 1900s: Campigli, De Chirico, De Pisis, Sironi, Guttuso, Morandi, Music, Savinio, Tomea, and many others.

Important informations: Check **weather conditions** before attempting a hike, Assess your abilities and plan the route accordingly. Do not underestimate the importance of appropriate clothing, as sudden weather changes and considerable drops in temperature can occur without notice. Wear comfortable shoes or hiking boots and avoid heeled or leather-soled shoes. Mountain-shoes are advisable everywhere. Always pay attention to the danger of falling rocks and do not provoke echo. In your backpack, carry water, chocolate and fruit, a multi-purpose pocket knife, a light wind jacket, and avoid bringing non-essential items. Bring your litter back home with you and refrain from picking flowers, plants, or fruits of the mountains.

HOSPITALITY

The **De Gasper farmhouse** 1304 a.s.l., approx 3 km from the Centre of Cortina (a half hour walk). It is an ideal location for its position. It has 11 double rooms and 3 singles, the furniture is typical mountain style. All rooms have private facilities, tv and phone. Next to the house, you will find a modern area with sauna, whirlpool and emotional shower. They can provide you with horses, wide open air places to sunbath, ponys led by hand for children, riding school.



The **Caldara farmhouse** 1244 a.s.l., approx 1 km for the centre of Cortina, offers double bedded rooms with all facilities, a family room apartment for 4.



The **Brite de Cortina** farmhouse 1664 a.s.l. is another farmhouse we suggest.

In the surroundings if you are in the area, you can stop for a break at the **Larieto dairy**, situated in one of the most attractive and beautiful places in Europe. Another dairy is **Malga Federa**, on 1816 a.s.l., from where you can see some of the most beautiful peaks of the Dolomiti mountains.

PACKAGE DETAILS

The package includes:

- 2 nights accommodation including breakfast in farmhouse you have chosen
- 2 dinner in farmhouses with drinks included
- Horse sledge ride, ciaspole snowshoes,(mini transfer to ski slopes in winter)

The package does not include:

- Ski pass, assistance of expert local guides, lunches, extras, phone, laundry and all what is not mentioned under 'the package includes'.

We can book expert guides for you in Cortina.

HOW TO GET HERE

By CAR: take motorway A27 with exit Pian di Vedoia

By TRAIN: Station Calalzo di Cadore then proceed by local bus to Cortina. Time approx 30 minutes.

We also can provide expert guides - rates are on request

Should you require transfer service from the Venice, Treviso, Bologna or Verona Airports, we can offer transfers by private mini-vans up to 8 passengers.

It is also possible to arrange a convertible classic car hire service by Sprintage Company. They will let you choose from a beautiful series of convertible classic cars that you will find at the Airport. A detailed map of the area for your tours around will be provided.

Alternatively we accommodate corporate companies on business or larger groups too. This therefore is a flexible travel suggestion. The travel schedule can be altered, overnight stays can be added and other services or activities can be arranged. Note that almost all our travel packages can be combined if you want to see more than just one area of the Veneto territory. Please feel free to contact us. Together we will find the perfect solution.

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ECO SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

This trip has been organized in partnership with the Organization Coldiretti of the Veneto Region. More than 568.000 farmers are member of this Organization representing 52% of the total number of those registered in the Chamber of Commerce (Board of Trade). Coldiretti is active on the whole Italian territory and not only. Coldiretti helped us to choose especially for you, locations, hotels etc where it's sure that environmental standards are respected and the food that will be served belongs to the category zero km (food miles) meaning that it's produced right there in that region/location without trucks bringing it from the other part of Italy, Europe or any other part of the world.



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