

VBT Bike Trip

The club is planning a biking trip to Sicily in 2020, using VBT (Vermont Bicycle Tour). Some folks have asked what the difference is between a VBT trip and previous trips the club has taken, as the VBT trip is more expensive than other trips. Outlined below are some of the reasons for the price difference.

Our past trips (bike and barge) did not include airfare or airport transfers. Each person booked their own air and made all of their own travel arrangements to get from the airport to wherever the barge was docked.

If we wanted to add on a pre- or post-trip in one or more of the cities, we were on our own to make all of those arrangements (lodging, transport, etc.).

Also, although we had one or two cycling guides, there was no support van, so no free snack stops and no option to bail out and ride in the van. Admission to some attractions along the way and maybe even an occasional wine or beer were not included in the bike and barge trips we did.

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| Group Size | 14-24 |
| Hotel Stars | 4-5 |
| Included: | |
| Bike | Yes-Fuji |
| Helmet | Yes |
| Own pedals/seat | Can bring if you want to |
| Water bottle | Yes |
| Rack/bike bag | Yes |
| Phone mount | Yes |
| Mirror | Yes |
| Flat pedals | Yes |
| E-bikes | Available |
| Airfare | Yes |

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| Airport transfers | Yes |
| Pre-trip option | Yes for more (\$495 for 2 nights) |
| Post-trip option | Yes for more (\$395 for 2 nights) |
| Written directions | Yes |
| Ride w/ GPS | Yes |
| Daily route review | Yes |
| Breakfast | Yes |
| Snacks | Yes |
| Lunch | 2 included |
| Dinner | 3 included |
| Luggage transfers | Yes |
| Sag wagon | Yes-repairs or ride |
| Local Leaders | Yes - 2 |
| Difficulty rating | Easy/moderate |
| Bike @ own pace | Yes |
| Emergency service | Yes |
| Optional miles | Yes |
| Guide tips | No |
| Walking tour Scicli | Yes |
| Chocolate tasting | Yes |
| Donkey farm tour | Yes |
| Cooking lesson | Yes |
| Walking tour Ortigia | Yes |

Price w/ air (est) \$4,795

(10 day/8 night/14meals)

Price w/o air (est) \$2,995

(7 day/6 night/12 meals)

The above estimated price does not include the pre- or post-trip, which is an additional cost.