Stefanie Woods – The Best of the Dolomites: Hiking & Gourmet

September 10–18, 2027 · 8 nights / 9 days

Experience Authentic Italy!

Embark on an unforgettable journey through the heart of the Dolomites, where breathtaking mountain landscapes and exquisite gourmet cuisine await. This exclusive hiking and gourmet experience takes you deep into one of the most stunning natural environments in the world. Towering peaks, serene alpine pastures, and crystal-clear lakes provide a backdrop to days of exploration, adventure, and indulgence. Hike beneath the majestic Croda Rossa and marvel at the iconic Cinque Torri, then savor traditional Ladin specialties in mountain rifugios and refined local cuisine. With comfortable accommodations, seamless logistics, and a dedicated team, this journey balances mountain adventure with relaxation.

Your Journey at a Glance

September 10: Meet at Venice Marco Polo Airport at 12:00 PM for the group transfer to Cortina d'Ampezzo. September 10–14: Four nights in Cortina. September 14–18: Four nights in Alta Badia. September 18: Departure.

September 10 · Day 1 — Arrival in Cortina d'Ampezzo

Our adventure begins at Venice Marco Polo Airport, where we'll meet at **12:00 PM** for our private group transfer to Cortina d'Ampezzo. As we leave Venice behind and head into the mountains, the scenery becomes more and more dramatic. Before long, we'll arrive in Cortina, a charming alpine town nestled among towering Dolomite peaks. After checking into our hotel, there will be time to settle in, explore the town, or simply relax and enjoy the mountain atmosphere. This evening, we'll gather for our first dinner together, a chance to get acquainted and look forward to the adventures ahead.

(1,224 m / 4,016 ft). Dinner at the hotel.

Accommodation: Cortina d'Ampezzo
Meals: Dinner

September 11 · Day 2 — Prato Piazza Loop Hike

Scenic loop below the northern face of Croda Rossa through the Prato Piazza alpine pasture, with views of the Cristallo group and Fanes-Sennes-Braies Nature Park. Lunch stop at a local rifugio and return transfer.

Hiking: ~4–5 hours | 11 km (6.6 miles) | Ascent 820 m | Descent 780 m

September 12 · Day 3 — Tardeiba to Faloria

Transfer to Passo Tre Croci for a hike along the panoramic Dolomieu Trail. The route offers views of the Cristallo mountains to the north, Tofane to the west, and the Cortina basin to the south. Transfer back to the hotel after the hike.

Hiking: ~5.5 hours | 11.4 km (7.1 miles) | Ascent 510 m | Descent 600 m

September 13 · Day 4 — Additional Cortina Day

An additional day based in Cortina to complete the four-night stay. Activity details to be confirmed.

September 14 · Day 5 — Passo Falzarego and Transfer to Alta Badia

Hike with remarkable views of Cinque Torri and the region's World War I history. Descend from Averau after a rifugio lunch. Private transfer onward to Alta Badia.

Hiking: ~3–4 hours | 8.6 km (5.3 miles) | Ascent 343 m | Descent 486 m

September 15 · Day 6 — Santa Croce Sanctuary

Hike through picturesque hamlets to Santa Croce Sanctuary (2,045 m / 6,710 ft), at the base of Sasso

della Croce. Traditional lunch stop at a rifugio; descend toward San Cassiano.

Hiking: ~4–5 hours | 11 km (7 miles) | Ascent and descent 590 m

September 16 · Day 7 — Pralongia Plateau

Explore the Pralongia High Plateau on foot or by cable car, with expansive mountain views and a lunch

stop at one of the rifugios.

Hiking: 1–6 hours, depending on energy level.

September 17 · Day 8 — Additional Alta Badia Day

An additional day based in Alta Badia to complete the four-night stay. Activity details to be confirmed.

Farewell dinner timing to be confirmed.

Accommodation: Alta Badia Meals: Breakfast; other meals to be confirmed

September 18 · Day 9 — Departure

Transfer to Venice airport for respective flights.

Costs & Inclusions

€5,100 per person based on double occupancy.

Single occupancy supplement: $750 USD.

Deposit: $1,500 upon booking.

All payments are non-refundable.

Cost Includes

- Trip briefing, orientation, logistics and area map
- 4 nights in Cortina d'Ampezzo and 4 nights in Alta Badia
- Breakfasts and the dinner program; additions for the two extra days to be confirmed
- Transfers in the area
- Luggage transfer from Cortina d'Ampezzo to Alta Badia
- Local tourist tax and Italian VAT

Cost Does Not Include

- Airfare
- Airport transfers except the specified September 10, 12:00 PM group transfer from Venice Airport; departure arrangements to be confirmed
- Additional trains, lifts, buses, taxis or excursions not specifically included
- Lunches, drinks, bottled water and items outside set dinner menus
- Insurance, personal expenses, tips and gratuities