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## THE ITALIAN JOB - TWO!

**ITALY | EMILIA-ROMAGNA | 7-14 SEP 2019 | 8 DAYS**

“THE ITALIAN JOB - TWO” TOUR to Emilia-Romagna is the Action4Diabetics (A4D) fund raising cycle challenge for 2019. The aim is to raise US\$75,000+ for young people with Type 1 Diabetes in South East Asia. These funds will go directly towards keeping 125 young Type 1 Diabetics alive

The hills on the eastern side of the Apennines were a favourite stomping ground of Marco ‘the Pirate’ Pantani, much loved Italian cyclist who was considered one of the best climbers of the 1990’s. We follow roads used by the Pirate and the Giro d’Italia. This is an “entrée” for the peloton as it makes its way north to the Dolomites, through Emilia-Romagna.

The tour begins in the beautiful hills around the thermal spa village of Bagno di Romagna. From Bagno we head towards the coast, visiting historically fascinating towns such as San Leo and the fifth smallest country in the world, San Marino. Tuscany and the Veneto are neighbours, and the food reflects the best of Tuscan and Venetian cooking, with the freshest seafood at hand. Emilia-Romagna is home to signature Italian products such as Parma ham and parmesan cheese.

This region provides sensational riding. The terrain is hilly, with short, sometimes steep climbs great for bite-sized challenges as well as flatter, coastal riding with the sparkling Adriatic to the east. This year’s A4D Tour has been specifically designed for riders of all abilities, with short and long route options on daily routes. Every rider can enjoy a unique opportunity to challenge themselves, and raise funds for young people with Type 1 Diabetes in the poorest parts of SE Asia.

To secure your spot on the 2019 A4D peloton, simply pay your deposit [HERE](https://puntotours.com/tour/520-the-italian-job-two)  
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### ENQUIRIES

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### AV. DAILY DISTANCE

STANDARD ROUTE | 80KM | 50MI  
LONG ROUTE | 115+KM | 71+MI

### AV. DAILY ELEVATION

STANDARD ROUTE | 1550M | 5050FT  
LONG ROUTE | 2250+M | 7350+FT

### TOTAL DISTANCE

STANDARD ROUTE | 605KM | 375MI  
LONG ROUTE | 805+KM | 500+MI

### TOTAL ELEVATION

STANDARD ROUTE | 10850M | 35600FT  
LONG ROUTE | 15700+M | 51500+FT

**START LOCATION** BAGNO IN ROMAGNA

**FINISH LOCATION** RICCIONE

### DAY 1 SAT 7 SEP | WELCOME AND TRANSFER TO BAGNO DI ROMAGNA

Arrive in Bologna in time to join the morning group transfer 11:00am to Bagno di Romagna, a 1.5 hour drive. On arrival at our lovely hotel located just up the hill (of course!) in Lago Aquapartita, there will be a light lunch and Ride Briefing. After lunch, bike fit for those who have hired bikes, and assistance with assembly of bikes for those who have brought their own. A short warm-up ride to check the bikes, stretch those legs after travelling and get a taste of the wonderful rides to come. Welcome dinner and Tour Introduction in the evening.

WARM UP RIDE | 30KM | 19MI  
ELEVATION 650m | 2100FT

### DAY 2 SUN 8 SEP | LOOP TO PASSO FUMAIOLO

A great ride to get into your rhythm ready for the challenges ahead. Today's ride starts with a downhill and gradual 21.5km climb to Passo Fumaiolo. Used in the Giro d'Italia as recently as 2017, this steady climb winds through thickly wooded slopes on quiet roads. Ascend one side, or tick off both! The long course offers the chance to climb the steeper side of Passo Fumaiolo!

DISTANCE | 80-112KM | 50-63MI  
ELEVATION | 2000-2800M | 6550-9200FT

### DAY 3 MON 9 SEP | LOOP TO PASSO MANDRIOLI

Another Giro d'Italia ascent today, as we head out on a loop to Passo Mandriolo. This is a shorter climb, only 12km, but the average gradient is higher. Remember, longer day tomorrow.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

QUALITY ACCOMMODATION (TWIN SHARE) | BREAKFASTS | LUNCHES | DINNERS | FULL GUIDE AND VEHICLE SUPPORT | ON-ROAD SNACKS AND SUPPLEMENTS | GPX ROUTES | GARMIN GPS LOAN UNIT IF REQUIRED | DAYPACK, WATER BOTTLES | LAUNDRY SERVICE FOR CYCLING KIT | GROUP AIRPORT TRANSFERS

### RECOMMENDED AIRPORTS

**ARRIVAL** BOLOGNA **DEPARTURE** BOLOGNA

**PRICE\*** TWINSHARE **€1350\*** | SINGLE **€1650\***

HIRE BIKE **€350** | HIRE E-BIKE **€400**

**TO BOOK** [PUNTOTOURS.COM](https://www.puntotours.com)

DISTANCE | 54-85-95-115KM | 34-53-59-71MI  
ELEVATION | 1400-1850-2300-2900M | 4600-6050-7550-9500FT

### DAY 4 TUE 10 SEP | BAGNO DI ROMAGNA TO VISERBELLA

A longer day in the saddle with the classic Giro climb to Carpegna. This was the "Pirate's" favourite peak for ascent training. "The Carpegna is enough for me" he would say. The long route takes you out and back to the Cima di Carpegna, 15km with a maximum gradient of 15%! Bring on those bonus \$\$\$. Once we're through Villagrande it's all downhill!

DISTANCE | 105-125KM | 65-80MI  
ELEVATION | 1700-2200M | 5550-7200FT

### DAY 5 WED 11 SEP | LOOP TO URBINO

Fantastic loop roughly following the Granfondo Squali course. Vincenzo Nibali, the 'Shark', is the ambassador for this popular event.

DISTANCE | 105-160KM | 65-100MI  
ELEVATION | 1200-2400M | 3900-7850FT

### DAY 6 THU 12 SEP | LOOP TO SAN MARINO

Fun day out as we ride the Individual Time Trial course of this year's Giro d'Italia up to the picturesque republic of San Marino. After admiring the views, we'll head onto the amazing village of San Leo for a closer look. No extra today (unless you want it) as tomorrow is the HUGE finale challenge! Relax in the pool and fuel up.

DISTANCE | 90KM | 56MI  
ELEVATION | 1600M | 5200FT



**DAY 7 FRI 13 SEP | NOVE COLLI CHALLENGE**

The final challenge is to ride the Nove Colli Granfondo courses. This is no easy day out, but the scenery is fantastic and the rewards magnificent! Epic day and celebratory dinner to finish this year's A4D cycling adventure.

DISTANCE | 130-205KM | 81-127MI

ELEVATION | 1850-3840M | 6070-12598FT

**DAY 8 SAT 14 SEP | GOODBYE**

Group transfer to Bologna, departing Viserbella at 10:00am. The transfer will take about 1.5 hours.

We recommend that flights home are scheduled for mid-afternoon onwards.

Time to say farewell, until next time!

**NON-RIDERS**

Activities for non-riders can be arranged on loop days only, and will depend on numbers and diversity of group. Some activities may be at an extra cost. Non-riders are always welcome in the van to accompany riders, to cheer them on, especially on the extra challenging rides.

Bagno di Romagna - go hiking in the woods along pilgrim trails, enjoy the thermal spas and pools, follow the Gnome path or have fun in the nearby adventure nature parks

Visabella - as well as the beach there is an adventure water park, Italia in miniature, and churches and villas in the surrounding countryside



**SPECIAL CHARITY RIDE TOUR FEE**

To join this exciting tour at the discounted rate, we ask all riders to raise an additional US\$1000 to support the A4D programme in SE Asia. Our generous sponsors have pledged to match their donations for every km the A4D peloton rides, and for every metre the team climbs.

**\*PRICE**

We aim to have 25 riders on this tour. Get your friends to join you on this enormously, feel good adventure that is always loads of fun. The more riders we have, the more young people we can help. AND give you a top class cycling tour at an extra discounted rate.

**25 RIDERS TWINSHARE €1350 | SINGLE €1650**  
**20-24 RIDERS TWINSHARE €1550 | SINGLE €1850**  
**12-19 RIDERS TWINSHARE €1750 | SINGLE €2050**

NOTE that bookings will commence at the €1750 price. The more riders that book, the more your total tour fee will be discounted. We will adjust your tour fee accordingly and advise you when to pay your final tour balance.