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Matajur

Location: Kobarid

Duration : 4,5 - 5,5 h

Distance: 37 km

Level: 9

Start altitude: 235 m

Max altitude: 1642 m

Sum altitude: 1440 m

Surface: 35% asphalt, 25% gravel, 40% road

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The descend along the trails to the village of San Pietro al Natisone is demanding, but certainly one of the finest for miles around. From the Dom na Matajurju mountain hut you will descend slightly to the right to the



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crossroads on the Mersinska planina mountain pasture and turn along the »sentiero« 749 trail to the Glevizza mountain pass where you will cross the paved road towards the village of Matajur. On the following crossroads simply follow the up-and-down route 749 leading past the village of San Giorgio which will make you step down from your bicycle on some of its sections. The trail then continues past the village of San Canziano and in its lower part allows several options to join the main road. It is worth to continue cycling all to the gravel road leading to the church in the centre of San Pietro al Natisone where you will be only a short section of the valley cycling connecting trail away from your well-deserved refreshment in the marvellous city of Cividale.