



# Smaragdne kolesarske poti



## Cividale via Corno

**Location:** Cividale (ÄŠedad)

**Duration :** 1,5 - 2,0 h

**Distance:** 22 km

**Level:** 2

**Start altitude:** 89 m

**Max altitude:** 170 m

**Sum altitude:** 110 m

**Surface:** 82% asphalt, 18% gravel, 0% road

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Knight Order and a location where the renowned Pikolit wine is produced. You can also visit the castle with your bicycle if you follow the aforementioned tourist-wine road from Noax to Rosazzo and if you are willing to make another ascend to the top of the hills. After cycling through Spessa you will return to your starting point through the village of Gagliano.