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Dobrovo-Castelmonte

Location: Dobrovo
Duration : 2,5 - 3,5 h
Distance: 34 km
Level: 6
Start altitude: 126 m
Max altitude: 830 m
Sum altitude: 587 m
Surface: 68% asphalt, 32% gravel, 0% road

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From the town of Dobrovo you will cycle towards the former border crossing in the village of Neblo where you will turn right and cycle along the Kožbanjšček brook, at first, along the bottom of the valley, and later past the small villages of Hlevnik and Vrhovlje where you will ascend onto a ridge near the village of Kožbana and later descend past the village of Senik to the village of Golo Brdo. From there, you will continue your tour on the

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Slovenian territory and cycle along the gravel road routed on the left bank of the river Idrija to the small village of Mišček. Just after the bridge, you will turn left towards the first small village where you will turn right on a somewhat demanding, at first paved, and later on gravel ascent through the village of Prepotischis and past the Church of the Three Kings. You will then arrive just under the Castelmonte Monastery from where you will descend to the village of Purgessimo in front of Cividale along the gravel road which soon turns right from the main road. After passing through Purgessimo and after crossing the main road towards Cividale you will then return along the trail routed by the river Natisone.