

# DOLOMITES HIKING TRIP

## WITH MICHAEL BLUESTONE



### TRIP DATES

**Trip 1: July 3-9, 2022**

**Trip 2: July 10-16, 2022**

### TRIP DESCRIPTION

An exploration of one of the most notable alpine settings in all of Europe, our journey takes us to two of the principal natural parks of Italy's prized Dolomites region. We take a leisurely journey through picturesque valleys and mountain villages enjoying the best hikes, cuisine and accommodations that the region has to offer.

### INFORMATION SESSIONS

Meet Trip Leader Michael Bluestone as he shares trip details and photos while fielding questions you may have. Find out how Michael is ideally suited to lead a group of Houstonians on this adventure!

**Saturday, Sept. 11 ..... 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. .... Club Library**

**Sunday, Oct. 10 ..... 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. .... Club Library**

*Look for more Information Sessions in November and December.*



### PART 1 • DAYS 1-4

**Lodging:** [Fodara Vedla](#), Charmingly rustic and comfortable, this quiet [South Tyrolean-style lodge](#) was recently renovated in 2020 and is in the heart of the stunning [Fanes-Senes-Braies Nature Park](#). Hike across rolling pastures and wildflower meadows in the heart of the Fanes-Senes-Braies Nature Park. Follow a wooded trail to vista-rich plateaus. Settle into the relaxed pace of mountain life in family-run [rifugio](#), or mountain inn, that seems to appear out of nowhere. Savor the warm and hearty flavors of [South Tyrolean fare](#). Trek to [Lake Fosses](#) at the base of [Monte Croda Rossa](#) and gaze down at the valley below. Share the trail with ibex, cows and marmots. Learn about the region's flora, fauna and geology with a local guide. Climb to [Croda del Becco](#) for spectacular views.

### PART 2 • DAYS 4-7

**Lodging:** [Wellness Hotel Fanes](#), A luxurious retreat located in charming San Cassiano village with elegant styling and panoramic views of the Dolomites' limestone peaks from every room. Enjoy spectacular views of the [Cinque Torri](#), a collection of towering stone pinnacles. Visit an impressive open-air museum that reveals trenches, bunkers and tunnels from World War I. Pamper yourself in one of the region's most decadent hotel spas. Raise a glass to an incredible mountain adventure. A memorable journey by gondola carries you into the [Pralongià meadows](#) for a farewell hike with views of the Dolomites' most recognized peaks.



[Fodara Vedla](#)



[Wellness Hotel Fanes](#)



## HIKING INFORMATION

Our hikes through this captivating rugged terrain climb rocky and sometimes uneven paths, many of which are remote and do not intersect with roads accessible by vans. In some cases our shuttles will get us to and from the trailheads, but due to the nature of these trails, we usually won't see our vehicles along the route. We provide ample trail support in the form of water, snacks and encouragement, and we make use of the extensive network of mountain huts for provisions, meals and shelter. Note that our daily route options may travel in different directions from each other. Keep this in mind when choosing your hiking option each day, especially if connecting with other guests midday is important to you.

## INCLUDED IN TRIP FEE

- 6 nights lodging;
- 3 meals per day;
- Daily 3- to 9-mile hikes with local guides;
- Daily cultural experiences such as wine and cheese tastings, visits to WW1 outdoor museum, musical performances, and gondola rides;
- Private ground transportation to and from Venice.

## NOT INCLUDED IN TRIP FEE

- Air transportation;
- Recommended travel insurance;
- Incidentals;
- Alcohol at meals except for the wine tasting.

## REGISTRATION

To register, email Misha Laird at [mlaird@houstonian.com](mailto:mlaird@houstonian.com). The recommended deadline to register is December 15, 2021.

*Unless otherwise directed, your Club account will be billed for the \$1,500 deposit to reserve your spot.*



## TRIP FEE INFORMATION

- *Members First Trip Fee:*
  - \$6,440 per person single-occupancy
  - \$6,000 per person double-occupancy
- *Early Bird Discount:* \$215 per person when registered by Dec. 15, 2021.
- *Non-Member Guest Add:* \$495 per person.
- *Deposit:* \$1,500 per person upon registration.
- *Complete Trip Fee is due by May 1, 2022.*

## CANCELLATION POLICY

- *The Deposit is fully refundable through December 15, 2021.*
- *Cancellations between December 15, 2021 and February 1, 2022 will be refunded 50% of the deposit.*
- *Cancellations between February 1, 2022 and May 1, 2022 will forfeit the full deposit.*
- *Cancellations between May 1 and June 10, 2022 will be refunded 50% of trip fee.*
- *If the trip is cancelled, deposits will be fully refunded by January 15, 2022.*

