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The Dolomites’ sky-piercing summits, highland meadows and verdant valleys offer a utopia of outdoor adventure, hearty cuisine and wellness pursuits in the breathtaking landscapes of Northern Italy

Spread over five Italian provinces, this UNESCO-protected region is a charming medley of Austrian, Italian and Ladin culture. A year-round destination with 8,000 miles of hiking and biking trails, world-class ski resorts, and alpine hotels and restaurants tucked into storybook scenery, there’s no shortage of reasons to stay, play and dine in the Dolomites.

Olympic Adventures

Touch down in the Venice airport and cruise two hours by car through cinematic landscapes until you reach Cortina d’Ampezzo in the province of Belluno. Known as the “Pearl of the Dolomites” for its rich history, cobblestone streets and legendary hospitality, Cortina was catapulted into the global spotlight when it held the first televised Winter Olympics in 1956. To ski these storied peaks with an expert, travelers can book the recently

launched “Olympic Ski Safari” from travel outfitter Dolomite Mountains. The trip includes a Dolomiti Superski Skipass, two days skiing with three-time Olympic gold winner Deborah Compagnoni, and dashing down Olympic runs in Cortina, Val Gardena, Val di Fassa, and Alta Badia. When the snow melts, lace up your hiking boots for a four-hour trek at Tre Cime di Lavaredo—a trio of towering limestone massifs. Take a two-mile hike around the shoreline of Lago di Braies, an impossibly photogenic lake with jade trout-filled waters backed by cloud-scraping cliffs, or hire a vintage rowboat to float on its mirrored surface. Photography enthusiasts must hit the mountaintop Lumen Museum housed in a former funicular station filled with stunning alpine imagery. The place to stay is Hotel Cristallo, a grandly reimagined century-old military hospital or the just-opened Hotel de LEN. Don’t leave without a farm-to-fork

meal at Michelin-starred restaurant San Brite, housed in a refurbished barn adjoining a cheese shop.

Alpine Cuisine

Stop off in the picturesque village of Corvara on the way to Ortisei. Nestled at the foot of Sassongher Mountain, this region of Alta Badia boasts 81 miles of well-groomed slopes, a network of hiking and mountain biking trails and golf. Have a lunch at the family-run Maso Runch, a farmhouse serving up traditional Ladin cuisine, including bread dumplings with goulash and wood-fired pork shanks with polenta. When arriving at Ortisei in the heart of the Val Gardena, check into the turret-topped Hotel Gardena Grödnertor, a Relais & Châteaux property with a chalet feel. Use it as a base for exploring Ortisei’s quaint streets brimming with finely wrought figurines from local woodcarvers. In winter, the area’s

jagged peaks are a skier’s paradise; in summer, hikers flock to Lago di Carezza, a rainbow-hued lake; the enchanting valley of Val di Funes; the dramatic Gardena Pass; Alpe di Siusi, a high-mountain plateau; and the summits of Seceda. At the hotel, rest hardworking legs in the award-winning spa before enjoying a Michelin-starred meal at Anna Stuben, the hotel’s seven-seat restaurant. Oenophiles with a fondness for castles should carve out time to wine taste alpine varietals in the vine-draped hillsides of Bolzano.

Peak Wellness

Drive north to sunny Merano valley, whose Mediterranean palm trees give way to glacier-topped peaks. In past centuries, Merano earned a reputation as a spa town among European nobility, a status it still holds today. Book yourself into the Miramonti Boutique Hotel, a Nordic-leaning mountain retreat perfect for powder hounds and spa-lovers alike. Set on a 30-acre forested hillside dominated by Dolomite vistas, the hotel’s minimalist interiors are wrapped in glass walls framing outsized landscapes. A Finnish sauna hewed from black hemlock and glass is hidden in the forest canopy, while a Japanese onsen and summit-high infinity pool take you closer to nature. When sufficiently recharged, head for Lana, often referred to as “The Orchard of South Tyrol,” to be charmed by acres upon acres of apple trees and the historic churches and chapels dotting the village. Cap off a visit to the Dolomites in Brixen with a stay at the spa-centric Forestis—an eco-chic forest sanctuary devoted to sustainability, Celtic-inspired wellness rituals and soul-soothing hospitality. At dusk, head to the high-altitude rooftop to behold jaw-dropping sunsets at the top of the world. ◀



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Lago di Braies is famous for its emerald waters which reflects the stunning peaks that surround it

Above (bottom)
The suites at Forestis invite nature into the room, imbuing the peace of the encircling forest



Left page
Forestis is located in a densely wooded area, nearly 6,000 feet above sea-level, with a view of the Dolomites

Right page (bottom)
The spa at Miramonti Boutique Hotel appears to float high above Merano and its rural surrounds

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