

Experience Dolomites: Art in the Mountains



11 – 14 September 2025

Join us for an unforgettable journey where art and nature converge in the breathtaking landscapes of South Tyrol. This trip offers a unique blend of culture, creativity, and outdoor adventure, bringing together a small group of art professionals and enthusiasts for an immersive four-days exploration. From historic city walks in Brixen/Bressanone to high-altitude museums and open-air sculpture parks nestled in the **UNESCO Word Heritage Site of the Dolomites**, this trip is designed to inspire. You'll engage with contemporary artists, visit the 7th edition of SMACH - the Dolomite's Biennial and hike through stunning alpine scenery, all while enjoying local cuisine and warm hospitality. This experience promises moments of reflection, discovery, and connection.

Note: If you're afraid of cable car rides or are unsure on walking/hiking, please reach out before booking. We'll be happy to discuss whether this trip is suitable for you!

Program overview*

Day 1 – Thu, 11/09 **Brixen: The Oldest Town in South Tyrol**



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The program begins at 16:00 in the hotel lobby.

Please book your arrival accordingly.

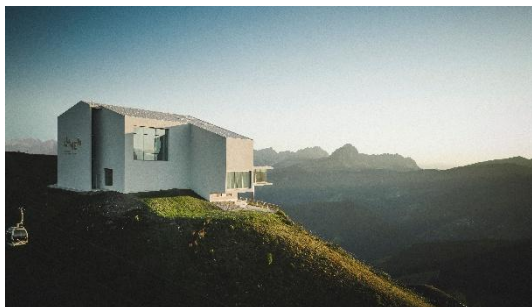
Meet and greet your travel companions to break the ice.

Tour of the historic center of Brixen/Bressanone, the oldest town in Tyrol. As you stroll past centuries-old buildings, you'll experience history firsthand. The blend of modern living and tradition is evident not only in the architecture but also in the personality and way of life of the locals. Brixen's cultural scene is vibrant, creative, and full of exciting opportunities for exploration.

Our first dinner together in a traditional pub—an informal evening of networking and participant introductions.

*The program may be subject to variations that do not depend on us and require changes in the order and selection of venues visited. Should this happen, you will be informed. In case of bad weather an alternative to the hiking part will be provided.

Day 2 – Fri, 12/09 Museums and Sculpture Park at New Heights



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Bus trip to the Dolomites Region Kronplatz and **cable car ride** until the summit of **Kronplatz Mountain** at 2,275 meters above sea level.

Visit to the **LUMEN Museum**, an altitude museum dedicated to mountain photography. Spanning four floors LUMEN offers the possibility to experience the history of mountain photography from its beginnings until the present as well as displaying the art of international mountain-photographers.

Free time and optional visit to the **Messner Mountain Museum**

Enjoy a short bus trip to **San Martino in Badia**, in the heart of the **Ladin region**, nestled in the Dolomites. Learn more about the unique Ladin language and traditions, deeply intertwined with the local community and the mountainous way of life.

Visit the **Sculpture Park Val dl'Ert**, a permanent exhibition showcasing sculptures from the SMACH art biennale. Set in an untouched alpine forest, the park features works by international artists, where art and nature engage in a continuous, enriching dialogue.

Relax and dinner in hotel.

Movie evening with the screening of the documentary film *Elevated Art* about the SMACH 2023 edition and **Q&A with the film director**.



Day 3 – Sat, 13/09 SMACH 2025: Creativity in the Dolomites



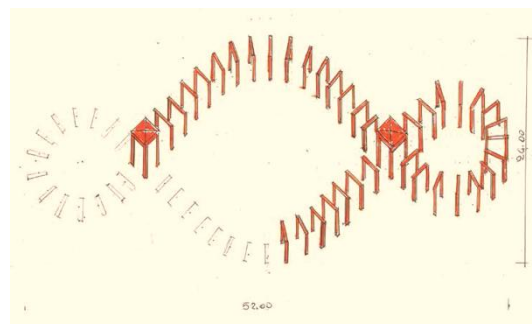
The SMACH Biennale, held since 2012, presents a series of site-specific artworks in some of the most stunning locations of the Val Badia. These temporary installations aim to engage visitors with contemporary art while highlighting the relationship between art and nature, encouraging imagination, critical thinking, and reflection on human impact on the environment.

Join us for an **easy ca. 5 km hike** to explore some of this year's artworks with the president of the association, **Michael Moling**. Learn about the selection process and the challenges of installing art in these natural areas above 2,000 meters. This year's edition focuses on the "cu," a stone used to sharpen scythes for meadow work. It symbolizes materiality, craftsmanship, technical evolution, and the universality of tools, reflecting basic human needs and the commonality of such objects worldwide.



In the afternoon, we will visit **Michelangelo Pistoletto's Terzo Paradiso**, a thought-provoking artwork symbolizing the harmony between nature, humanity, and technology. Pistoletto, an iconic figure of Arte Povera, is an honorary guest of this year's SMACH edition (inauguration in July 2025).

Rest of the afternoon relaxing and last dinner together in the hotel.



Day 4 – Sun, 14/09

Artistic Encounters & Farewell



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Breakfast and check out.

Visit the atelier of renowned local sculptor **Lois Anvidalfarei**, located in a charming mountain barn. Surrounded by the Dolomite landscape, Lois creates sculptures that reflect the region's natural beauty and cultural heritage. This visit offers a unique opportunity to see the artist's creative process up close and learn about his connection to the land that inspires him.

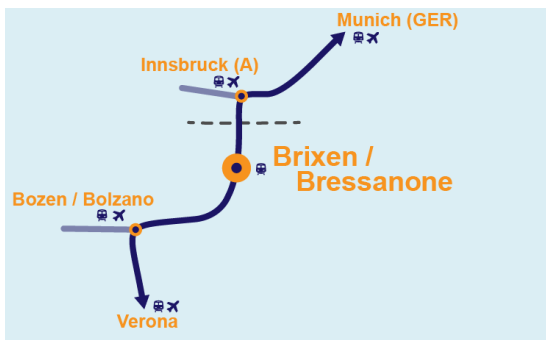
Bus back to Brixen/ Bressanone train station. Arrival time ca.12:30. **Please book your return flight or train accordingly.**

Our Tour Expert: Timian Hopf



Timian is a filmmaker and photographer from the Allgäu, a mountainous region in Germany. In 2023, he directed an award-winning documentary about the SMACH Biennale, capturing the entire creative process and the team behind it. His film explores a compelling question: *Who brings contemporary art into the dramatic landscapes of the Dolomites—and why?* The film delves into the challenges of this project and its difficulties in a rural community where contemporary art remains an unfamiliar and, at times, controversial world.

How to reach Brixen/Bressanone:



Brixen/Bressanone is well-connected by train, and road, making it easy to reach from major cities. We recommend to travel via car or train.

The closest airports are: **Innsbruck Airport (INN)** – 85 km (1.5-hour drive), **Bolzano Airport (BZO)** – 50 km (50-minute drive) and **Verona Airport (VRN)** – 190 km (2.5-hour drive)

Brixen/Bressanone has a well-connected train station on the Brenner railway line. Direct trains run from: **Innsbruck** (1.5 hours), **Bolzano** (30 minutes), **Munich** (3.5 hours), **Verona** (2 hours)

Recommendations:



For those who wish to extend their stay in this charming Italian region, we recommend traveling south to explore:

- The **city of Bozen** and its contemporary art museum **Museion** (approx. 30 min from Brixen)
- The **MART Museum in Rovereto**, a renowned centre for modern and contemporary art (approx. 1.5 hours)
- The **Arte Sella** sculpture park, another famous location where art and nature blend seamlessly in the alpine landscape (approx. 2 hours)

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Logistics – Registration – Prices

Date: 11 – 14 September 2025

Hotels: One night in [Hotel Tourist](#), 3* S in Brixen/Bressanone
Two nights in the [Hotel Posta Pederoa](#) 3* S in Pederoa. The family run Hotel Posta Pederoa features cozy, well-equipped rooms with modern amenities, a spa and wellness area, and a traditional Tyrolean restaurant offering local cuisine.

Travel: Please note the trip begins and ends in **Brixen/Bressanone**. The journey to and from Brixen/ Bressanone must be organized by the participant and is not included in the price. The program begins Thursday 11th September at 16:00 in the hotel lobby and ends Sunday 14th September at the Brixen/Bressanone train station at ca.12:30. Please organize your travel accordingly.

Prices: Normal price: 1.050,00 €
Special price for Sculpture Network Members: 820,00 €
Single room surcharge for 3 nights: 75,00 €

We offer early bird rates for bookings until 20/05/2025

Early bird Normal price: 820,00 €
Special early bird price for Sculpture Network Members:740,00 €

Services included:

- Travel group of max. 25 people from different countries, a nice mix of artists, art professionals and friends of the arts - guarantees exclusiveness
- 3 nights in 3-stars superior hotels in a double room, including breakfast (Single room surcharge for 3 nights 75,00 €)
- 2 lunches (Fri and Sat) and 3 dinners (Thu, Fri and Sat)
- Museum/park entrance tickets and tours
- 2 cable-car rides
- Bus trip in comfortable modern coach
- Tour guides in English
- Tour assistance in English and German

Not included: Travel to/from Brixen/Bressanone
Alcoholic beverages
Entry to the Messner Mountain Museum (optional)

Registration: Please register online: [REGISTRATION FORM](#)
Deadline for registration: 3/09/2025 (if not fully booked before)

Cancellation policy: For cancellation until 10/08/2025 we calculate a 10,00 EUR administration fee. Cancellation after 10/08/2025 leads to the withholding of 30% of the participation fee. Cancellation after 03/09/2025 results in the loss of your complete payment. We suggest arranging a travel insurance for your trip.

Min. number of participants is 18 people. If the minimum number of participants is not reached by 10/08/2025, the organizer can cancel the trip and completely refund the fee.

For any question, please contact **Ilaria Specos**:

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