

City Information: Bolzano/Italy

Population:	approx. 106.000
Time zone:	CET +1
Currency:	Euro
Country dialling code:	+39
Closest airports:	Verona-Villafranca, Italy (VRN / LIPX) 2h Innsbruck Kranebitten, Austria (INN / LOWI) 2 h München, Germany (MUC) 4h Bergamo-Orio al Serio (BGY) 3h Milano-Malpensa / Milano-Linate, Italy (MPX / LIN) 4h

Bolzano is the capital city of South Tyrol (525 000 inhabitants). This is an autonomous province in the heart of the Italian Alps. Having belonged for centuries to the Austro-Hungarian-Empire, it was incorporated into Italy a 100 years ago. It now represents an important meeting point between the German- and Italian-speaking cultural and economic areas, characterized by a bicultural daily life. Bolzano itself ranks among the major urban centres in the Alpine region. Thanks to its dual perspective, a northern European and a more Mediterranean one, Bolzano represents a perfect merge which is clearly reflected in the historical and artistic treasures of this city. Today, the capital of Südtirol/Alto Adige has become a cosmopolitan city that knows how to be lively, cheerful, modern and yet refined all at the same time!

South Tyrol is a popular tourist destination, the golden autumn is the best time of the year to explore it. The mountains surrounding Bolzano offer countless opportunities for hiking and many day-trips by public transport. The world-heritage Dolomites are just 1 hour's drive away. Bolzano itself also offers numerous trails without straying too far from the city centre. Furthermore, Bolzano is a true conference centre as it makes itself readily available for events and business affairs, offering modern and multi-functional services. Bolzano is a clear reflection of a place where different cultures meet and intercultural exchange takes place.

Transportation

Bolzano is best reached by train. The nearest international airports are Innsbruck in the North and Verona in the South (both at 2h). Regular train service is offered between Innsbruck train station and Bolzano-Bozen, as well as Verona Porta Nuova train station and Bolzano-Bozen. Fast/direct trains depart respectively every two hours, regional trains depart every hour. Tickets from Innsbruck/Verona cost between EUR 22,- and 40,-. Flights to Innsbruck and Verona are usually more expensive than flights to Milan or Munich, and may require connecting flights. Other options are direct flights to Munich airport in Germany or Milan (Malpensa, Linate, Bergamo-Ryanair hub) or Venice in Northern Italy. Fast train tickets from Milan airport to Bolzano-Bozen are between 45,- and 80,-.

Besides the train, there are cheap FlixBus connections to Bolzano, and direct shuttle buses every 3 hours from Munich airport (98 €), Milano-Malpensa/Linate (110 €), Bergamo airport (88 €) and Verona airport (88 €).

Hotel information: The course time is peak season. Early booking is highly advised. Besides hotels, Bolzano offers plenty of self-catering opportunities and B&B. A local platform is <https://www.bookingsuedtirol.com/it>.

Shuttle bus information/booking: <https://www.altoadigebus.com/>