

## GIRO D'ITALIA 2010 >

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LENGTH KM 178  
TOTAL VERTICAL CLIMB ca. 4780MT

The Giro d'Italia often ran over the Apine passes of the area. The giro made our mountain famous all over the world! The tour that is described here is very hard and follow the route made during Giro d'Italia 2010. The 20th stage departed only 200mts from the [Bike hotel La Genzianella](#) and arrived at Passo Tonale after 5 peaks!

The Italian grand tour 2010 opened on the flat roads of the Netherlands and ended on the difficult Alpine Passes. Difficult climbing characterizes the end of Giro, and the course included visits to the Termino, Zoncolan, Mortirolo, Gavia, and Plan de Cornes.

The queen stage have been saved the second last day > BORMIO > PASSO TONALE (178km)

The final climbing stage of the 2010 Giro runs between Bormio and Ponte di Legno Tonale and climbs five major passes. The riders faced the Forcola di Livigno, Passo di Eira, Passo di Foscagno, and the Passo di Gavia before reaching the finish at the summit of the Passo del Tonale.

The Passo di Gavia is the Cima Coppi, the highest peak in 2010 year's race, and carries a prize for the first rider to cross the summit. The descent off the Gavia is a tricky one, and wet weather could make for a hard day of racing. Bad legs on this stage would be disastrous for a Pink Jersey contender, and these final climbing stages are made to create a suspenseful finale for Italy's grand tour.

But at the end the Giro's last mountain stage revealed itself calmer than expected for Ivan Basso (the pink jersey). The frightening five peaks, among which the terrible Gavia - still a question mark due to inclement weather -, only generates some unrealistic attempts by Sastre and Vinokourov during the initial climb. The stage, 178 kilometres from Bormio to the Tonale Pass, livens up at last during the final kilometres when Evans hurls forward. He disrupts the pack of hard-hitters in his pursuit of the podium. The Giro 2010 ended with the time trial in Verona on the day of Ivan Basso's official triumph.



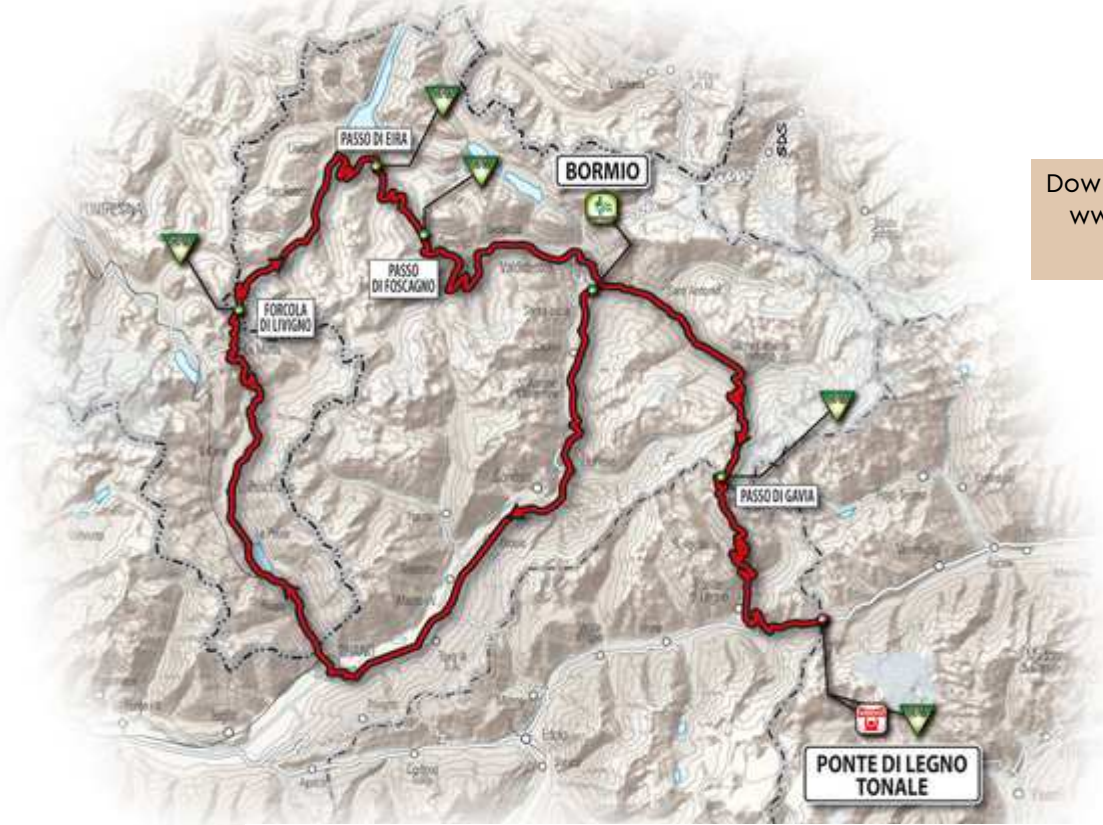
The giro in piazza di Combo—Bormio



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