



La Genzianella
ALPINE CHIC HOTEL

BORMIO 1225MT > PASSO GAVIA 2652MT

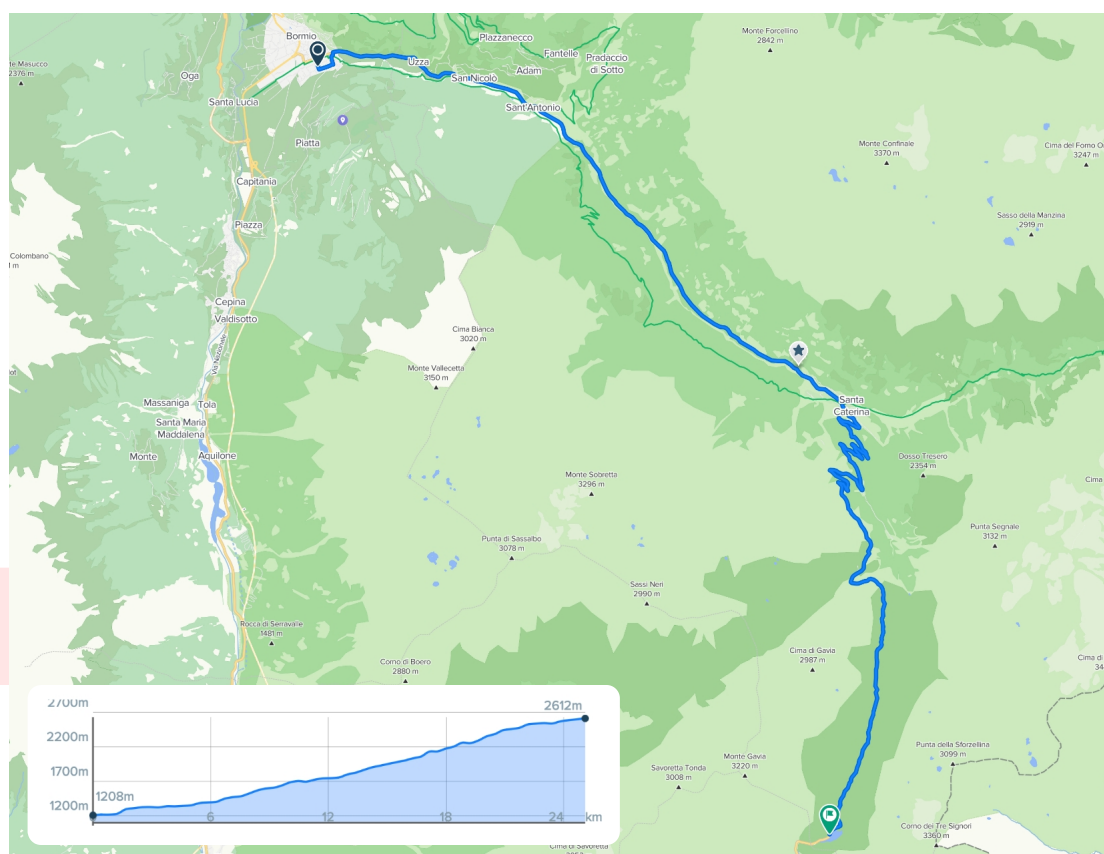


Total Length	Km 25
Total Vertical Climb	ca.1400 mt
Gavia Climb (from S.Caterina)	Km 13,5
Height Start	1215 mt
Height Top	2652 mt
Average Gradient	5,5%
Max Gradient	14%

The Gavia Pass, between the provinces of Sondrio and Brescia, is one of the highest and even most beautiful passes of the Alps. The uphill in this case starts in Santa Caterina Valfurva (the other side starts from Ponte di Legno -BS-). On top of the Gavia Pass you find the picturesque lake "Lago Bianco", surrounded by the mountain "Corno dei Tre Signori", 3359 m. Even more beautiful is the lake "Lago Nero" on 2386 m, which is situated just underneath the pass on the south side.

The Gavia Pass is opened from June to September. The side facing the Valtellina is less steep than the other one, even if it is a longer way up to the pass. The road is mostly constantly uphill, with some short but very steep stretches. Starting in Bormio, take the road SS 300 which leads through the Valfurva: you pass by its little villages Uzza, San Nicolò, S. Antonio and San Gottardo and will arrive, after 13 km and 600 meters in altitude, to Santa Caterina (little map). After Santa Caterina, the "real" road up to the Gaviapass begins with its first switchback. From here on, the gradient is most of the time at about over 7 %, it reaches, however, quite often the 10 % mark for short stretches. The tight road brings you constantly higher in altitude.

Before the top of the Gavia you will cross a bridge over the "Rezzalasco", then you arrive at the alpine lodge "Berni" on a level of 2545 m, where a war memorial reminds us of the First World War. The road gets a little less steep now and after a couple of kilometers you reach the Gavia Pass. (Thanks to our friends Carrie and Tobias from www.granfondocyclingtours.com for the accurate climb description.)



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