



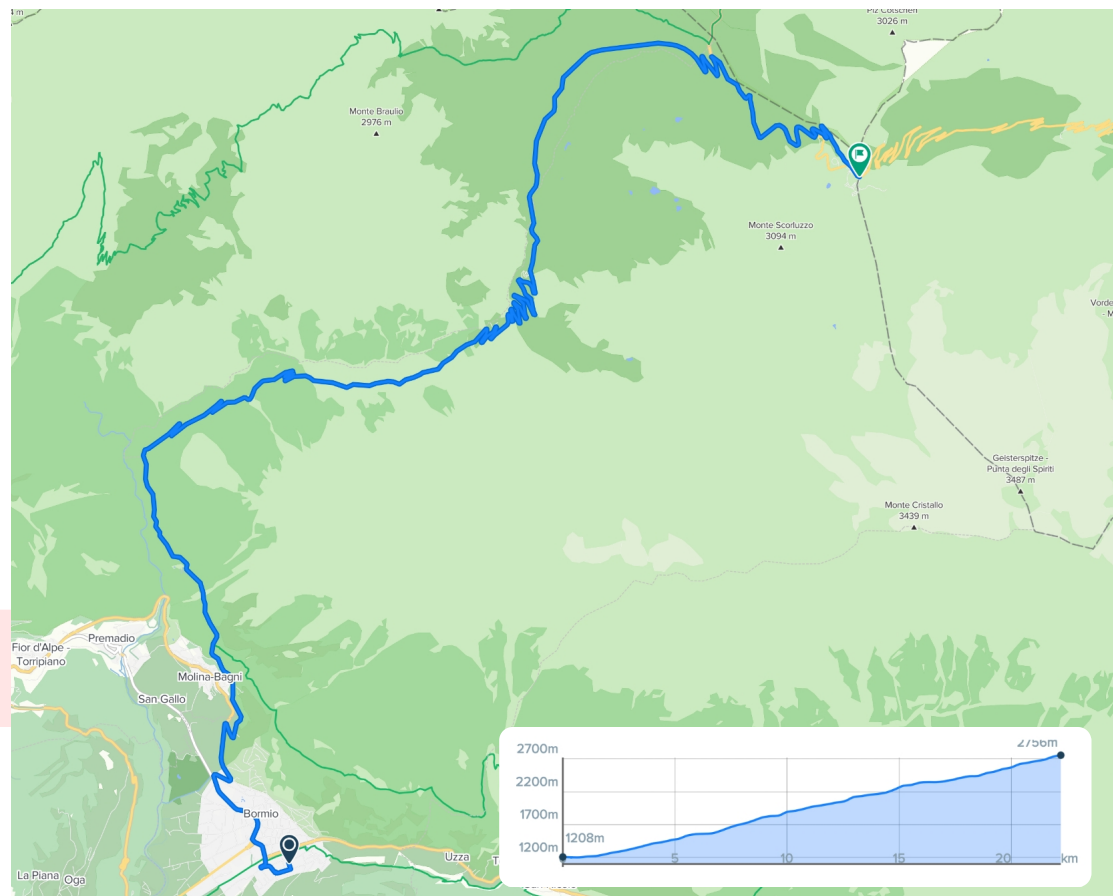
BORMIO 1225MT > PASSO DELLO STELVIO 2758MT



Length	Km 22,2
Height Start	1215 mt
Height Top	2758 mt
Difference in Altitude	1543 mt
Average Gradient	6,56%
Max Gradient	13%
Harpins	36

The Stelvio Pass, or Stilfserjoch, is one of the highest Alpine Passes of Europe. The original road was built in 1820-1825 by the Austrian Empire. Since then, the route has changed very little. After the traffic light in Bormio's center, you arrive soon at the first switchback on the way to the Stelvio. Further on, a few more turns follow, one of them being the junction to Valdidentro and Livigno. You carry on into the direction of the "Bagni Vecchi", the old thermal.

These are followed by a section with not too many curves, but some tunnels to cross, and soon after those you find yourself in front of the steepest part of the Stelvio road, to conquer by numerous switchbacks. In this stretch the maximum gradient will be reached, and you can admire the Braulio-Waterfalls. After having passed this uphill, you get to the Plateau "Pian de Grembo", where the road gets low running and leads through alpine meadows. At the end of this flat part, the last steep uphill to reach the Stelvio begins. And from here the top of the pass comes even in sight. Passing by the junction into the direction of the Umbrail Pass and Santa Maria, only a few kilometers and about 250 meters in altitude are left to reach the top of the Stelvio Pass. The last couple of km are the toughest, so keep some energy in reserve! The road surface on this side is usually kept in good conditions. Have fun during your descent! (The pass is open only from the end of May till the beginning of November.)



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