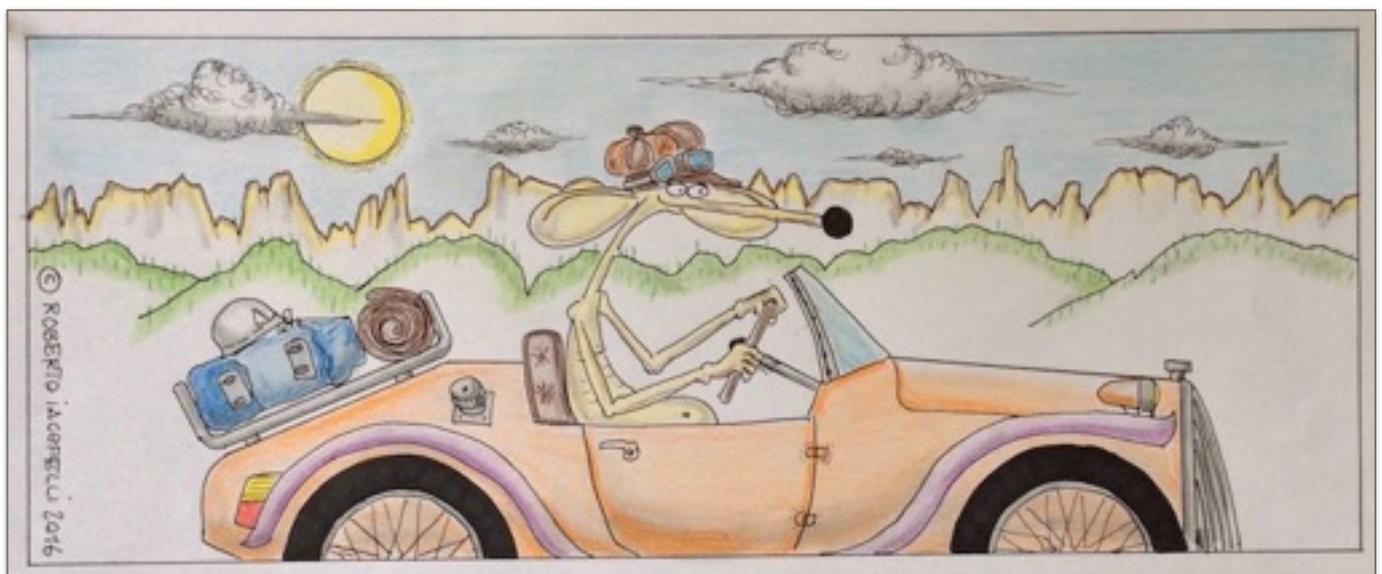




Rental car strategies
Rent a car or not rent a car?
It depend from your travel plan.
Here you can read some basic tips



Consider to rent a car in Italy only if you need move to other destinations that aren't the Dolomites.

For example: if you combine your travel in Italy with the first part in Tuscany for cultural attractions and the second part in the Dolomites for a via ferrata trek (or the opposite solution). In both cases: rent a car for the part in Tuscany and take/relase the car here in Bolzano is the correct choose.

If your target of travel are only the Dolomites with one of my programs: DON'T rent a car, isn't necessary.

Arrive at Bolzano (my town) in the centre of the Dolomites is really easy by train (Trenitalia) or by bus (FlixBus) from every airport.

About it read before my PDF sheet: Flights Strategy (INFO1).

When you will be here in the Dolomites you will travel with my car for the transfers on the mountains (included in my price). I have a 7 places modern FIAT Doblò, see below:



My car before the maquillaje..... and after! No bad!

In any case if you need to rent a car before or after our program for the rest of your vacation, I suggest that you rent by **"LA MAGGIORE"**.

La Maggiore is the biggest rental car company in Italy and has an office in Bolzano old town (easy and practical to check out/in).

SOLUTION 1. You arrive directly at Bolzano from a airport and then continue to visit other places in Italy

It's sure better that you don't rent a car, take the train to arrive in Bolzano, spend the days at the via ferratas tour and then rent a car in Bolzano and continue your tour.

SOLUTION 2. You arrive from a period of visit in other places in Italy and end your travel with the via ferrata trek in the Dolomites

This is the opposite solution. Rent a car in airport, visit different places in Italy, arrive in Bolzano by car and check-out in Bolzano your rental car. Spend the days at the via ferrata trek and then go to the airport by train.

SOLUTION 3. You arrive from a airport, spend the days at the via ferrata trek and then come back directly to the airport

Don't rent a car, you arrive and depart to/from Bolzano by train/bus.

IMPORTANT SUGGESTIONS:

1. If you are a US/Canada driver ask at your rental car company **a automatic gear car** (in Italy are usual manual gear cars, especially for the cheap models).
2. Take careful! **The Italian drivers go very (too) fast!** If you are not used can be a bit critical especially on the traffic of the big cities as Rome or Milan....

Others rental car companies in Bolzano



In Bolzano you find different offices of the major rent a car companies:

[AVIS](#)

Via Galvani, 1
39100 Bolzano (BZ)
Tel: +39 0471 212560

[Europcar](#)

Francesco Baracca airport
Via aeroporto Francesco Baracca1
39100 Bolzano (BZ)
Tel: +39 0471 252152

If you arrive and depart in Innsbruck airport or Munich airport, use this company:

[Buchbinder](#)

Via Luigi Galvani 13
39100 Bolzano (BZ)
Tel: +39 0471 501646

And now we see how we can do with the public transports:



First option: TRENITALIA (the Italian governative railways)

The Italian governative railways (TRENITALIA) have a good webpage where you can check the different combinations of trains per every date, and buy your preferred tickets. Open this link: <http://www.trenitalia.com/tcom-en>

On the search window, write:

- on the departure field (example):

VENEZIA S.LUCIA (station on the old town) or VENEZIA MESTRE (station near the airport Marco Polo)

- on the arrive field (example):

BOLZANO - BOZEN

then finish with the date/hour (*) and number of passengers.

(*) The summer timetable is available generally from mid March.... in case try with the date of today.... it's not a great difference between the winter and summer timetables.

As you can see, there are many trains every day that connect:

Venezia / Milan / Rome / Munich with Bolzano.

Isn't mandatory reserve the train tickets, but is suggested because the italian big railway stations are always full of people.

Is possible that you find a long line at the tickets offices, and/or make the ticket at the automatic ticket machines when your train is in departure is a stressant experience :-)

So... is sure better reserve the ticket on the Trenitalia webpage.



Second Option: FLIXBUS (Private busses line)

Recently the FLIXBUS enterprise offer a large "long distance bus service" that connect many european cities with the Dolomites area. Bolzano is a fulcrum destination for many lines.

All depend of your arrival time on the airport.... but sometime the offer of FlixBus can be good, easy and really cheap.

When you have your flights plan ready, check the FlixBus webpage:<https://www.flixbus.com/> to search a good combination with your arrival time in your airport. Consider it alway: a second option as the Train.

Don't hesitate to ask me more info and I wish you a good travel!