

Marcialonga...not just snow

[Marcialonga](#) was born in 1971, when four friends decided to take part in the famous Swedish cross-country competition "Vasaloppet". Upon returning to Italy, to their valleys in the region of Trentino, they wanted to start up a similar competition, as demanding, in a special environment full of significance and emotions which only snow and mountains can transmit. Despite the scepticism of many about cross-country skiing, 1022 brave souls crossed the finish line at the first Marcialonga, while the second edition entries sky rocketed to 4226!

Ever since, Marcialonga has refined more and more organization and professionalism, balancing tradition and the spectacular as well as the presence of professional skiers and cross-country lovers.

Thanks to the international experience of the organizing committee, in 2003 **[Marcialonga Running](#)** was born. The race was immediately recognised in the Italian national marathon calendar. In 2009 there were over 1500 participants.

Marcialonga does not stop here though! In 2007 the baptism of **[Marcialonga Cycling](#)**, attracted 1500 cyclists. This race can definitely gain recognition as one of the "Classic" races in the Italian Granfondo circuit.

Participants can combine their results for the three events to qualify for the "Combinata PUNTO3". This classification can be gained by either individuals or teams who complete the three races.

Marcialonga Cycling

The race starts and finishes in Predazzo, at the Ski-jumping Stadium which will host the Nordic Ski World Championships in 2013. The course runs through Fiemme valley and - passing through the old town of Cavalese – gets into Südtirol and its green landscape and then comes back in Trentino, crossing Lavazè Pass and Monti Pallidi. The course leads then to Fassa valley going through the village of Moena- the fairy of the Dolomites – climbing up to the San Pellegrino Pass. Across the province of Belluno, towards the Valles Pass, you get back to Predazzo through the Paneveggio Natural Park with the background of the beautiful Pale di San Martino mountains.

Climbs and descends mix up in the amazing view of the Dolomites, nature is everywhere you look, tradition and folklore play along with the cyclists and their efforts.

Fiemme and Fassa valleys mean high quality hospitality with 400 hotels, apartments and 10 camping sites for a grand total of 95000 beds.

Here all cyclists can find kindness, typical gastronomy, forefront wellness centres, a lot of sport and relaxing activities in nature that make these valleys the ideal destinations for an unforgettable holiday.

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