

11TH EDITION · 2027

ITALY DIVIDE

RULES & REGULATIONS

A bikepacking event across Italy
Bari · Naples · Rome → Riva del Garda

Experiences

Wild (Unsupported) · Dolce Vita (Supported)

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Introduction

After more than eleven years and thousands of participants riding across Italy from south to north, ITALY DIVIDE is evolving, with new routes designed for gravel lovers and just as enjoyable on a mountain bike. For 2027, its 11th edition, the event offers two ways to experience it: **Wild**, fully self-supported, and **Dolce Vita**, a supported journey in stages.

Jack – Event Director and Founder

PLEASE NOTE

Key Principles

- 1. It is not a race.** Italy Divide is a mass-participation event, not a competition. Participants are given a tested route with lower traffic density, to discover Italy by bike.
- 2. The Highway Code must be respected.** The event takes place on paved and gravel roads open to traffic, where the ordinary rules of the road for public highways apply. Other users and motor vehicles may be travelling on trails and gravel roads. No exceptions are allowed: everyone must ride their bicycle with care, in order to stay safe.
- 3. Participation is at your own risk.** Each participant takes part in the event at their own risk. Before registering, they must assess their own fitness, state of health and ability to manage everything required to take part in a recreational, non-competitive event. Registration entitles the participant to the route and to the services set out in these Regulations.

Art. 1 Organisation

- 1.1** ITALY DIVIDE is organised by Polisportiva LUMA ASD Srl, Via Emilia Santo Stefano 3, 42121 Reggio Emilia, Italy, VAT No. 03011550351 (hereinafter the “Organiser”).
- 1.2** Official contacts: italydivide@italydivide.it – www.italydivide.it. Emergency number: +39 392 373 6220 (calls only – do not leave messages).
- 1.3** ITALY DIVIDE is a community-driven bikepacking event: what brings participants together is the route, the journey and the finish in Riva del Garda.
- 1.4** These Regulations are the result of previous editions and of numerous reconnaissance trips across Italy, a country that changes greatly from south to north in weather, road surfaces, environment and food.

Art. 2 Experiences and Routes

2.1 ITALY DIVIDE 2027 offers two experiences:

- **Wild (Unsupported):** completely self-sufficient; start on the official date, ride on your own schedule, with no maximum finishing time.
- **Dolce Vita (Supported):** a 7-stage journey with Life Bases, luggage transfer and support. Also available as **Dolce Vita Plus**, with overnight accommodation booked by the Organiser.

2.2 All routes finish in Riva del Garda:

Route	Start	Approx. distance and elevation gain	Available experiences
XL	Bari	~1,600 km · 16,000 m	Wild
Classic	Naples (Pompeii)	~1,200 km · 11,000 m	Wild
Origins	Rome	~850 km · 7,500 m	Wild, Dolce Vita

2.3 Start dates:

- **25 May 2027** – XL Wild, Bari → Riva del Garda
- **27 May 2027** – Classic Wild, Naples → Riva del Garda
- **28 May 2027** – Origins Wild, Rome → Riva del Garda
- **28 May 2027** – Origins Dolce Vita, Rome → Riva del Garda

2.4 Summary of included services (full details in the individual experience sheets):

Service	Wild XL	Wild Classic	Wild Origins	Dolce Vita
GPS tracking and live Event Map	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Official confidential GPX track	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bike plate, official cap and goodies [TBD]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pre-start briefing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Luggage transfer (15 L bag) from the start to Riva del Garda	Included	Included	Included	Included
Life Bases with refreshments along the stages	No	No	No	Yes
Luggage transfer between stages	No	No	No	Yes
Mechanical support and recovery vehicle	No	No	No	Yes
Showers and toilets at the Life Bases	No	No	No	Yes
Dinner and breakfast at the Life Bases	No	No	No	Yes
Pre-booked overnight accommodation (6 nights)	No	No	No	Yes
Secure bike storage	No	No	No	Yes
Finish Area and finisher memento	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Official photos and videos	Available for purchase	Available for purchase	Available for purchase	Available for purchase

Anything not specified above is not included in the Wild and Dolce Vita experiences.

Art. 3 Reading and Signing the Regulations

- 3.1** Reading and signing these Regulations, including the sheet for your chosen experience, is mandatory to complete registration. Participants are strongly advised to read them carefully.
- 3.2** For any questions, please write to italydivide@italydivide.it before the start.

Art. 4 Eligibility Requirements

- 4.1** Registration is open to anyone aged 18 or over on the start date.
- 4.2** Each participant must provide:
- a medical certificate of fitness for competitive sport (Italian “certificato medico agonistico”), or an equivalent certificate for non-residents of Italy;
 - personal insurance cover as set out in Art. 15;
 - an emergency contact reachable for the entire duration of the event;
 - the signed Regulations and liability waiver.
- 4.3** For the Wild XL and Classic routes, the Organiser may request a record of previous bikepacking experience and may refuse registration in cases of clear unsuitability.

Art. 5 Registration, Fees and Cancellations

- 5.1** Registration is online via the ENDU platform (www.endu.net) from 20 October 2026 to 2 May 2027, or until places run out. The Organiser may, at its discretion, open additional portals dedicated to bikepacking and endurance sports events. The fees for each experience and route are shown in the respective sheets.
- 5.2** Your place is confirmed upon full payment. Fees increase in tiers on the dates shown on the registration platform.
- 5.3** Cancellation by the participant, notified in writing, allows the entry to be transferred to the following edition. This right is valid until 2 May 2027.
- 5.4** The entry may be transferred to another person until 2 May 2027, for a fee of €30. Changes of experience or route are allowed until 2 May 2027, subject to availability and payment of any price difference.
- 5.5** If the event is cancelled due to force majeure or by order of the authorities, no refund will be made to participants, unless the Organiser decides otherwise based on the reasons for and timing of the cancellation.

Art. 6 Route Confidentiality

- 6.1** The official route is the result of years of work and is created exclusively for registered participants.
- 6.2** Sharing it in any form is prohibited: Komoot, Strava, social networks, messaging groups or other websites.
- 6.3** Anyone breaching this rule will be excluded from the event, and the Organiser reserves the right to take legal action.

Art. 7 Bicycle and Mandatory Equipment

- 7.1** Any human-powered bicycle suitable for mixed terrain (gravel, MTB) is allowed. E-bikes: [not allowed / allowed under separate arrangements – TBD]. The bicycle must comply with the Highway Code and be in good condition.
- 7.2** Mandatory equipment for everyone, checked at the start and through random checks:

- GPS tracking device, always switched on (Art. 8), if supplied by the Organiser;
- official plate fixed to the handlebars;
- approved helmet, worn at all times, together with the official ITALY DIVIDE cap;
- front and rear lights;
- emergency foil blanket or bivvy bag;
- waterproof jacket in Gore-Tex or similar material;
- high-visibility jacket or vest for riding at night and in tunnels;
- charged smartphone, with the emergency number saved;
- repair kit and basic first-aid kit.

7.3 The Wild and Dolce Vita sheets may require additional mandatory equipment. Anyone without it will not be allowed to start.

Art. 8 GPS Tracking

- 8.1** The Organiser may require every participant to carry an official GPS tracker, or may adopt other tracking systems. The system adopted will be communicated to participants at least 14 days before the event.
- 8.2** The tracking device must be kept **switched on at all times**, from the start until the finish or withdrawal. Each participant's position is visible live on the Event Map at www.italydivide.it.
- 8.3** In the event of problems (battery, malfunction, loss), the participant must immediately phone the Organiser and explain what happened. Failure to do so will result in exclusion from the event.
- 8.4** If supplied by the Organiser, the tracker must be returned at the finish, upon withdrawal, or by post within [7] days. A penalty fee of €150 applies if the tracker is not returned or is damaged.

Art. 9 Highway Code and Safety

- 9.1** The event takes place on paved roads, gravel roads and trails open to traffic, with no road closures or marshals. The Italian Highway Code (Codice della Strada) applies: the ordinary rules of the road for public highways must be respected. Other users and motor vehicles may be travelling on trails and gravel roads.
- 9.2** No exceptions are allowed to the safe handling of your bicycle: every participant must ride carefully in order to stay safe.
- 9.3** The Organiser may modify or neutralise sections due to weather, landslides, fires, local ordinances or other safety reasons, announcing this via [official channel].
- 9.4** Anyone who comes across a participant in difficulty must assist them and call 112 if necessary. Time spent providing assistance will have no consequences for the person providing it.

Art. 10 Dolce Vita Life Bases

10.1 In the Dolce Vita experience, the Life Bases operate on the following schedule:

Service	Time
Breakfast	6:30 – 8:00
Departure from the Life Base	7:30 – 9:00
Arrival at the Life Base	from 17:00 to 22:00
Dinner	from 19:00 to 21:00

Service	Time
Latest arrival time at the Life Base	by 22:00

- 10.2** Participants in difficulty whose arrival at the Life Base is expected after 22:00 will be picked up by 21:00 with an Organiser vehicle, after contact by phone. This service is subject to a fee of €100 per pick-up.
- 10.3** Participants enter the Life Bases with their own bicycle and with respect for the other participants already at the Life Base.
- 10.5** Any partner deals and extra services are published separately on the website and do not form part of these Regulations.

Art. 11 Withdrawal

- 11.1** Anyone unable to continue must inform the Organiser as soon as possible by email to italydivide@italydivide.it, stating their full name, plate number and reason for withdrawal.
- 11.2** If writing is not possible, call +39 392 373 6220 (calls only – do not leave messages).
- 11.3** Participants who withdraw must arrange and pay for their own return, except for the pick-up service provided in Dolce Vita. Everyone is still welcome at the finish party, however they get there.
- 11.4** Anyone who abandons without notice and cannot be reached will trigger the emergency procedure, with any resulting costs potentially charged to them.

Art. 12 Environment and Local Area

- 12.1** The “Leave No Trace” principle applies: all waste must be carried until a suitable bin is found.
- 12.2** Lighting fires, camping where not permitted and leaving the trails in protected areas are prohibited. Hikers and grazing animals always have right of way; residents and private property must be respected.

Art. 13 Sanctions

13.1 The following sanctions apply in the event of a breach of these Regulations:

Breach	Sanction
Missing mandatory equipment	Start refused until the issue is resolved
Tracking device switched off without informing the Organiser	Exclusion from the event
Sharing the route	Exclusion and possible legal action
Cutting the route or taking shortcuts	Official finish not recognised
Failure to respect the Highway Code or dangerous behaviour	Exclusion from the event and possible ban from future editions
Littering	Exclusion from the event

13.2 Sanctions specific to each experience are set out in the respective sheets. Decisions are made by the Event Management.

Art. 14 Media Coverage and Updates

14.1 Professional videographers and photographers follow the event along the entire route.

14.2 The public can follow the event via:

- the **Event Map** at www.italydivide.it, showing each participant's live position;
- daily videos and photos on the official Instagram and Facebook channels.

14.3 Official hashtag: **#Italydivide**.

Art. 15 Insurance and Liability

15.1 The Organiser has taken out a third-party liability insurance policy for the event.

15.2 Each participant must have their own third-party liability and personal accident insurance, valid in Italy for cycling. Cover for medical expenses, rescue and repatriation is recommended.

15.3 The participant declares that they are in good health, adequately trained and aware of the risks of a long bicycle journey on roads open to traffic. To the extent permitted by law, the Organiser is not liable for damage, theft or loss, except in cases of wilful misconduct or gross negligence.

Art. 16 Privacy and Image Rights

16.1 The Data Controller is the Organiser, Giacomo Bianchi (italydivide@italydivide.it). Data are processed in accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR) and the ITALY DIVIDE privacy notice, in order to manage registration, safety and tracking.

16.2 Given the public, community nature of the event, participants are photographed and filmed along the entire route, both riding and posing, to tell the story of the event and document it. Each participant may purchase photos and videos in which they appear.

16.3 The Organiser may use images posted on social media by participants, crediting the source.

16.4 Consent to data processing and to being photographed and filmed is mandatory to complete registration and therefore to take part.

Art. 17 Amendments, Complaints and Jurisdiction

- 17.1** The Organiser may update these Regulations for organisational or safety reasons. The version published on www.italydivide.it shall prevail; participants will be notified of changes by email.
- 17.2** Complaints must be submitted in writing to italydivide@italydivide.it within 48 hours of finishing or withdrawing. The decision of the Event Management is final.
- 17.3** These Regulations are governed by Italian law. Place of jurisdiction: [city], without prejudice to mandatory consumer rights.

Participant's Signature

By signing, the participant declares that they have read and accepted without reservation the general Regulations, the sheet for their chosen experience and the privacy notice, and authorises photography and filming.

Chosen experience and route

Full name

Date

Signature