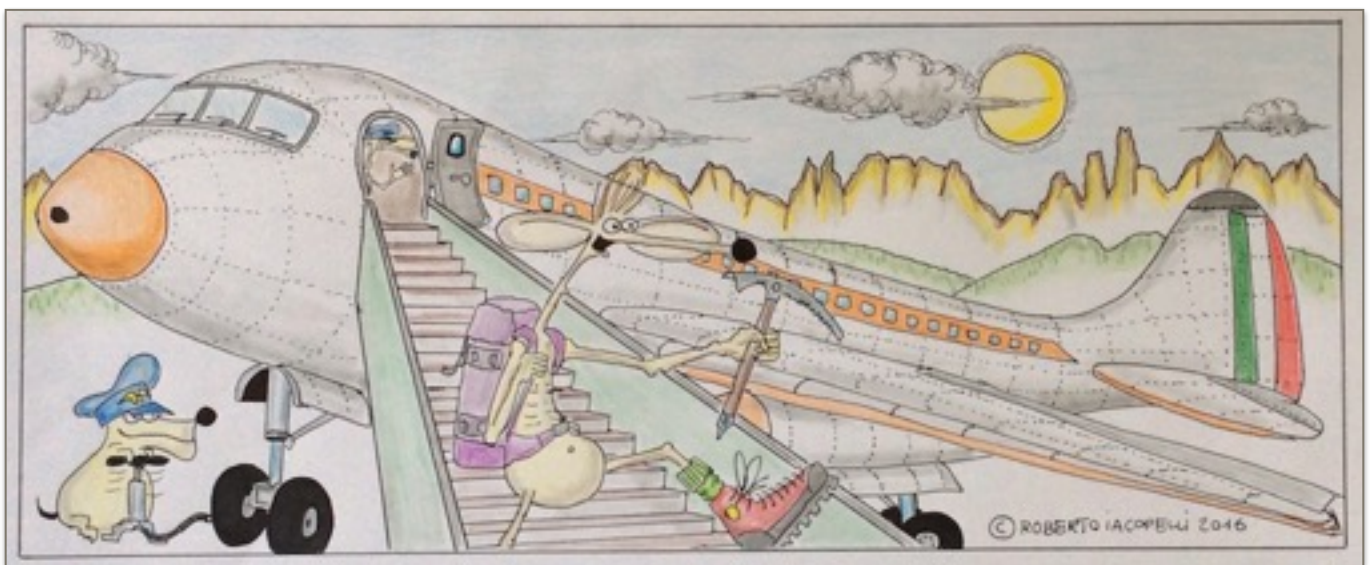




Flights strategies
Let me start with strategies for flying to Italy and getting to the Dolomites, a very important part of your trip!



AIRPORTS NEAR THE DOLOMITES

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Choose the right strategy of flights is the first important aspect of your travel. Don't hesitate to ask me other information per email.

"A" The Bolzano airport – ABD

The most direct way to get to the Dolomites is to fly to Rome and then catch an internal flight to Bolzano. However, this can be quite expensive. Be sure to check the flight timetables to see if it is possible to connect your international flight to an internal flight. If you are arriving in a private plane or on a chartered flight, the Bolzano airport is the best place to land.

The ABD home page has information for reserving a landing date/time.

"B" The Innsbruck airport is a good alternative

It has some special connecting flights to/from the Frankfurt airport (Lufthansa) and to/from London. For example, EasyJet often has attractive low-cost flights (London – Innsbruck). There is an urban shuttle bus every 20 min. (airport– railway station) <http://www.innsbruck-airport.com/en/train-bus/>

Trains run frequently from Innsbruck to Bolzano (2 hour average travel time).

See the Austrian railway timetable: <http://www.oebb.at/en/>

“C” The Verona airport – Valerio Catullo

The Verona – Valerio Catullo Airport and the sub-airport of Brescia

Montichiari (same website, 2 different tabs) often have attractive low-cost flight connections with many European cities. The Verona airport is a new version of the traditional Bergamo low-cost-flight airport, and has a revised and expanded flight schedule now.

From Verona to Bolzano there are many direct trains (1,15 to 2 h).

See the Italian railway timetable: <http://www.trenitalia.com/>

“D” The Venezia airport – Marco Polo

This is the best airport to use if you'd like to visit Venice before or after our programs.

ATTENTION: Venice is “a classic tourist trap” with crazy expensive prices for lodgings, etc. Email us ahead of time for some logistic information before your Venice visit.

The Venice – Marco Polo airport can be a bewildering confusion of international tourists (often an authentic Japanese invasion!), but it is easy to take the bus to the railway station.

The train to Bolzano takes about 3,5 hours.

See the Italian railway timetable: <http://www.trenitalia.com/>

The Venice airport is a bad destination only in high season (Christmas, Easter, and August).

“E” The Bergamo airport – Orio al Serio

This is the traditional northern Italy low-cost-flights airport. The London-Bergamo flights are a must for all UK clients (and Canadians and USA transit passengers). The offerings by Ryanair are many.

See the Italian railway timetable: <http://www.trenitalia.com/>

The train to Bolzano (departing at the Milan railway station) takes about 4-5 hours.

“F” The Milano international airports – Linate or Malpensa

The two Milano international airports are among the biggest Italian airports, and have many long-distance flight destinations. US airways, Delta, Continental and many of the other major airlines have Milano as a destination. Businessmen usually fly to Milano when coming to Italy on business trips.

It takes about 4 or 5 h by train to get to Bolzano from Milano.

See the Italian railway timetable: <http://www.trenitalia.com/>

Personally, I don't recommend Milano, but sometimes it has the best value flights or those with the best connections.

