



Rifugio Auronzo Toll Road: Everything You Need to Know

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Rifugio Auronzo (Auronzo Hütte) is a high-alpine mountain hut situated beneath the towering Tre Cime di Lavaredo/Drei Zinnen in the **Sesto/Sexten Dolomites** in Northern Italy.

In summer and early fall, you can drive all the way up to Rifugio Auronzo via a **paved toll road**, which connects **Lake Misurina** to the south side of Tre Cime di Lavaredo (Three Peaks).

This Rifugio Auronzo toll road has a few names: Tre Cime di Lavaredo toll road, Three Peaks toll road, and Misurina – Auronzo toll road.

The toll gate is located just north of **Lago d'Antorno (Lake Antorno)**, a small alpine lake 1.9 km north of Lake Misurina. From the toll gate, it's a 5-km drive to Rifugio Auronzo.

Given its accessibility, Rifugio Auronzo (2320 m) is a popular starting point for many high-elevation hikes and via ferrata climbs in the region.

From the Auronzo hut, you can hike the **Tre Cime di Lavaredo Circuit Trail**, walk to the **Cadini di Misurina Viewpoint**, and embark on the strenuous **Sentiero Bonacossa Trail**.

If you're planning a hiking trip to the **Dolomites**, it's likely that you'll find yourself on the toll road to the Three Peaks. Here's what you need to know.

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Times: Late May/Early June –
Late October/Early November,
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(2024: TBD)

- **Toll Road Operating Times:**

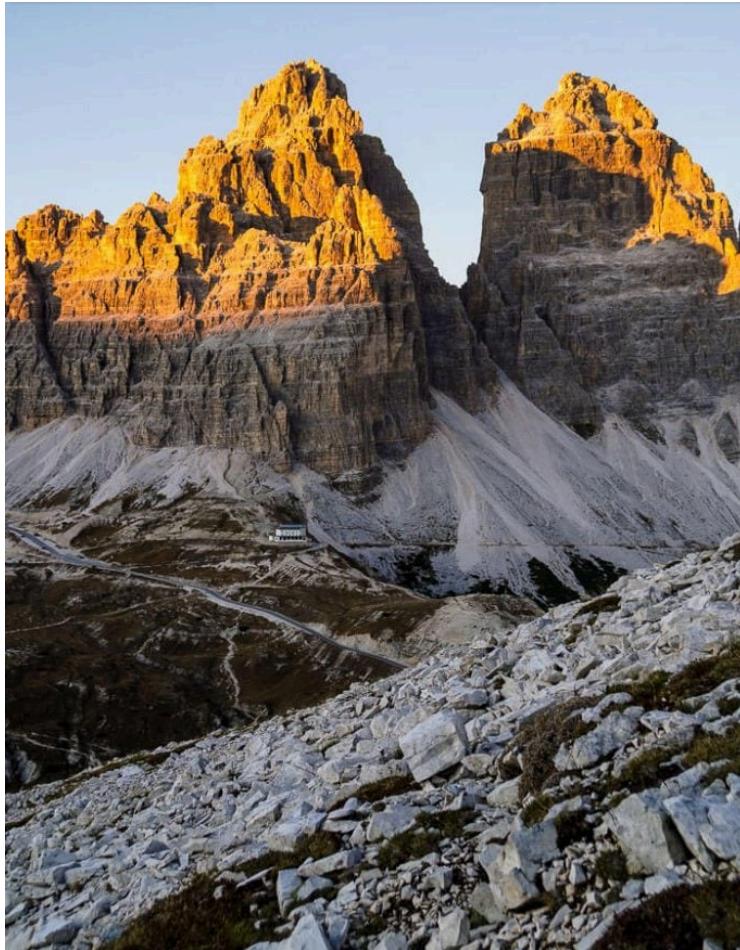
The operating times change throughout the season. In high season, the gate is open 24 hours. In Fall, the gate may only be open during the day (if there's a risk of snow/ice).

Email

iat@comune.auronzo.bl.it for current times.

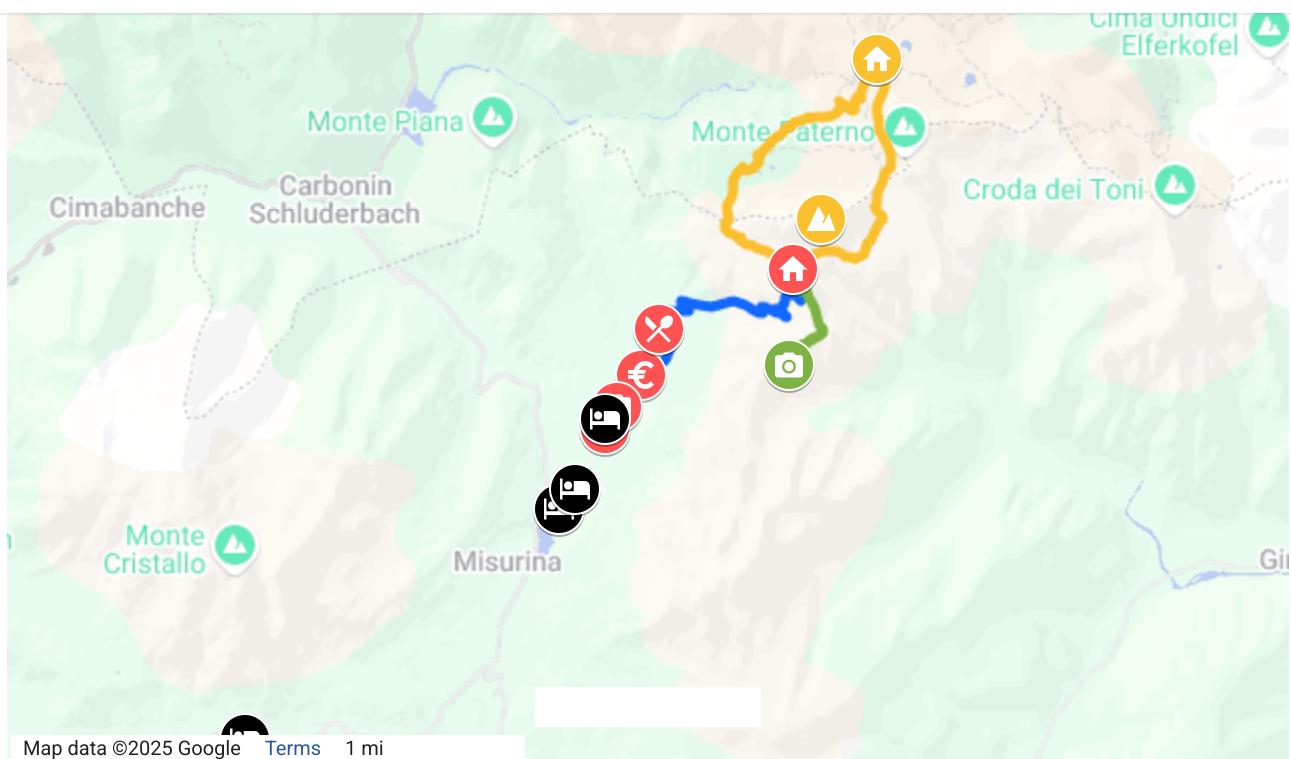
- **Best Time to Drive:** We recommend driving the toll road as early as possible (8 am latest). In high season, the Rifugio Auronzo parking lot reaches full capacity by late morning/early afternoon.

- **Payment:** Cash or Credit Card

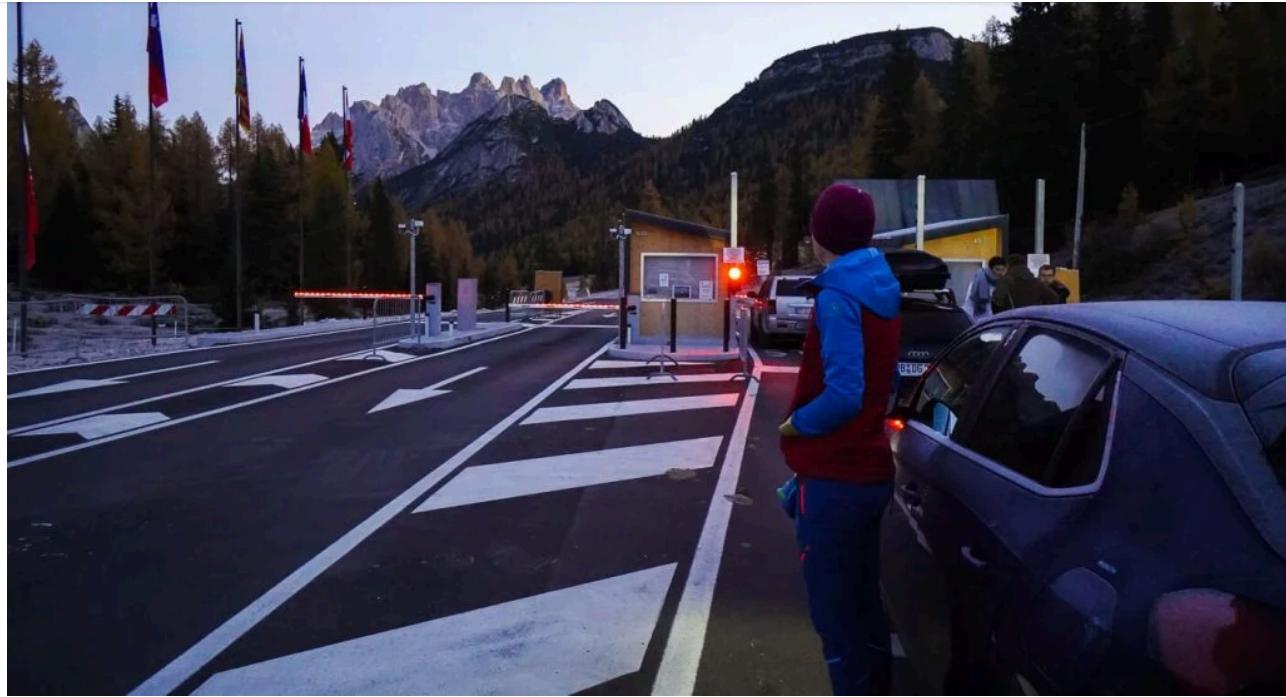


- **Public Toilets:** There are public toilets outside Rifugio Auronzo.
- **Transit:** Between mid-June and early October, you can take a bus to Rifugio Auronzo from Cortina d'Ampezzo (Bus 30/31), Dobbiaco/Toblach (Bus 444), and Lake Misurina (Bus 31).
- **Where to Eat:** [Malga Rin Bianco Ristorante](#) or [Rifugio Auronzo](#)
- **Sexten Dolomites Trail Map:** [Tabacco 010: Sextener Dolomiten/Dolomiti di Sesto 1:25.000](#)

Rifugio Auronzo – Tre Cime di Lavaredo Toll Road Map



When is the Rifugio Auronzo Toll Road Open



Auronzo Toll Road Gate

The toll road to Rifugio Auronzo is open seasonally. It's typically open from the **end of May, or early June until the end of October, or early November.**

In Summer 2023, the toll road was officially open starting on **May 27, 2023** (2024: TBD).

These dates shift each year depending on snow and ice conditions. For example, in June 2021, the toll road didn't open until June 30th because of the heavy amount of snowfall. In June 2022, the toll road opened up much earlier: June 1, 2022.

If there are bad weather conditions, or risk of snow and/or ice, the Auronzo toll road will be closed.

If you're not sure whether the Tre Cime di Lavaredo toll road is open, you can contact the Auronzo tourist office – iat@comune.auronzo.bl.it – for up-



page. Also, this [Auronzo Toll Road page](#) tends to be regularly updated.

Auronzo Toll Road Operating Times



Late October Operating Times

In the high summer season, the Rifugio Auronzo toll road is open **24 hours**.

However, the operating times change throughout the season.

In Autumn, the toll road is only open **during the day**. Access is restricted for safety reasons as low temperatures increase the possibility of ice on the



pm.

Rifugio Auronzo – Tre Cime di Lavaredo Toll Road Pricing

Cars: 30 EUR

Motorcycles: 20 EUR

Campervans and Vehicles longer than 2.10 m: 45 EUR

Bus (30 people or less): 60 EUR

Bus (more than 30 people): 120 EUR

The toll ticket is only valid on the day of purchase until midnight (24:00), regardless of entry time. The daily price is added for each subsequent day.

Rifugio Auronzo Toll Road Payment Options



Rifugio Auronzo Toll Road

You can pay either in cash, or by credit card.

After paying the toll, don't forget to collect your ticket, which is dispensed from the machine.

During high season, the staff responsible for collecting the parking fee is present at the toll booth from 6 am until 8 pm.

If you pass through the gate outside of those times, you can pick up your ticket (by pressing a clearly visible button) and pay the fare upon return.

During low season (Fall), the staff is present at the toll booth during the scheduled operating times. They'll post the current times at the gate.

For safety reasons, you won't be able to pass through the gate before the official operating time.



Toll Gate

Car

The easiest way to get to Rifugio Auronzo is by driving your own vehicle. We recommend using the [Discovercars.com](#) car rental reservation platform to search for and book car rentals.

After passing through the toll gate, it's a 5-km (10-minute) drive to Rifugio Auronzo.

There is a large parking lot next to the Auronzo hut with a 700-vehicle capacity. There's no additional parking fee.



If you're planning on driving to Rifugio Auronzo anytime between mid-June and mid-September, we recommend getting an extra-early start (8 am latest) to beat the crowds. Drive up for sunrise, and you'll never forget it.

Here are the approximate driving times from nearby destinations:

Lake Misurina to Rifugio Auronzo | 7.5 km, 20 minutes

Cortina d'Ampezzo to Rifugio Auronzo | 22.4 km, 40 minutes

Dobbiaco/Toblach to Rifugio Auronzo | 27.2 km, 40-50 minutes

Bus

Lake Misurina to Rifugio Auronzo

DolomitiBus line 31 connects Lake Misurina (bus stop: Misurina Genzianella) with Rifugio Auronzo.

This bus ride takes 20 minutes and runs about 20 times per day during high season: mid June to early September.

During shoulder season, early September to early October, this bus runs only 11 times per day.



Dobbiaco/Toblach to Rifugio Auronzo

Bus 444 connects the town of Dobbiaco/Toblach in **Alta Pusteria/HochPustertal** to Rifugio Auronzo. It usually runs between mid June and early October.

There are 14 connections per day in high season (July 10 – September 10), starting at 7:45 am from Dobbiaco/Toblach. The last return bus from Rifugio Auronzo leaves at 5:45 pm.

The bus ride between Dobbiaco/Toblach and Rifugio Auronzo takes about **50 minutes** and costs **16 EUR/person round trip**.

Check timetables here.

If you're visiting between **July 10th and September 10th**, Bus 444 needs to be **booked and paid online in advance** on the tre-cime.bz/ticket website. Unsold tickets can be purchased at the Toblach bus and train station.

Outside high season (before July 10th, after September 10th), tickets are only available from the Toblach bus and train station, or on the shuttle bus (not online).

Cortina d'Ampezzo to Rifugio Auronzo



This bus ride takes 1 hour and costs 9.50 EUR one-way.

During high season, mid June – mid September, DolomitiBus 30/31 leaves 4 times per day.

Another option is to take **Bus 445** (direction: Dobbiaco, Autostazione) from Cortina d'Ampezzo to **Dürrensee/Lago di Landro**. From here, take **Bus 444** to get to Rifugio Auronzo. This transit journey takes 1:30 hours. Use the [südtirolmobil journey planner](#) to find the best connection.

In high season, you will need to [purchase your bus ticket for bus 444](#) in advance.

- Bus 445: 3 EUR one-way
- Bus 444: 5.50 EUR one-way

Related: [Cortina d'Ampezzo Travel Guide](#)

Foot



Trail 101

Lake Antorno to Rifugio Auronzo

Another way to approach Rifugio Auronzo is by foot.

Just before the toll station, **trail 101** branches off to the right and leads all the way to Rifugio Auronzo. This hike takes **1:30-1:45 hours one-way**.

You can park your car at the free parking lot next to **Albergo Chalet Lago Antorno**, across from Lake Antorno. There are also a few parking spots directly at the toll gate.



If you're interested in approaching Rifugio Auronzo on a multi-day hiking tour from Val Fiscalina/Fischleintal in South Tyrol, check out our [3-Day Tre Cime di Lavaredo Trek](#).

Where to Stay near the Rifugio Auronzo Toll Road

Lago Antorno

If you want to deeply explore the southern Sesto/Sexten Dolomites, we recommend staying near Lake Antorno or Lake Misurina. From Lago d'Antorno, it's a mere 10 minute drive to Rifugio Auronzo.

Midrange | Albergo Chalet Lago Antorno is situated along the Tre Cime di Lavaredo panoramic road, directly across from Lake Antorno. With its unbeatable location, you can embark on a variety of hikes directly from the hotel's doorstep: Rifugio Fonda Savio, Rifugio Auronzo, Monte Piana. As a guest, you'll love the views of the Cadini di Misurina peaks, the cozy rooms, and the on-site à la carte restaurant. Breakfast is included.

[Look for accommodation near Lake Misurina.](#)



Camina Suite & Spa

Ringed by the Ampezzo Dolomites, **Cortina d'Ampezzo** boasts a central and stunning location in the Ampezzo Valley in Veneto. You can stay here for a few days or for several weeks and never run out of things to see and do.

Budget | Hotel Meuble Oasi is a guesthouse set in the town center of Cortina d'Ampezzo, walking distance to the pedestrian zone and bus station. Book this 2-star hotel for the unbeatable price, location, spotless rooms, and on-site parking.

Midrange | Baita Fraina is a charming B&B with six rooms with balconies, 3km from Cortina's town center (5 minute drive). This guesthouse is also home to a Michelin recommended à la carte restaurant, which serves regional cuisine. Stay here for the mountain views, the affordability, and the food.



parking.

Midrange | Ambra Cortina Luxury&Fashion Hotel is a lovely boutique hotel with 24 thematic rooms and a bar in the very center of Cortina. Guests are treated to free on-site parking and an excellent breakfast.

Top Choice – Luxury | Camina Suite & Spa is a 4-star boutique hotel, 1 km north of Cortina' town center. This intimate hotel with 12 rooms offers alpine-style suites with comfy beds and ample closet space. Rooms are equipped with nespresso machines, air-conditioning, and soundproofing. We loved the high-quality breakfast and complimentary spa (3 saunas, relaxation zone, and showers). Read our [Camina Suite & Spa hotel review](#).

Top Choice – Luxury | HOTEL de LËN is a fresh-faced luxury hotel in Cortina d'Ampezzo's town center. Interiors blend natural and sustainable materials with fine furnishings to create a relaxing, yet refined atmosphere. The hotel restaurant showcases local Ampezzo flavors in unique and exciting ways. We loved the charming, enthusiastic staff, the rooftop spa (1 complimentary hour), and communal areas (living room, cocktail bar, and restaurant). Breakfast is included in the room rate. Parking is off-site and an extra charge. Read our [Hotel de Len review](#).

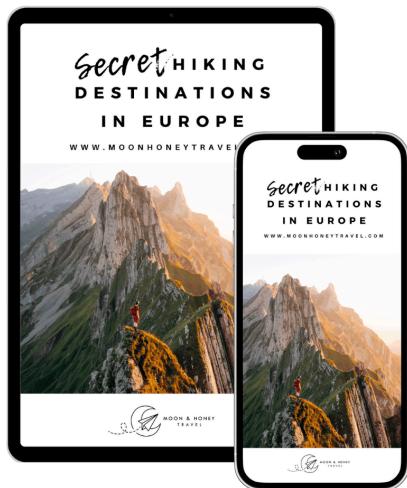
Luxury | Grand Hotel Savoia Cortina d'Ampezzo, A Radisson Collection Hotel is a top-rated, 5-star hotel in the center of Cortina d'Ampezzo. Although housed in a historic building, the entire interior has been renovated. Rooms are delightfully modern. Stay here for the superb on-site restaurant, impeccable staff and concierge, top-notch facilities (spa, indoor pool, bar, and lobby area).



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When to Hike in the Dolomites

The best time to hike in the Dolomites is between **mid-June and mid-September**. If the weather is stable, the hiking season can extend until late October.

- [Best Time to Visit the Dolomites](#)
- [Dolomites in September](#)
- [Dolomites in October](#)
- [May in the Dolomites](#)

How to Get to the Dolomites

Read [How to Get to the Dolomites](#) to find out how to travel to the Dolomites from the closest airports, train stations, and bus terminals.

If you're traveling without a car, also check out [How to Visit the Dolomites without a Car](#).



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Tip: If you can only drive automatic transmission cars, as opposed to manual transmission cars (stick shift), book your car rental as early as possible.

[**Check car rental rates here.**](#)

Best Places to Stay

Figuring out where to stay in the Dolomites is probably the biggest hurdle to planning a trip to the Dolomites. We've created three guides to help you decide where to stay:

- [**Where to Stay in the Dolomites in Summer**](#): best villages and towns in South Tyrol, Trentino and Belluno



huts, wellness hotels, aparthotels

- **Best Val Gardena Hotels:** best accommodations in [Ortisei](#), Santa Cristina, and Selva di Val Gardena

We suggest choosing 2-4 bases for your Dolomites trip and spending 2-4 nights in each base.

- Base 1: [Val Gardena](#)
- Base 2: [Val di Funes](#)
- Base 3: [Alta Badia](#)
- Base 4: [Cortina d'Ampezzo](#)
- Base 5: [Alta Pusteria](#)
- Base 6: [San Martino di Castrozza](#)

What to See & Do

During your trip to the Dolomites, you can go via ferrata climbing, culinary hiking, [hut to hut hiking](#), cycling, paragliding, and so much more. We've highlighted our favorite experiences in [Best Things to Do in the Dolomites](#).

Wherever you decide to stay, you'll be surrounded by glorious mountain scenery and incredible natural landmarks.

In [Best Places to Visit in the Dolomites](#), we've outlined the most iconic attractions as well as lesser-known destinations across the



Dolomites Packing List

Hiking Gear

- **Day Pack:** [Osprey Tempest 30 Women's Backpack](#) / [Osprey Talon 33 Men's Backpack](#)
- **Grade B/C high-cut hiking boots:** [Meindl Schuhe Island Lady](#) (Kati's Boots), [Women's Hanwag Tatra II GTX](#) (Sabrina's Boots), [Men's Hanwag Tatra II GTX](#) (men's equivalent)
- **CAT 4 Sunglasses:** [Julbo Shield Mountain Sunglasses](#)
- **Hiking Poles:** [Black Diamond Trail Trekking Poles](#)
- **Reusable Water Bottle:** [Ion Leakproof 32 oz Water Bottle](#)

Outdoor Photography Gear

- **Camera Body:** [Sony Alpha a6400](#)
- **Mid-range Zoom Lens:** [Tamron 17-70mm 2.8 Di III-A VC RXD](#)
- **Wide angle Zoom Lens:** [Sony – E 10-18mm F4 OSS Wide-angle Zoom Lens](#)
- **Backpack Camera Clip:** [Peak Design Camera Clip](#)

Dolomites Hiking Guides



trekking, take a look at our guide to [Hut to Hut Hiking in the Dolomites](#) and [Alta Via 1](#).

For region-specific hiking trails, check out:

- [Best Hikes in Val Gardena](#)
- [Best Hikes in Cortina d'Ampezzo](#)
- [Best Hikes in Alta Badia](#)
- [Sexten Dolomites Hiking Guide](#)
- [Puez-Odle Nature Park](#)

Recommended Hiking Guidebook: [Cicerone Guide: Shorter Walks in the Dolomites](#)

More Hikes around Cortina d'Ampezzo

Ampezzo Dolomites:

- [Cortina d'Ampezzo Hiking Guide](#)
- [Croda da Lago Circuit](#)
- [Tofana di Roses Circuit](#)
- [Passo Giau to Mondeval](#)
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- [Lago delle Baste](#)
- [Rifugio Nuvolau and Cinque Torri](#)



- **Sentiero Bonacossa North Circuit Trail**
- **Torre dei Scarperi Circuit Trail**
- **Val Fiscalina**

Braies / Prags Dolomites:

- **Monte Specie**
- **Gaisl High Trail**
- **Hochalpenkopf**

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to the Auronzo tourist office. They reply to email very quickly.

All the best,

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