





# TOUR ITINERARY



Europe / France / Burgundy

# **Burgundy Bike Tour**

Côte-d'Or Along the Route des Grands Crus

# TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Taste sparkling Crémant, Chardonnay, and Pinot Noir with local winemakers
- Visit the Hospices de Beaune, a UNESCO-listed example of Burgundian architecture and home of the world's most famous wine auction
- Cycle la Route des Grands Crus, lined with the most esteemed vineyards of the region
- Spoil your palate with a Michelin-starred meal at Relais Bernard Loiseau









# ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

# **Arrival Details**

- **Airport City**:
- Paris, France
- **Pick-Up Location**:
  - Beaune Train Station
- Pick-Up Time:

11:00 am

# **Departure Details**

- **Airport City**: Paris, France
- **Drop-Off Location:** Dijon Train Station
- **Drop-Off Time:**

12:00 pm

NOTE: DuVine provides group transfers to and from the tour from the pick-up and drop-off locations stated on the itinerary. In the event your train, flight, or other travel falls outside the arrival or departure times or locations, you may be responsible for extra costs incurred in arranging a separate transfer.

# **Emergency Assistance**

For urgent assistance on your way to tour or while on tour, please always contact your guides first. You may also contact the Boston office during business hours at +1 617 776 4441 or emergency@duvine.com





# Tour By Day



# Bienvenue en Burgundy

Your guides will greet you at the train station in Beaune where the adventure begins. Nestled inside massive 14th-century ramparts, this medieval town is the wine capital of Burgundy, and our first lunch of the week is right in Beaune's lively town square. Have your first taste of classic brasserie-style Burgundian dishes and crisp Chardonnays from the wine villages that surround us. Our first scenic spin through the Côte de Beaune takes us through classic Burgundian villages like Pommard, Nantoux, and Savigny-lès-Beaune. Tonight, your guides will stroll with you to the home of our friend, chef Adeline, for an intimate evening of food and wine.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Pommard, Volnay, Nantoux, Savigny-lès-Beaune, Beaune **Accomplished:** 20 miles / 32 km, elevation gain: 1,417 feet / 435

meters Accommodations: L'Hotel De Beaune



# Explore the Hautes-Côtes and Côte de Beaune

Fuel up with a lovely breakfast at the hotel in Beaune before cycling through the picturesque villages of the French countryside. Pedal through the charming hamlet of Orches and admire the Château de La Rochepot. Once in Nolay, take a quiet bike path to Santenay, the most southerly wine-producing village of the Côte de Beaune. Here we will stop and taste Premier Crus in the 15th century vaulted cellar of a biodynamic wine estate. From there we will ride to our lunch spot where your guides will invite you to include in a gourmet picnic. An afternoon spin through iconic wine towns including Chassagne-Montrachet, Puligny-Montrachet, and Meursault will lead us back to Beaune. Back in town, reunite again in the late afternoon for an optional visit of the famous Hospice de Beaune and then have a glass of chardonnay and your own dinner in town.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch

Destinations: Beaune, Saint-Romain, Orches, La Rochepot, Saint-Aubin, Santenay, Chassagne-

Montrachet, Puligny-Montrachet, Meursault, Volnay, Pommard

Accomplished: 33 miles / 54 km, elevation gain: 2,277 feet / 694 meters

**Accommodations: L'Hotel De Beaune** 



# Canal de Borgogne

After a generous *petit dejeuner* within the old stone walls of our hotel, we start riding to Savigny-lès-Beaune for a special *rancontre* and of course a wine tasting with the best Crémant producer in Burgundy, Parigot et Richard. We will get back on our saddles and head further into the hills of the Hautes-Côtes de Beaune to reach the famous Canal de Bourgogne. The grand finale is a one-mile climb up to the perched medieval village of Châteauneuf. Celebrate your success with a fashionably late lunch at our favorite auberge and discover the town's 15th-century fortress with a panoramic view of the canal and valley below. Upon wrapping up there, we will descend to our boutique hotel Abbaye de la Bussiere where we unpack for two nights. Tonight, shuttle to a nearby auberge for a local Burgundian affaire.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Chambolle-Musigny, Curley, Reulle-Vergy, L'Étang Vergy, Messanges, Chevannes,

Bruant, Bécoup, Pont d'Ouche, Châteauneuf, La Bussière-sur-Ouch **Accomplished:** 27 miles / 44 km, elevation gain: 2,359 feet / 719 meters

Accommodations: Abbaye de la Bussière



# La Route de Grands Crus in the Côte d'Or

After breakfast at the hotel, we start the day cycling from the Canal de Bourgogne up to the forest of the Hautes-Côtes de Nuits, then descend into the realm of the most famous vineyards in the world. Our ride along the Route des Grands Crus will reveal the prestigious origins of some of history's most iconic wines. Stop in Gevrey-Chambertin to taste powerful reds, known to be Napoleon's favorites. Lunch will be a magical affair prepared by our friend and winemaker Christine Drouhin, paired with her own sophisticated wines. After lunch, we continue to follow the Route des Grands Crus through prestigious wine villages and estates like Chambolle-Musigny, Échezeaux, and Romanée-Conti. In Clos de Vougeot, visit one of the vineyards where Burgundy wine began, then finish the ride in Nuits-Saint-George, birthplace of Chevaliers du Tastevin—an exclusive group of Burgundy wine connoisseurs. Ride the rest of the way to the hotel, or opt for a lift back in the van. This evening, we'll visit nearby Château Sainte Sabine for a château-inspired dining experience.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Gevrey-Chambertin, Chambolle-Musigny, Morey-Saint-Denis, Vosne-Romanée,

Nuits-Saint-George, La Bussière-sur-Ouche

**Accomplished:** 31 miles / 50 km, elevation gain: 2,313 feet / 705 meters **Longer Option:** 49 miles / 79 km, elevation gain: 4,229 feet / 1,289 meters

Accommodations: Abbaye de la Bussière

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# Morvan Regional Park and Bernard Loiseau

Indulge on an energizing breakfast in the garden before we set off for an exploratory ride in the heart of Morvan. Discover a wide range of landscape amidst forests, meadows that are bordered by hedges as well as few steep slopes. Stop for lunch at the medieval town of Mont Saint Jean and explore the small history gem before we hop on our bikes again and finish the ride and treat ourselves to the hotel's spa. We celebrate our final day in Burgundy with an unforgettable Michelin-starred meal. *Bon appétit!* 

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Châteauneuf, Mont Saint Jean, Thoisy-La-Berchére, Saulieu **Accomplished:** 33 miles / 54 km, elevation gain: 3,051 feet / 930 meters

**Accommodations: Relais Bernard Loiseau** 



Say goodbye to Burgundy however you see fit. Take advantage of our last few luxurious hours on hotel grounds or go for a final spin around the lakes of Morvan's protected nature park. Your guides will see you off at the Dijon train station.

**Meals:** Breakfast

Destinations: Commarin, Échannay, Saint-Victor-sur-Ouche, La Bussière-sur-Ouche, Dijon

Accomplished: 18 miles / 29 km, elevation gain: 1,489 feet / 454 meters



## YOUR TOUR DETAILS

# **Preparing for Your Tour**

#### **Travel Services**

DuVine can assist with the following reservations for up to three days before and after your tour.

- Pre and post-trip hotels in all major cities, in addition to the first and last on-tour hotels
- Private transfers

DuVine's travel advisor partners are happy to assist with flight reservations. If you are not already working with an agent, please request a referral from your Tour Coordinator.

#### **Travel Protection**

DuVine offers a **Travel Protection Plan** to help protect your travel investment, your belongings, and most importantly, you. The offered Travel Protection Plan is non-refundable, but it is strongly recommended in the unfortunate event that you have to cancel or leave your trip.

NOTE: Plan benefits, limits, and provisions may vary by state or jurisdiction. In order to receive full benefits, Travel Protection must be purchased within 21 days of initial tour deposit. This plan is available to citizens of the U.S. and Canada only.

#### Gratuity

Gratuities are much appreciated to thank DuVine guides for exceptional service, support, and expertise. The industry standard is for each guest to tip 10-15% (U.S. tours and Cycle + Sail tours) or 7.5-10% (all other tours) of their trip price. The recommended per-traveler amount is an appropriate gratuity for your guide team as a whole. (It is not necessary to tip this amount *per* guide.) Tips are customary at the end of your tour, and local currency is always preferred. We recommend bringing extra cash or visiting the ATM at the beginning of your trip. For alternate methods of tipping (including Venmo, PayPal, and TransferWise), **please see our FAQs**.







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#### **Bikes**

DuVine's top-of-the-line bikes are tuned to perfection and fit specifically to you. Our performance bikes from premier manufacturers feature light frames, smooth-rolling tires, comfortable seats, and wide gear ranges for the best ride possible. Please see our website for the exact bike models offered on tour. Additionally, e-bikes are available on most DuVine tours. Electric assist provides an extra boost to your own pedal power, so you can ride longer distances, tackle tougher climbs, and maintain a faster pace. Electric assist is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact your Tour Coordinator if you are interested.

## **Electrical Overseas**

If you're traveling abroad, you will most likely need an **adapter**, which allows your device's plug to fit into foreign outlets. North American devices run on 110/125V electricity while the majority of the world runs on 220/240V. Converters and transformers change the voltage of electricity to match your device.

#### **Training**

First and foremost, get out on your bike and start logging some miles. Nothing compares to the real thing, but if you can't cycle outside, consider spin classes. Experience with the elements of wind, actual hills, terrain, etc will help with your comfort level (balance, unexpected conditions, etc.) on tour. Always remember, training is a gradual process—don't try to overdo it or push yourself when you aren't ready. However, the most important part of training is to enjoy your ride! **Download a training guide** based on your Tour Level.

## **Travel Sustainably**

DuVine is committed to sustainable travel and has been a 100% carbon neutral company since 2022. While cycling is an inherently eco-conscious mode of travel, we continuously seek ways to lessen our footprint, whether it be biodegradable water bottles or compostable gear mailers. **Read more** about sustainability at DuVine.





## YOUR PACKING LIST

#### On The Bike

Cycling jerseys or athletic shirts

Cycling shorts

Cycling shoes (if you bring your own pedals)

Sneakers (if you don't bring your own pedals)

Athletic socks

Arm/leg warmers

Lightweight, waterproof, wind-resistant jacket or vest

Bike gloves

Bike saddle/cover (if you prefer your own)

#### **Off The Bike**

Walking shoes

Hiking shoes (if required)

Long + short-sleeved shirts

Sweater/jacket for evenings

Dinner attire (dressy casual) + dress shoes

Swimsuit

#### Travel Items\*

Travel confirmations + tickets for air, rail, etc.

Passport, including photocopy

Local currency

DuVine Tour Itinerary (with meeting + departing info)

Health insurance information

Medications

Cycling gear (+ pedals) if riding on Day 1

\*We recommend keeping these items in your carry-on

#### **Additional Items**

Cell phone + charger

Photography gear + charger

Power/plug adapter

**Toiletries** 

Sunscreen, sunglasses, + other sun protection gear

Insect repellent

#### What We Provide

- Bike saddle
- GPS (where available)
- Flat or caged pedals
- DuVine t-shirt and jersey
- Helmet
- Water bottle
- Snacks/nutrition
- Drawstring bag

## Do I need to bring special gear?

- Cycling shorts are designed to provide extra padding when spending the whole day in the saddle. Don't forget the chamois cream!
- If you bring your own cycling shoes, you must bring your own pedals. If you've never used clip-in pedals before, we don't recommend using them on tour.
- Arm and leg warmers are essential for cooler weather. Wear them with your short-sleeve jersey and shorts for lightweight, easy-to pack, and effective warmth.
- Bike gloves are a preference, but are recommended for Level 3 and 4 tours. The padding in gloves can ease arm, shoulder, and joint fatigue.

#### **Dressing for the Weather**

 The location and time of year of your tour can bring all kinds of weather, from extreme heat to relentless rain. Check extended forecasts before your trip and pack accordingly.

## **Before You Go**

- Ensure your passport is valid for 3-6 months after return date.
- Call your bank/credit cards to notify them of upcoming travel.
- Please limit your luggage to one medium-sized suitcase and one carry-on.

## **Order DuVine Gear**

Want DuVine bike shorts to match your complimentary jersey? To order, contact **tourcoordinators@duvine.com**. Gear is shipped free of charge to DuVine guests in the U.S. and Canada. For expedited shipping and guests outside of the U.S. and Canada, additional shipping fees will apply.



## **BIKE SAFETY**

We strongly suggest that you read these simple safety instructions. They will help you bike safely before and during your tour!

- Wear a helmet—this is mandatory on tour!
- Familiarize yourself with traffic laws and obey them. Bikes do not have the right of way, but most drivers are respectful to cyclists on the road. Always ride in the direction of traffic.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times. Knowing what is in front of and behind you may help prevent an accident.
- Alert other riders around you by announcing the presence of traffic ("car up") or pot holes ("pot hole").
- When riding as a group, maintain distance between yourself and other cyclists
- Learn the hand signals to indicate when you are stopping or turning.
- Operate your bike consistently and predictably—avoiding erratic movements.
- Keep at least one hand on the handlebars at all times.
- Primarily use your rear brake.
- Always be aware of weather and road conditions and how they may affect your ability to brake.
- Never wear headphones or use speakers during rides.
- Always listen to additional instructions from your guides on tour.

If you have chosen an e-bike, be aware that it is slightly heavier, faster, and more powerful than a non-electric bike. Therefore, you should anticipate a different reaction when riding downhill, breaking, or dismounting from an e-bike. Your guides can offer further instruction during your bike fitting and safety review.





