



TOUR ITINERARY

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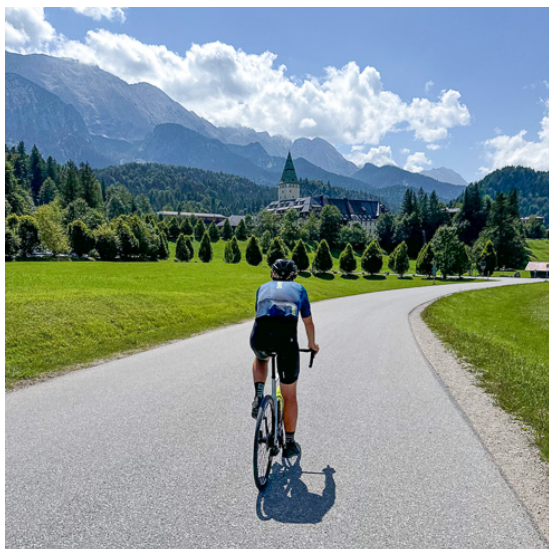
Europe / Austria / Germany

Germany + Austria Bike Tour

Storybook Castles of Bavaria + the German Alps

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride from Germany into Austria via the idyllic Rissstal valley, and bike through sylvan forests, wildflower fields, and peaceful pastures
- Visit two of Bavarian King Ludwig's fairytale castles, including Neuschwanstein—the inspiration for Disney's Sleeping Beauty castle
- Order a *grosses Bier* with the locals at a beloved family-run brewery
- Enjoy both Michelin fine dining and local, rustic Bavarian cuisine, like freshly foraged mushrooms and creamy cheeses from a family farmstead



ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

Arrival Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**
Munich, Germany
- 📍 **Pick-Up Location:**
Oberstaufen Train Station
- 🕒 **Pick-Up Time:**
11:00 am

Departure Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**
Munich, Germany
- 📍 **Drop-Off Location:**
Garmisch-Partenkirchen 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.



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Tour By Day

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Willkommen in Bavaria

Meet your guides at the Oberstaufen train station and take a look around: you're now in the storybook setting of rural Bavaria, where cobbled streets are lined with wooden chalets and the Bavarian Alps beyond. At a historic inn in town, we'll get fitted to our bikes before heading out on a little country lane that's part of an amazing network of designated bike paths. After passing through swaying meadows, we reach a small family-run farm awaiting our arrival with a spread of fresh-baked bread and local cheeses. From here, keep riding to rack up more distance and elevation or head back to the hotel for a swim. Tonight's stylish dinner serves as an introduction to Bavaria's many farms and their hyper-local agriculture.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Oberstaufen, Stiefenhofen

Accomplished: 17 miles / 28 km, elevation gain: 1,761 feet / 537 meters

Longer Option: 29 miles / 46 km, elevation gain: 2834 feet / 864 meters

Accommodations: [Haubers Naturresort](#)

DAY
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Of See and Spätzle

Picture Bavaria, and its crystal-clear mountain seen (lakes) come to mind—the places where locals gather to relax, swim, and soak up the Alpine scenery. Our route today weaves through pastures and pine forests, passing countless lakes as we work our way east towards the Allgäu Alps. Along the way, we'll meet some local characters and enjoy a pop-up lunch with our friend, chef Florian. After plenty of spätzle, you'll be well-fueled for the optional longer ride that approaches our next boutique hotel. Either way, we'll settle in and enjoy the spa before dinner at a mountaintop Michelin-starred restaurant this evening.

Meals: Breakfast/ Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Alpsee, Moosbach, Mittelberg

Accomplished: 29 miles / 46 km, elevation gain: 2,499 feet / 762 meters

Longer Option: 42 miles / 68 km, elevation gain: 3,975 feet / 1,212meters

Accommodations: [Schlossanger](#)

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Fairytales and Biergartens

Today we take a loop through Ostallgäu, the region on the Germany-Austria border where Bavarian King Ludwig II—sometimes called the Fairytale King—built his collection of castles. Our route is something of a fairytale itself as we pedal to the Alatsee, a tiny gem of a mountain lake, then follow the Lech River to Füssen. Here we'll step into the story ourselves during a guided visit to Hohenschwangau Castle, where Ludwig spent his childhood. From there, climb the hill to admire Neuschwanstein Castle—Ludwig's crowning achievement and the inspiration for Disney's iconic castle—which rises majestically amidst the mountain peaks. Continue cycling to Füssen for lunch then spend some time wandering the cobbled streets, admiring the traditional architecture of this pretty pastel town. Our day ends in true Bavarian style with a ride to a local brewery, where we'll raise steins alongside the locals at communal wooden tables.

Meals: Breakfast/ Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Alatsee, Füssen

Accomplished: 26 miles / 42 km, elevation gain: 1,319 feet / 402 meters

Longer Option: 30 miles / 49 km, elevation gain: 2,457 feet / 749 meters

Accommodations: [Schlossanger](#)

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Castles, Monks, and Mountains

Auf wiedersehen, Germany! We're riding into Austria for the day, so we'll kick things off at a café serving apple strudel and Viennese coffee. Then, set out for a climb to the Plansee, an impossibly blue Alpine lake at the base of the Wetterstein Mountains. After lunch (and back in Germany), hop off the bike to visit King Ludwig's most complete masterpiece: the Linderhof Palace. Take a turn around the manicured grounds and opulent interiors, then opt to ride the rest of the way to Ettal Abbey—a 14th-century Benedictine monastery. Transfer to our final hotel of the week, Schloss Elmau. Thanks to its location in a private valley, this property has hosted high-profile guests including presidents, kings, artists, and musicians. Spend the afternoon at the pool, spa, or sauna. This evening, you're free to choose from one of the many restaurants on property for dinner on your own.

Meals: Breakfast/ Lunch

Destinations: Reutte, Plansee, Ettal

Accomplished: 23 miles / 37 km, elevation gain: 1,522 feet / 464 meters

Longer Option: 39 miles / 63 km, elevation gain: 2,397 feet / 731 meters

Accommodations: [Schloss Elmau](#)

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The Hidden Valley

Our final day of riding takes us deep into the Bavarian countryside. We'll cross a section of Roman road that runs ruler-straight through the forest before turning onto the Risstal—a traffic-free ribbon of tarmac surrounded by a sea of wildflowers. Here, there's precious little sound except your shifting gears and the occasional clang of cowbells. Cross back into Austria once more as we gradually climb into Grosser Ahornboden, or "Great Maple Floor," an Alpine pasture peppered with ancient sycamore trees. Opt for a transfer to the hotel after lunch, or ride back for one final push. Tonight, the dinner table awaits in a magnificent setting that affords us one last spectacular sunset over the Alps.

Meals: Breakfast/ Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Wallgau, Risstal, Eng

Accomplished: 30 miles / 49 km, elevation gain: 2,388 feet / 728 meters

Longer Option: 61 miles / 99 km, elevation gain: 4,166 feet / 1,270 meters

Accommodations: [Schloss Elmau](#)

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Last Stop: Mittenwald

Sleep in and enjoy a leisurely breakfast, then spend your last morning in Bavaria hiking, swimming, or taking one final ride to the bustling town of Mittenwald—nothing could be more Germanic than its gingerbread cottages with flower boxes and painted facades. After, we'll say *auf wiedersehen* at the train station in Garmisch-Partenkirchen as you head back to Munich (or to your next destination).

Meals: Breakfast

Destinations: Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Mittenwald

Optional Ride: 16 miles / 27 km, elevation gain: 1,535 feet / 468 meters

YOUR TOUR DETAILS

Preparing for Your Tour

Travel Services

DuVine can assist with extended reservations at the first and final hotels on your scheduled itinerary, or with private transfers to and from your bike tour. 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.

Gratuities

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.



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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. E-bikes are available in most destinations on a first-come, first-served basis. 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. 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. Experience with the elements and terrain will help with your comfort level (balance, unexpected conditions, etc.) on tour. Nothing compares to the real thing, but if you can't cycle outside, consider spin classes. 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)
Cycling sunglasses
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, hat, + other sun protection gear
Insect repellent

What We Provide

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

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.

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.

BIKE SAFETY

We strongly suggest you read these simple safety instructions and watch our [brief safety video](#). 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, braking, or dismounting from an e-bike. Your guides can offer further instruction during your bike fitting and safety review.

