



TOUR ITINERARY

RIDING
LEVEL

3

Europe / Italy / Tuscany

Classic Tuscany Bike Tour

Essential Italy: What Locals Love Beyond Siena and Florence

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn the family recipes that have been handed down over generations as you cook with our friend Lina in her 15th-century home
- Pedal to Pienza, a place of architectural heritage named for the Pope who made it his mission to transform the town into an ideal Renaissance city
- Savor a truffle-themed lunch in the village of San Giovanni in our friend Donatella's cozy osteria
- Meet Paolo and his mother at their olive mill for a home-cooked lunch and olive oil tasting featuring products grown on the farm
- Pamper yourself with 3 nights in the luxurious Relais & Chateaux Borgo San Felice



ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

Arrival Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**
Rome or Florence, Italy
- 📍 **Pick-Up Location:**
The Excelsior Hotel Florence
- 🕒 **Pick-Up Time:**
9:00 am

Departure Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**
Rome or Florence, Italy
- 📍 **Drop-Off Location:**
Chiusi Chianciano Train Station
- 🕒 **Drop-Off Time:**
10:30 am

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

DAY
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Welcome to Tuscany

Transfer from Florence into the hills of Chianti to get fitted on the bikes and set off along the vine-clad ridgelines through Panzano and up to Radda on a route that highlights the best of the region. Descend to the valley floor before a gradual climb to lunch in an osteria nestled at the foot of the historic Brolio Castle. After lunch, transfer or cycle the final 4 kms to our first hotel, the luxurious Borgo San Felice. Settle in and relax here before heading to our first dinner at our friend Max's hidden bistro.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Panzano, Lucarelli, Brolio

Accomplished: 20 miles / 32 km, elevation gain: 1,561 feet / 476 meters

Longer Option: 26 miles / 42 km, elevation gain: 2,141 feet / 653 meters

Accommodations: [Borgo San Felice](#)

DAY
2

A Casa in Chianti

Set off on another loop ride today through this cycling paradise. We'll take a series of lesser-known roads near the outskirts of Siena that lead us to our friend Serena's house. Serena has a huge garden and a passion for local cuisine that she'll share with us over a home-made lunch in her home. After lunch opt to transfer or bike back to the hotel. Enjoy a relaxed afternoon at the pool or spa before regrouping for dinner paired with wines from the estate.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Destinations: Pianella, Montaperti, San Piero

Accomplished: 26 miles / 41 km, elevation gain: 2,233 feet / 681 meters

Longer Option: 35 miles / 56 km, elevation gain: 3,358 feet / 1,024 meters

Accommodations: [Borgo San Felice](#)

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DAY
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Chianti Classico: The Tuscan Heartland

Olive and cypress trees surround us as we ride deep into the hills of Chianti. We'll see plenty of fortified hamlets and castles—relics of Florence and Siena's 300-year struggle for regional dominance and ownership over the birthplace of Chianti Classico wines found in ancient cellars around the area. Pedal past countless estates as we weave our way through forests and vineyards, completing our loop for lunch back at the hotel. This evening, head into Siena to explore the bustling heart of Italy's best-preserved medieval city. Sample the local restaurant scene for dinner. Our guides are happy to make recommendations or reservations.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Destinations: Castelnuovo, Brolio, Castagnoli

Accomplished: 31 miles / 50 km, elevation gain: 2,673 feet / 815 meters

Longer Option: 40 miles / 64 km, elevation gain: 3,575 feet / 1,090 meters

Accommodations: [Borgo San Felice](#)

DAY
4

Across the Crete Senesi: Monks and Masterpieces

Say goodbye to San Felice as we ride through the mystical morning light that bathes the Chianti vineyards. Pedal out into the open fields of the Crete Senesi, a totally different landscape with long vistas and cypress-lined lanes. Meet our friend Donatella for lunch at her cozy osteria, famed for its truffle dishes. Then opt for an earlier van transfer or continue cycling all the way to our final hotel, a luxurious relais on a Brunello estate. Tonight we'll head to our friend Lina's house for a chance to spend the evening living like a local in the town of Montalcino.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Asciano, San Giovanni d'Asso, Montalcino

Accomplished: 27 miles / 44 km, elevation gain: 2,145 feet / 656 meters

Longer Option: 45 miles / 73 km, elevation gain: 3,598 feet / 1,097 meters

Accommodations: [Relais Mastrojanni](#)

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Hilltown Loop

Today's loop ride begins with big downhill and long climb to Castiglione d'Orcia, where we'll enter the fable Orcia Valley. Medieval towns, hot springs and fields of poppies line the route as we climb up to the perfect village of Pienza for a chance to explore the cobbled streets and sip a coffee. Then continue to our friend Paolo's olive mill for lunch cooked by his mother and a tasting of organic olive oil. After lunch opt to complete the full loop ride or take a quick shuttle back to the hotel. This evening, treat yourself to some rest and relaxation at the hotel before a farewell dinner featuring Brunello wines grown here on the estate.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Castiglione d'Orcia, Pienza, Castelmuizio

Accomplished: 26 miles / 42 km, elevation gain: 3,027 feet / 923 meters

Longer Option: 49 miles / 79 km, elevation gain: 4,746 feet / 1,447 meters

Accommodations: [Relais Mastrojanni](#)

DAY
6

Chiusi

On our last day enjoy a relaxed morning at the hotel before we transfer you to the Chiusi train station as you head on to your next destination.

Meals: Breakfast

Destinations: Chiusi

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.

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. For alternate methods of tipping (including Venmo, PayPal, and TransferWise), **please see our FAQs**.



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YOUR TOUR DETAILS

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)
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 or caged 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 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.

