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#### TOUR ITINERARY



Europe / France / Provence

# **Provence 4-Day Bike Tour**

Unpack Once and Discover the Essence of the Luberon

 $\ensuremath{\textcircled{}^{\circ}}$  2024 DuVine Adventure + Cycling Co.

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Browse the weekly market in Gordes, where local producers offer fragrant soap, wheels of cheese, and intoxicating Provençal lavender
- Enjoy a Provençal meal at the lovely home of our local friend
- Bike through colorful, quintessentially French villages like Gordes and Roussillon, filled with charming façades, boutiques, and cafés
- Unpack once and stay at a single hotel, waking each day to vineyard views at the secluded and luxurious Coquillade







### ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

#### **Arrival Details Departure Details** Airport City: Airport City: Paris or Marseille, France Paris or Marseille, France **Pick-Up Location: Drop-Off Location:** Avignon Train Station Avignon Train Station Pick-Up Time: Drop-Off Time: 0 Θ 10:30 am 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**

DAY 1

#### Welcome to Provence

Your guides will greet you at the Avignon TGV train station, and the adventure begins! After a short transfer into the countryside, we'll start in style at our luxurious hotel with a bike fitting and safety briefing. Set out on a beautiful first ride past vineyards and fruit-laden orchards, reaching Saint-Saturnin-lès-Apt in time for lunch. Leave town alongside the iconic 17th-century windmills and continue cruising through the villages of Gargas and Villars, admiring the region's tranquil landscapes and timeless architecture. Tonight, we dine at one of our favorite restaurants in the village of Roussillon. Bon Appétit!

Meals: Lunch / Dinner Destinations: Saint-Saturnin-lès-Apt, Villars, Gargas Accomplished: 16 miles / 25 km, elevation gain: 1,010 feet / 308 meters Accommodations: Coquillade Provence

DAY 2

## **Essence of the Luberon**

Today we'll ride on through the forested heart of the Petit Luberon, peering out across the valley floor with its patchwork of orchards and vineyards. Enjoy views from the wealthy and picturesque village of Bonnieux, and stop for a cappuccino in Lacoste. We'll learn about Côtes du Luberon wines in a *domaine* near Ménerbes, then enjoy a lovely picnic prepared by your guides. Spin back to our hotel on a bike path and spend the rest of the afternoon enjoying a poolside glass of chilled rosé. Later, we regroup and transfer to the small village of Robion to meet our dear friend Veronique. In her home kitchen, she'll prepare classic Provençal dishes, then serve them on her charming terrace.

#### Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations**: Bonnieux, Lacoste, Menèrbes, Baumettes, Gargas **Accomplished**: 27 miles / 44 km, elevation gain: 1,932 feet / 589 meters **Longer option:** 34 miles / 56 km, elevation gain: 2,355 feet / 718 meters **Accommodations**: **Coquillade Provence** 

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Our morning ride will take us on small country roads that lead to one of the most beautiful villages of the Luberon–Gordes. Explore the village's outdoor market and scenic terraces created by its impressive position in the Luberon Valley. Next, climb to the high plateau of the Luberon and reward yourself with incredible views and a well-deserved lunch in the village of Murs. Cruise downhill to the next charming village, Roussillon, which is full of galleries, colorful adornments made by local artists, and astonishing ochre-colored cliffs. Spend the remainder of today as you wish-may we suggest treating yourself to a massage at the hotel spa? Later, we dine together at the hotel's gastronomic restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner Destinations: Gordes, Murs, Joucas, Roussillon, Gargas Accomplished: 24 miles / 39 km, elevation gain: 2,257 feet / 688 meters Longer Option: 34 miles / 56 km, elevation gain: 3,267 feet / 996 meters Accommodations: Coquillade Provence



#### Au Revoir

For your final morning, enjoy a quiet breakfast and relax or go for a last ride in the countryside, saying farewell to the olive groves and vineyards that have been so familiar to us this week. Your guides will see you off in Avignon.

Meals: Breakfast Destinations: Roussillon, Gargas Accomplished: 14 miles / 23 km, elevation gain: 1,083 feet / 330 meters

