The Best of Bordeaux + Burgundy Bike Tour

Oenophiles Only: A Full-Bodied Exploration of French Winemaking
• Take part in experiences that reveal the grand wines of Bordeaux, including a private visit to prestigious Château Angélus and a tasting at world-famous Château Mouton Rothschild
• Taste Crémant with our friend, a local winemaker, accompanied by his mother’s homemade savory gougeres (Burgundian pastries)
• Participate in a truffle hunt that culminates in a truffle-themed lunch
• Enter Burgundy’s most revered cellars such as Maison Joseph Drouhin or Maison Bouchard Père & Fils in Beaune
• Spend the afternoon at the Hospices de Beaune, an architectural masterpiece in Beaune that hosts the wine world’s single most important auction
**Arrival Details**
- **Airport City:** Paris or Bordeaux, France
- **Pick-Up Location:** Libourne Train Station

**Departure Details**
- **Airport City:** Paris or Lyon, France
- **Drop-Off Location:** Beaune Train Station

**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.

**Travelers Take Note**
Winery mentioned in the itinerary allow a very small number of reservations. Specific winery visits are subject to availability and may be replaced by a different but comparable winery.
Tour By Day

**DAY 1 Welcome to Bordeaux**

Your guides will greet you at the Libourne train station and whisk you to Saint-Émilion, the village on the right bank that’s synonymous with fine wine and surrounded by some of the world’s most legendary vineyards. Check into the luxurious Hostellerie de Plaisance before we hop on our bikes and ride through Grand Cru vineyards to a wine-paired lunch at Château de Candale. After, pedal the tranquil paths and lush vineyards on the banks of the Dordogne river, then loop back to Saint-Émilion for a wine-tasting seminar. Tonight is the first of many incredible dinners at a local gastronomic restaurant that’s thought to be the oldest in town.

**Meals:** Lunch / Dinner  
**Destinations:** Saint-Émilion, Saint-Étienne-de-Lisse, Sainte-Terre, Saint-Sulpice-de-Faleyrens  
**Accomplished:** 22 miles / 36 km, elevation gain: 688 feet / 210 meters  
**Accommodations:** Hostellerie de Plaisance

**DAY 2 Exploring Pomerol and Saint-Émilion**

Enjoy a loop ride through the storied vineyards of this region. Cycle past Cheval Blanc, Château Figeac, Petrus, and more on our way to Château Angélus, one of only four chateaux in the region to attain the top ranking of Premier Grand Cru Classés A. Enjoy an amazing and exclusive wine tasting here, and you will understand why Parker has awarded Angelus 90+ points for an incredible run of 15 consecutive years! After lunch, ride back to the hotel in time for relaxation before heading to Château Troplong Mondot for another truly amazing tasting experience followed by a great dinner at their Michelin-starred restaurant.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner  
**Destinations:** Montagne, Bertin, Pomerol, Saint-Émilion  
**Accomplished:** 15 miles / 24 km, elevation gain: 617 feet / 188 meters  
**Accommodations:** Hostellerie de Plaisance
DAY 3

Crossing the Gironde Estuary

Say farewell to Saint-Émilion with a visit to the fascinating cellars of Couvent des Jacobins before we ride to Bordeaux's other wine capital: the Médoc. Our route winds through villages that dot the banks of the Gironde estuary, and we'll pause for lunch by the ramparts of the UNESCO-recognized Blaye Citadel. Board a ferry to cross the Gironde and arrive in the cradle of Cabernet Sauvignon. Bike to our next luxurious hotel set amidst gorgeous grounds and vines, then take time to freshen up before a pre-dinner visit to the estate’s Cos d’Estournel vineyards and cellar. Tonight, we’re treated to an open-kitchen dining experience where we’ll sip wine and chat with the chef, enjoying a front-row seat and lending the occasional hand in preparing our meal.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner
Destinations: Périssac, Bourg, Blaye, Saint-Estèphe
Accomplished: 24 miles / 38 km, elevation gain: 1,000 feet / 305 meters
Longer Option: 36 miles / 61 km, elevation gain: 1,483 feet / 452 meters
Accommodations: La Maison d’Estournel

DAY 4

Saint-Estèphe Loop Ride

This morning’s route takes us past the Médoc’s most revered estates: Châteaux Mouton Rothschild, Château Lafite Rothschild, Château Latour, and more. We’ll stop for a barrel-side tasting and conversation about aging at Château de Camensac, a producer whose wines are 1855 Bordeaux classified. Continue riding Bordeaux’s classic wine route after a picnic lunch in the estate gardens—your efforts will be rewarded with an incredible opportunity to taste wine at the world-famous Château Mouton Rothschild. Tonight we bid Bordeaux farewell with a dinner of haute cuisine and local fine wine at Château Cordeillan-Bages. Bon appétit!

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner
Destinations: Pauillac, Saint-Estèphe
Accomplished: 25 miles / 40 km, elevation gain: 728 feet / 222 meters
Accommodations: La Maison d’Estournel
From Bordeaux to Burgundy

Today we bid adieu to the big wines and estates of Bordeaux and begin our immersion into the boutique, elegant world of Burgundy. After a short flight to Lyon, your guides will transfer you to your next hotel in Beaune. Explore Beaune, relax, or take an optional bike ride with a private visit to the Hospices de Beaune, a historic charity hospital. In addition to being an architectural masterpiece, the Hospices is famous in the wine world for its much-anticipated wine auction held here each November. Tonight we’ll get to know Burgundy during a private dinner in the cave (wine cellar) of a local Grand Cru producer.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner
Destinations: Bordeaux, Lyon, Beaune
Accommodations: Hotel Le Cep

Explore the Hautes-Côtes de Beaune

Today we ride beyond the medieval walls of Beaune, cycling through picturesque villages in the French countryside. Enjoy extraordinary views of Saint-Romain’s 13th-century castle ruins as we pedal past Charolais cows, the château at La Rocheapot, and the hamlet of Orches. Indulge in a gourmet lunch in Puligny-Montrachet paired with Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grown right on the estate. After lunch, cycle back to Beaune through Volnay and Pommard. Tonight you’re free to dine on your own: choose from Beaune’s many restaurants, which range from casual brasseries to Michelin-star fine dining.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch
Destinations: Beaune, Saint-Romain, Orches, La Rocheapot, Saint Aubin, Chassagne-Montrachet, Puligny-Montrachet, Meursault, Volnay, Pommard
Accomplished: 27 miles / 43 km, elevation gain: 1,971 feet / 601 meters
Accommodations: Hotel Le Cep
The Vineyards of the Côte de Nuits

Start the day with a tasting at the best sparkling Crémant producer in Burgundy, Parigot et Richard. We’ll ride through Aloxe-Corton to Marey-Lès-Fussey, admiring the glazed tile rooftops that rise from a sea of verdant vineyards. Stop for a truffle-themed lunch at a wine producer that does double duty as a truffle farm, followed by a pleasant descent into the village of Comblanchien. This afternoon, we’ll spin past renowned Romanée-Conti vineyards and come to a triumphant finish at the 125-acre Clos de Vougeot, birthplace of Burgundy’s Grand Crus. Tonight, head to Maison Bouchard Père & Fils for a spectacular tasting and a private farewell dinner with wines from this famous estate—an intimate and truly Burgundian affair.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner
Destinations: Savigny-lès-Beaune, Aloxe-Corton, Marey-lès-Fussey, Comblanchien, Nuits-Saint-Georges, Vosne-Romanée, Vougeot
Accomplished: 22 miles / 36 km, elevation gain: 1,322 feet / 403 meters
Accommodations: Hotel Le Cep

Au Revoir

After breakfast, enjoy your last few hours in Beaune at a café, strolling through the city center, or snapping some final photographs of this beautiful part of Burgundy. Your guides will bid you farewell at the Beaune train station before you head off to your next destination.

Meals: Breakfast