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TOUR ITINERARY

RIDING LEVEL 3

Europe / France / Provence

Provence Bike Tour

Villages of the Luberon and Foothills of Mt. Ventoux

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Browse the weekly market in Gordes, where local producers offer pints of perfect berries, fragrant soap, loose lavender and spices, and heaps of olives
- Ride through emblematic Provençal scenery, from hill towns and lavender fields to the Ventoux region revered by cyclists
- Delve into the winemaking industries of the Vaucluse, Ventoux, and Luberon as you taste fruity reds from Gigondas and dimensional whites from Sablet and Vacqueyras
- Visit countless colorful villages that typify Provence, like the red-hued Roussillon and pristine Bonnieux









ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

Arrival Details

- **Airport City**:
  Paris or Marseille, France
- **Pick-Up Location**:
  Avignon TGV Train Station
- **Pick-Up Time**:
  10:30 am

Departure Details

- **Airport City**:
  Paris or Marseille, France
- **Drop-Off Location**:
  Avignon TGV 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

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Tour By Day

DAY 1

Bienvenue en Provence

Meet our guides 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, delight in a vineyard-side *bienvenue* dinner at our hotel's bistro. *Bon Appétit*!

Meals: Lunch / Dinner
Destinations: Saint-Saturnin-lès-Apt, Gargas, Villars
Accomplished: 16 miles / 26 km, elevation gain: 1,115 feet / 340 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 Goult, then enjoy a lovely picnic prepared by your guides. Spin back to our hotel on a bike path and spend the afternoon relaxing poolside with a glass of chilled rosé. Later, we regroup for an unforgettable culinary evening featuring the region's finest ingredients with a view of Rousillon's ochre cliffs.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner
Destinations: Bonnieux, Lacoste, Menèrbes, Baumettes, Goult, Gargas
Accomplished: 35 miles / 57 km, elevation gain: 2,942 feet / 897 meters
Shorter opotion: 28 miles / 45 km, elevation gain: 2,230 feet / 680 meters
Accommodations: **Coquillade Provence**

DAY 3 To the Top of the World

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 where we're rewarded with incredible views followed by 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? Your guides can offer excellent suggestions for this evening's dinner on your own in town.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch
Destinations: Gordes, Murs, Joucas, Roussillon, Gargas
Accomplished: 34 miles / 55 km, elevation gain: 3,173 feet / 967 meters
Longer Option: 42 miles / 68 km, elevation gain: 4,147 feet / 1,264 meters
Accommodations: **Coquillade Provence**

DAY 4 Entering Ventoux's Foothills

Leave the Luberon Valley behind us as we head north into the Ventoux region, presided over by the "Giant of Provence"—Mont Ventoux itself. We'll skirt the stunning cliffs in Lioux, reaching a plateau before we ride into Méthamis for a well-deserved coffee break. Our next ride takes us to Mazan, where you can recharge after your big ride with a seasonal lunch at Maison Areni. One final short climb remains before we arrive at our next hotel and settle in. Dinner this evening is at La Table de Ventoux, where every Provençal dish is like a little work of art and mighty Mont Ventoux is always in view.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner
Destinations: Lioux, Méthamis, Mazan, Bédoin, Crillon-le Brave
Accomplished: 36 miles / 58 km, elevation gain: 3,323 feet / 1,013 meters
Accommodations: **Crillon le Brave**

DAY 5 The Winemaking Mecca of the Vaucluse

After breakfast on the hotel's panoramic terrace, set off on a roller coaster day of riding: we'll tackle a climb up Col de la Madeleine, a pass that makes you feel like you're pedaling among the clouds. Then, pass precious Provençal towns, sun-warmed vineyards, and olive groves on the way to Le Barroux, a Vaucluse village known for its 12th-century castle. The descent into Beaumes-de-Venise is sweet—appropriate for a town best-known for its appellation of sweet wine. Continue spinning north, following a string of French winemaking villages like Vacqueyras and Gigondas. A winery visit sheds more light on the region's viticulture, followed by a wine-paired lunch where we sip some local varieties of Syrah and Grenache while gazing out over the vineyards where they're grown. If you're happily full of wine, opt for a transfer directly back to the hotel, or choose to keep pedaling through the blissful country landscapes. Tonight, we dine together at one of our favorite restaurants close to the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner
Destinations: Le Barroux, Beaumes-de-Venise, Vacqueyras, Gigondas, Crillon-le-Brave
Accomplished: 40 miles / 65 km, elevation gain: 3,107 feet / 947 meters
Shorter Option: 21 miles / 35 km, elevation gain: 1,939 feet / 591 meters
Accommodations: **Crillon le Brave**

DAY 6 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: Mormoiron, Crillon-le-Brave
Accomplished: 14 miles / 23 km, elevation gain: 1,312 feet / 400 meters

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