TOUR ITINERARY

Europe / France / Provence

Provence Bike Tour
Villages of the Luberon and Foothills of Mt. Ventoux
• 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
• Taste classic Provençal dishes prepared by our local friend in her home kitchen
**Arrival Details**

**Airport City:**
Paris or Marseille, France

**Pick-Up Location:**
Avignon Train Station

**Pick-Up Time:**
9:30 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.

**Departure Details**

**Airport City:**
Paris or Marseille, France

**Drop-Off Location:**
Avignon Train Station

**Drop-Off Time:**
12:00 pm

**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.
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 through the villages of Gargas and Villars, reaching Saint-Saturnin-lès-Apt in time for lunch. Leave town alongside the iconic 17th-century windmills and continue cruising past vineyards and fruit orchards, 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:** Gargas, Villars, Saint-Saturnin-lès-Apt  
**Accomplished:** 16 miles / 25 km, elevation gain: 1,010 feet / 308 meters  
**Accommodations:** La Coquillade

**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:** 37 miles / 60 km, elevation gain: 2,920 feet / 890 meters  
**Shorter Option:** 22 miles / 36 km, elevation gain: 1,875 feet / 575 meters  
**Accommodations:** La Coquillade
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 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? 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:** 36 miles / 58 km, elevation gain: 2,985 feet / 910 meters  
**Shorter Option:** 24 miles / 39 km, elevation gain: 2,664 feet / 812 meters  
**Accommodations:** La Coquillade

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. Lunch is served just outside Mazan in an area devoted to agriculture and wine growing, with views of Ventoux beyond the vineyards. We’ll stop for a taste of those very grapes, discovering the nuances of the Ventoux appellation at a winery that was organic nearly 25 years ago, well before it was a global buzzword. Settle into our next hotel before dinner at a local restaurant, which is just a quick walk away in the perched village of Crillon-le Brave.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner  
**Destinations:** Lioux, Méthamis, Mazan, Bédoin, Crillon-le Brave  
**Accomplished:** 36 miles / 58 km, elevation gain: 3,641 feet / 1,110 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 pass precious Provençal towns, sun-warmed vineyards, and olive groves on the way to Bedoin, the base of the all-important Mont Ventoux ascent. Though we won’t be tackling the massif ourselves, we’ll start a much smaller climb up Col de la Madeleine, a pass that makes you feel like you’re pedaling among the clouds. 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. In the latter, break for a lunch and sip some local varieties of Syrah and Grenache while gazing out over the vineyards where they’re grown. After, visit a winery to learn a bit more about Vaucluse viticulture. 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: 21 miles / 35 km, elevation gain: 1,634 feet / 498 meters
Longer Option: 40 miles / 65 km, elevation gain: 2,644 feet / 806 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: Le Barroux, Crillon-le-Brave
Accomplished: 21 miles / 35 km, elevation gain: 1,634 feet / 498 meters