



TOUR ITINERARY

Europe / Italy / Tuscany

Strade Bianche Bike Tour

A Week of White Gravel in Tuscany

RIDING
LEVEL

4

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Tuscany's famed white gravel roads have gained notoriety among professional cyclists and fans alike because of one race—Strade Bianche. Between the undulating terrain, unpredictable spring weather, and unpaved gravel surfaces, the event has reached iconic status in its short history.

DuVine opens doors to the cycling-crazed enclave in and around Siena as only we can: with five-star accommodations just steps from the race village, rides along some of the most thrilling sections of the *parcours* one day before the pros, access to roadside action on race day, and the opportunity to join the Gran Fondo Strade Bianche.

All week long, you'll ride our custom Cannondale Synapse Di2 bikes equipped with Vittoria Terreno Dry gravel tires and enjoy pro-level treatment before, during, and after your rides, thanks to a dedicated support team of guides, soigneurs, and mechanics. Plus, complimentary Rapha x DuVine gear, including a custom jersey, socks, and cycling cap, outfit you along the way.





ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

Arrival Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**
Rome or Florence, Italy
- 📍 **Pick-Up Location:**
Chiusi train station
- 🕒 **Pick-Up Time:**
11:00 am

Departure Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**
Rome or Florence, Italy
- 📍 **Drop-Off Location:**
Chiusi train station or Siena train station
- 🕒 **Drop-Off Time:**
11:00 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.

Travelers Take Note

Upon booking this tour, you will be asked to complete a short form. We use this information to ensure all Level 4 trip participants are adequately prepared for our most difficult riding and have proximate cycling experience to the rest of the group.

Given the nature of the biking and the roads on this route, you will be riding on gravel every day. Please note that e-bikes cannot be reserved for this tour.

To participate in the Gran Fondo Strade Bianche, you must complete a mandatory [health certificate](#) and have it certified by your physician prior to traveling.

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Tour By Day

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Ciao Bella Toscana!

Your guides will meet you at the Chiusi train station for a transfer to our first hotel in the Tuscan hilltop hamlet of San Quirico D'Orcia. Enjoy a light lunch in town before getting fitted to your bike. We won't waste any time hitting the famous white roads of Tuscany—the *strade bianche*—starting just three miles into our first ride. It feels like a return to the 13th century as we course along ancient paths, passing through the Orcia Valley and Pienza. Here, do as the Italians do and stop for a coffee in the town's oldest bar, then return to our hotel on routes known only to local cyclists. Tonight we dine at our hotel and learn the true meaning of *buon appetito*.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: San Quirico D'Orcia, Pienza

Accomplished: 26 miles / 42 km (16 km of which are on gravel roads), elevation gain: 2,253 feet / 687 meters

Accommodations: [Palazzo del Capitano](#)

DAY
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A Taste of L'Eroica Montalcino

L'Eroica—meaning “The Heroic”—is an event that celebrates the golden age of cycling. It takes place every October when thousands of hardened cyclists travel back in time to ride these gravel roads on primitive machines of the past. The heavy lugged-steel bikes with down-tube shifters and impossible gear ratios are no match for the red wine in the participants' water bottles and the hardman (and hardwoman) mentality. Today, we'll get our own taste of cycling's heroic origins as we join one of the toughest gravel sections of L'Eroica Montalcino: a 14-kilometer climb where the maximum gradient is a challenging 12 percent. Ride through the heart of Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany's most celebrated wine region, and stop for lunch at a winery owned by a passionate local and former pro cyclist whose business honors the region's rich cycling history. We'll continue through the town of Castiglione d'Orcia before returning to our hotel, where our soigneurs are waiting to reward us with well-deserved massages. Tonight, we're invited to a very special farm-to-table dinner, prepared with ingredients that are crafted completely by local hands.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Buonconvento, Castiglion del Bosco, Castiglione d'Orcia

Accomplished: 56 miles / 90 km (33 km of which are on gravel roads), elevation gain: 6,400 feet / 1,951 meters

Accommodations: [Palazzo del Capitano](#)

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Strade Bianche Pro Race Recon

All the professional teams have arrived in Siena, ready to test their legs on tomorrow's race course. We will do the same, previewing the final 54 kilometers of the men's pro course which also appears on Sunday's Gran Fondo route. Team cars and pro riders will cross paths with our peloton as we pass through the mythical Monte Sante Marie gravel section dedicated to Fabian Cancellara—the only rider to win the race three times. We arrive in Siena via the infamous Santa Caterina climb, emerging into the iconic Piazza del Campo where lunch is waiting. In the afternoon, our pro soigneurs will prepare our legs for the big cycling weekend ahead. Tonight, explore Siena on your own for dinner—your guides can share their favorite *trattorias* or where to find the best truffle dishes in town.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Destinations: Asciano, Castelnuovo Berardenga, Siena

Accomplished: 55 miles / 88 km (*28 km of which are on gravel roads*), elevation gain: 5,206 feet / 1,587 meters

Accommodations: [Grand Hotel Continental Siena](#)

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All the Action of Strade Bianche Race Day

The excitement of race day is in the air! Wake up at the center of the cycling world and walk to see the women's race depart, then mingle at the buzzing team buses before we take a spin of our own. It's a short ride to lunch at our friend Serena's house and in true Italian fashion, she's spent days at the stove in anticipation of our arrival. This afternoon, witness firsthand the speed and fury of the Strade Bianche race, in which professionals like Tadej Pogačar, Wout van Aert, and Julian Alaphilippe battle over the same gravel roads we've been riding. We'll practically touch the action as it speeds past Serena's house— don't be rattled if the pros take one of the steepest gravel sections a bit faster than we did. After the race breezes by, take a lift in the van to our hotel in the heart of Siena. Tonight's dinner at the best pizzeria in town will fuel us for the challenge that awaits us tomorrow.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Pieveasciata, Pianella

Accomplished: 24 miles / 39 km, elevation gain: 2,007 feet / 612 meters

Accommodations: [Grand Hotel Continental Siena](#)

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The Gran Fondo Strade Bianche

Now that we've feasted on fine food and wine, tested our legs on some of the region's precipitous climbs, and refined our technical skills on gravel roads, it all culminates in the Gran Fondo Strade Bianche. The annual big ride includes some of the most challenging sections of gravel in Bella Toscana! Wake up in the medieval walled city of Siena—our hotel is mere meters from where the legendary route begins and ends hours later, after the brutal climb up Via Santa Caterina and the finish in Piazza del Campo. After the race, we'll regroup in the city center and have lunch before recovering at the hotel with another treatment from our soigneur. Tonight, reflect on a fabulous week of riding as we indulge in a celebratory dinner at one of Siena's best restaurants.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Siena

Accomplished (Medio Fondo): 54 miles / 87 km (*22 km of which are on gravel roads*), elevation gain: 4,176 feet / 1,273 meters (*545 meters on gravel*)

Longer Option (Gran Fondo): 86 miles / 139 km (*55 km of which are on gravel roads*), elevation gain: 6,668 feet / 2,033 meters (*1,285 meters on gravel*)

Accommodations: [Grand Hotel Continental Siena](#)

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Arrivederci

Our last morning in Tuscany presents plenty of options: sleep in, savor a slow breakfast, or take a final stroll around Siena. Your guides will return you to the Siena train station, bidding you farewell before you depart for your next destination.

Meals: Breakfast

Destinations: Siena, Chiusi
