



TOUR ITINERARY

RIDING
LEVEL

3

United States / Vermont

Vermont Chef on Wheels Bike Tour

Farms, Food, and Foliage Featuring Chef Matt Jennings

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride across the Green Mountain state from the rich farmland of the Champlain Valley to quaint New England destinations like Waitsfield and Woodstock
- Roll up your sleeves with renowned chef Matt Jennings for a cooking class and dinner in a beautiful Shaker barn
- Spend two nights in the heart of Woodstock, Vermont's most picturesque small town, characterized by covered bridges, boutiques, and innovative restaurants
- Visit local farms to sample produce, cheeses, cider, and more, and get to know the people paving the way to a culinary revolution
- Step into Chef Matt's world with a healthy lunch at his house and barn kitchen, followed by a ride on his favorite local roads



ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

Arrival Details

- ➔ **Airport City:**
Burlington, Vermont
- 📍 **Pick-Up Location:**
Hotel Vermont or Burlington Airport
- 🕒 **Pick-Up Time:**
10:30 am

Departure Details

- ➔ **Airport City:**
Burlington, Vermont
- 📍 **Drop-Off Location:**
Burlington Airport
- 🕒 **Drop-Off Time:**
12:30 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.

Meet the Chef: Matt Jennings

Celebrated chef, cookbook author, and avid cyclist Matt Jennings got his start in the food world as a 15-year-old prep cook and stock boy at a café in his native Massachusetts. After graduating from the New England Culinary Institute with distinction, Jennings worked at notable restaurants around the country and abroad before opening Farmstead in Providence, Rhode Island, where he garnered four James Beard Foundation nominations. In 2014, he returned home to Boston and opened Townsman—a New England Brasserie concept that was named “Restaurant of the Year” in 2016 by *Food & Wine* Magazine. Today, Jennings lives on a farm in Vermont’s Champlain Valley with his pastry chef wife, Kate, and their two sons. Together, they raise chickens, pigs, and sheep and operate Red Barn Kitchen—a state-of-the-art commercial kitchen and retail store devoted to fresh, seasonal produce and farm-to-table cuisine.

Travelers Take Note

Some of the riding will take place on packed dirt roads.

COVID-19 Travel Restrictions

For the latest travel restrictions related to the coronavirus pandemic—including quarantine requirements—please review [Vermont’s state travel guidelines](#). Proof of full vaccination (including booster) is required to join this tour.

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Tour By Day

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The Champlain Valley

Meet your guides in Burlington for a quick transfer into the Champlain Valley. Here, we'll meet Chef Matt Jennings at his restored barn and kick off the trip with lunch featuring products from his favorite local farms. Then it's time for our first ride through Matt's backyard, the agricultural breadbasket of Vermont. Stop in scenic Bristol for a creemee, the state's beloved soft serve, then choose to transfer to our first hotel or opt for an extra climb over Lincoln Gap—widely considered the most challenging of the four passes that cross the mountains of central Vermont. Check into our picturesque inn in the heart of the Mad River Valley before tonight's private dinner with the hotel chef.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Bristol, Lincoln, Waitsfield

Accomplished: 22 miles / 35 km, elevation gain: 1,879 feet / 573 meters

Longer Option: 37 miles / 60 km, elevation gain: 3,982 feet / 1,214 meters

Accommodations: [The Inn at Round Barn Farm](#)

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Exploring the Mad River Valley

Situated at the center of the state, the Mad River Valley's reputation as a ski destination is well-known. But the summertime brings a whole different set of pleasures: a massive network of gravel roads lie parallel to the main corridor on Route 100, lined with farms that yield a staggering variety of local products: organic meats, small-batch cheeses, shiitake mushrooms, berries, and heirloom butter. Today is a veritable two-wheel farm tour as we bike with Matt around the valley meeting these producers, sampling their goods, and putting a face to a new generation of agriculture. The afternoon culminates in an al fresco lunch at a mountain farmstead. Bike back to Waitsfield to relax before joining Matt for a cooking class and dinner in an iconic Shaker barn.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Waitsfield, Warren, Sugarbush

Accomplished: 31 miles / 50 km, elevation gain: 3,244 feet / 989 meters

Longer Option: 45 miles / 73 km, elevation gain: 5,218 feet / 1,772 meters

Accommodations: [The Inn at Round Barn Farm](#)

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Waitsfield to Woodstock

Today we leave Waitsfield and follow bucolic farm roads through sleepy Randolph and Bethel, pausing for a coffee along the way. One final push brings us to the top of the ridge and right to our reward: a private picnic lunch prepared by Matt on a farm that makes high-quality ciders. Enjoy a tasting paired with Matt's delicious spread before we part ways. Then, enjoy the downhill right into Woodstock, the quintessentially New England town where where our next charming inn is located. This evening, stroll the boutiques, antique stores, and specialty grocers in the Rockwellian town square, settling on a local restaurant for dinner on your own.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Destinations: Randolph, Bethel, Woodstock

Accomplished: 31 miles / 50 km, elevation gain: 2,568 feet / 783 meters

Longer Option: 51 miles / 83 km, elevation gain: 4,205 feet / 1,282 meters

Accommodations: [Blue Horse Inn](#)

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Quechee Loop

Pedal out of Woodstock along the Ottauquechee River, following one of our favorite hard-packed dirt roads as Vermont's scenic farmland flows forth with picket fences, clapboard houses, and sprawling pastures all around us. We'll reach Quechee for a visit to Simon Pearce Glassworks—shop for stemware, pottery, pitchers, and bowls, then get an up-close look at the glassblowers at work. Our lunch here beside a classic covered bridge and rushing waterfall is as artful as the hand-blown glass shimmering all around us. This evening, we're treated to our final lovely farm-to-table dinner with our favorite local chef.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Pomfret, Hartford, Quechee

Accomplished: 27 miles / 44 km, elevation gain: 2,289 feet / 698 meters

Longer Option: 40 miles / 65 km, elevation gain: 4,107 feet / 1,252 meters

Accommodations: [Blue Horse Inn](#)

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Country Roads

After a hearty breakfast, join your guides for a short, scenic loop ride or wake up with a leisurely stroll around the village of Woodstock. Your guides will transfer you back to downtown Burlington or to the airport as you bid farewell to this beautiful corner of the country.

Meals: Breakfast

Destinations: Burlington

Accomplished: Optional morning ride
