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# Dordogne + Bordeaux Bike Tour

Two Dreamy Destinations in the French Countryside

### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- See the best of two distinct regions in Southwest France as you ride through the changing landscape from Dordogne into Bordeaux
- Visit the Lascaux cave complex, a UNESCO World Heritage site with remarkable Cro-Magnon cave paintings
- Stay at the Vieux Logis Relais & Châteaux hotel and enjoy a cutting-edge take on Dordogne cuisine at their Michelin-starred restaurant
- At top vineyards and in subterranean cellars, compare wines from AOC appellations in Monbazillac, Dordogne and Saint-Émilion, Bordeaux











### ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

#### **Arrival Details**

- Airport City:
  - Paris or Brive-Souillac, France
- Pick-Up Location:

Sarlat train station

Pick-Up Time:

10:30 am

### **Departure Details**

- \_ Airport City:
- Paris or Bordeaux, France
- Drop-Off Location:

Libourne train station

Drop-Off Time:

<sup>1</sup> 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**

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



# Welcome to the Dordogne

Meet your guides at the Sarlat train station and begin with a bike fitting and safety briefing before our first ride. We'll warm up along the Dordogne river and follow undulating roads through this densely forested and serene region. Get to know one another at our first lunch, a family-style picnic on a local farm. Choose to continue riding through ancient Périgord country or transfer directly to our historic hotel in the center of Sarlat. There's time to explore this storybook town before dinner at a charming restaurant in town.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Carsac, Groléjac, Vitrac, Sarlat

**Accomplished**: 14 miles / 24 km, elevation gain: 1, 404 feet/ 428 meters **Longer Option**: 29 miles / 48 km, elevation gain: 2,910 feet / 753 meters

**Accommodations: Plaza Madeleine** 



### **Lascaux Cave**

Find your zen on our morning ride into the Domainale Barade forest, a peaceful stretch of shady walnut trees and poetic countryside. You'll arrive ready to contemplate Lascaux, a cave complex of Cro-Magnon paintings that date back over 17,000 years, though they were only discovered in 1940. Emerge back into daylight and return to the bike, following the Vézère river to Saint-Léon-sur-Vézère—quite possibly the most idyllic town in all of France. Taste the region's famed foie gras at lunch, then continue biking or take a lift in the van to our next hotel. Tonight, walk into the petite village of Trémolat for dinner at a typical bistro.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations**: Sarlat-la-Canéda, Montignac, Saint-Lon-sur-Vézère, Trémolat **Accomplished**: 21 miles / 34 km, elevation gain: 1,755 feet / 535 meters **Longer Option**: 44 miles / 71 km, elevation gain: 3,431 feet / 1,046 meters

**Accommodations: Le Vieux Logis** 



# Along the Dordogne

After breakfast, set off on a picturesque ride through the green scenery of Périgord—a route dotted with charming townhouses reflected in the gently flowing Dordogne river. Our next stop is Cadouin, a medieval village known for its UNESCO World Heritage abbey that has become a stop for pilgrims on the Saint Jacques de Compostelle route. After a leisurely lunch, embark on a relaxed ride back to our hotel. This afternoon, there's time to stroll through the property's lush gardens or take a dip in the limestone pool. Tonight, we'll enjoy a very special dinner at our hotel's Michelin-starred restaurant, featuring inventive local dishes that celebrate the region's seasonal ingredients.

**Meals**: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner **Destinations**: Trémolat, Cadouin

Accomplished: 22 miles/ 47 km, elevation gain: 2,168 feet / 661 meters

**Accommodations: Le Vieux Logis** 



### Wine Versus Wine

Monbazillac's sweet white wines are the perfect bridge between the Dordogne and our foray into Bordeaux. We'll get there via the week's most challenging ride, which travels west through some hilly terrain but eventually gives way to the otherworldly vineyards of Les Landes. At the end of our rewarding descent, a first taste of wine awaits us at Château de Monbazillac—and trust us when we say it poses some serious competition to Bordeaux's Sauternes. After lunch, ride to the town of Bergerac—our last destination in the Dordogne—then take an hourlong transfer into the heart of Bordeaux. We waste no time in this essential winegrowing region and head straight for Saint-Émilion to meet our friend and wine merchant Benoit. In his underground *caveau*, we'll sip the wine that has earned Bordeaux its world renown before dinner on your own in this quaint cobblestone town.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

**Destinations**: Lalinde, Saint-Capraise-de-Lalinde, Monbazillac, Bergerac **Accomplished**: 30 miles / 49 km, elevation gain: 1,377 feet / 420 meters

Accommodations: Château du Palanquey



## Pomerol and Saint-Émilion

Today is all about the world-famous vineyards of Bordeaux. Begin cycling past some of the most prestigious estates in Pomerol and Saint-Émilion: Cheval Blanc, Beau-Séjour Bécot, Pressac, Petrus, and Angélus to name a few. During a wine tasting and lunch at Château de la Dominique, we'll dip our toe into some right-bank reds from the Saint-Émilion appellation, then hop back in the saddle for the last push to our hotel. A special table is set to celebrate our final evening, and dinner is lovingly prepared using only garden-fresh produce and locally sourced ingredients. The cherry on top is the domaine's own wine, produced in partnership with Château Angelus—known for their Saint-Émilion Premier Grand Crus.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Pomerol, Bertin, Montagne, Saint-Émilion, Sainte-Colombe **Accomplished:** 31 miles / 50 km, elevation gain: 176 feet / 537 meters

Accommodations: Château du Palanquey



# One Last Loop

Take the morning to enjoy a late breakfast, wake at sunrise to swim laps, or seize the opportunity for a final spin through Bordeaux's sleepy villages and swaying sea of vines. However you choose to spend the last precious moments of your trip, we'll bring you to the Libourne train station and see you off to your next destination.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Destinations:** Sainte-Colombe, Libourne

Accomplished: 14 miles / 22 km, elevation gain: 525 feet / 116 meters

