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TOUR ITINERARY

RIDING LEVEL 2

Europe / France / Bordeaux / Dordogne

Dordogne + Bordeaux Bike Tour

Two Dreamy Destinations in the French Countryside

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- See the best of two distinct regions in Southwest France as you ride through the changing landscape from Dordogne into Bordeaux
- Explore a cave in Les Eyzies-de-Tayac, a village in the heart of the Vézère Valley renowned for its UNESCO-listed Paleolithic sites
- Step inside Cadouin Abbey, a Cistercian monastery founded in the 12th-century, to admire its breathtaking Flamboyant Gothic cloister
- Compare wines from AOC appellations in Monbazillac, Dordogne and Saint-Émilion, Bordeaux at top vineyards and in subterranean cellars









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**:
  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**.



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Tour By Day

PRE-TOUR

Sarlat Pre-Night (Optional)

Arrive a day early in Sarlat for an extra night at the first hotel of the tour. Settle in and ease into vacation mode at the hotel's spa, or wander Sarlat's beautifully preserved historic center, home to an impressive number of medieval and Renaissance buildings. In the morning, enjoy breakfast at the hotel before meeting your DuVine guides to begin the tour.

Inclusions: Hotel, Breakfast
Accommodations: **Plaza Madeleine**
Price per person in double occupancy: $280
Price in single occupancy: $500

DAY 1

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, following undulating roads through this serene, densely forested region. Get to know one another during our first lunch—a picnic on a family-owned farm that specializes in truffles. There we'll meet the owner and Olympe—the family's truffle dog—and learn the secrets of Périgord's prized black diamonds. Afterward, it's a short ride to our historic hotel in the center of Sarlat. There's time to explore this storybook town before dinner at a charming local restaurant.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner
Destinations: Carsac, Groléjac, Vitrac, Sarlat-la-Canéda
Accomplished: 19 miles / 31 km, elevation gain: 1,738 feet/ 530 meters
Accommodations: **Plaza Madeleine**

DAY 2 Rivers and Cave Paintings

This morning's route travels through a landscape of rolling hills and satisfying climbs, eventually leading us into the Fôret Barade, a peaceful stretch of shady walnut trees and poetic countryside. Follow the Vézère River to Saint-Léon-sur-Vézère—quite possibly the most idyllic town in all of France. Pause for a coffee, then continue cycling to Les Eyzies-de-Tayac, the world capital of prehistory, where a fascinating cave visit provides a lens into the story of human evolution and the lives of our earliest ancestors. Emerge back into daylight and enjoy lunch at one of our favorite local bistros. Our ride ends in the riverside town of Limeuil, where the van awaits to transfer us to our next hotel, an elegant countryside retreat just outside Bergerac. Lounge by the pool, take a stroll through the gardens, or try your hand at a game of pétanque. This evening we'll gather for dinner at the hotel's fine-dining restaurant, featuring inventive, seasonal dishes that celebrate Périgord's most refined local ingredients.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner
Destinations: Sarlat-la-Canéda, Saint-Léon-sur-Vézère, Les Eyzies-de-Tayac, Limeuil, Saint-Nexans
Accomplished: 27 miles / 44 km, elevation gain: 928 feet / 283 meters
Accommodations: **La Chartreuse du Bignac**

DAY 3 Along the Dordogne to Cadouin Abbaye

After breakfast, set off on a picturesque ride through the green scenery of Périgord—a route dotted with picturesque 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, hop in the van for a lift back to the hotel or tack on some extra miles with a ride along the Canal de Lalinde. The afternoon is yours: relax poolside with a glass of chilled Montravel Blanc or treat yourself to a massage. Tonight we'll head to dinner at a classic country bistro near Bergerac.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner
Destinations: Lalinde, Cadouin, Saint-Nexans
Accomplished: 28 miles/ 46 km, elevation gain: 2,047 feet / 624 meters
Longer Option: 46 miles / 74 km, elevation gain: 2,995 feet / 913 meters
Accommodations: **La Chartreuse du Bignac**

DAY 4 Wine Versus Wine

Monbazillac's sweet white wines are the perfect bridge between the Dordogne and our foray into Bordeaux. The day begins with a ride along the backroads of the Bergerac region, where endless vines and medieval villages set a timeless scene before giving way to the otherworldly vineyards of Monbazillac. Our destination is a family-run chateau where a first taste of wine awaits—and trust us when we say it poses some serious competition to Bordeaux's Sauternes. Continue cycling on quiet country lanes past sunflower fields and stone farmhouses to the neighboring villages of Rouffignac-de-Sigoulès and Monestier. After lunch at a delightful brasserie just outside Monestier, a scenic, hour-long transfer carries us into the heart of Bordeaux. We waste no time in this essential winegrowing region, heading 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, then set off for dinner on your own in this enchanting cobblestone town.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch
Destinations: Bergerac, Monbazillac, Rouffignac-de-Sigoulès, Monestier
Accomplished: 28 miles / 46 km, elevation gain: 1,840 feet / 561 meters
Accommodations: **Château-Hôtel Grand Barrail**

DAY 5 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 at Beau-Séjour Bécot, we'll dip our toe into some right-bank reds from the Saint-Émilion appellation, then hop back in the saddle. The final stretch to our hotel is short and flat, leaving plenty of time to unwind at the spa. This evening, a special table is set to celebrate our last night with a dinner of creative, locally sourced cuisine at the hotel's gastronomic restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner
Destinations: Pomerol, Bertin, Montagne, Saint-Émilion
Accomplished: 21 miles / 34 km, elevation gain: 1,158 feet / 353 meters
Accommodations: **Château-Hôtel Grand Barrail**

DAY 6

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: Saint-Émilion, Libourne
Accomplished: 14 miles / 22 km, elevation gain: 534 feet / 163 meters

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