



TOUR ITINERARY

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Europe / France / Bordeaux / Dordogne

## 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:** 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](mailto: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

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#### 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-run farm that specializes in truffles. There, we'll meet the owner and Olympe, the truffle dog, and uncover 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

**Accomplished:** 19 miles / 31 km, elevation gain: 1,738 feet/ 530 meters

**Accommodations:** [Plaza Madeleine](#)

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### Walnuts and Cave Paintings

This morning's ride begins with a few challenging climbs that lead into the Domainale Barade forest, a peaceful stretch of shady walnut trees and poetic countryside. Our first stop is a family-run mill, where we'll delve into the centuries-old techniques used to produce walnut oil. Back on the bikes, follow 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 riding to Lascaux, a remarkable cave complex featuring Cro-Magnon paintings dating back over 17,000 years, though only discovered in 1940. Emerge back into daylight and complete the ride to our next hotel, or opt for a lift in the van. This evening we'll enjoy a special dinner at our hotel's Michelin-starred restaurant, featuring inventive, seasonal dishes that celebrate Périgord's most refined local ingredients.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Sarlat-la-Canéda, Montignac, Saint-Lon-sur-Vézère, Les Eyzies, Trémolat

**Accomplished:** 27 miles / 44 km, elevation gain: 2,559 feet / 718 meters

**Longer Option:** 42 miles / 68 km, elevation gain: 3,382 feet / 1,031 meters

**Accommodations:** [Le Vieux Logis](#)

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### 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 head to our friend Yannick's house near the village of Trémolat for dinner at his charming countryside bistro.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Trémolat, Cadouin

**Accomplished:** 23 miles/ 37 km, elevation gain: 1,880 feet / 573 meters

**Accommodations:** [Le Vieux Logis](#)

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### Wine Versus Wine

Monbazillac's sweet white wines are the perfect bridge between the Dordogne and our foray into Bordeaux. Heading west along the Canal de Lalinde, our leisurely route soon reveals the otherworldly vineyards of Monbazillac. A final climb brings us to Château de Monbazillac, where a first taste of wine awaits—and trust us when we say it poses some serious competition to Bordeaux's Sauternes. After lunch, 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 quaint cobblestone town.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch

**Destinations:** Lalinde, Saint-Capraise-de-Lalinde, Monbazillac

**Accomplished:** 28 miles / 46 km, elevation gain: 1,515 feet / 462 meters

**Accommodations:** [Château-Hôtel Grand Barrail](#)

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### 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 relax and 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](#)

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### 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: 534 feet / 163 meters

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