





#### TOUR ITINERARY



Europe / Italy / Tuscany

# Classic Tuscany 4-Day Bike Tour

A Taste of Tuscany: Shorter and Just as Sweet

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride surrounded by olive groves, cypress trees, sunflower fields, and bucolic cow pastures
- Meet the locals as we learn to cook a Tuscan lunch with our friend Barbara at her beautiful farmhouse
- Taste exquisite vintages during a private wine-paired lunch at our favorite local winery
- Pedal along the shores of Lake Trasimeno in the silent stillness of the Val di Chiana









#### 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:

Camucia-Cortona 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



# Welcome to Tuscany

Meet your guides at the Chiusi train station for a transfer to the medieval village of Montefollonico where the adventure begins. We'll toast our arrival with a light lunch at our favorite local restaurant. After a bike fitting and safety review, we'll set off on our first ride through the Tuscan countryside past cows, sheep, olive groves, and vineyards. Stop to admire the stunning architecture of the Temple of San Biagio in Montepulciano, then cruise through the Vino Nobile vineyards to our boutique winery hotel. We'll celebrate tonight with a dinner featuring homemade pastas, fresh seasonal vegetables, and, of course, a selection of local wines.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations**: Montefollonico, Montepulciano

**Accomplished**: 17 miles / 28 km, elevation gain: 935 feet / 285 meters **Longer Option:** 27 miles / 44 km, elevation gain: 1,551 feet / 473 meters

Accommodations: Villa Svetoni or La Bandita Townhouse



# **Cooking and Cortona**

Cycling from our hotel, we'll make our way across the Val di Chiana, home of Tuscany's famed white Chianina cows. Cypress trees, sunflowers, apple orchards, and wheat fields line our route as we pedal deep into the countryside. Learn how to make fresh pasta during a stop for lunch at our friend Barbara's local farmhouse; our meal will feature fresh, seasonal ingredients straight from the farmhouse's very own garden. We'll leave feeling part of the family. Opt to ride or transfer to our next luxurious villa hotel. This evening we'll head into Cortona, an ancient hill town with Etruscan walls and a medieval core. Wander the streets, take in the gorgeous views of the valley below, and explore the bustling artisanal shops before dinner at a local restaurant we love.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Val di Chiana, Foiano, Cortona

**Accomplished**: 22 miles / 36 km, elevation gain: 997 feet / 304 meters **Longer Option:** 29 miles / 46 km, elevation gain: 1,994 feet / 608 meters

**Accommodations: Il Falconiere Relais** 

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# Lake Trasimeno

Pedal from Cortona through the olive groves to the blue waters of Lake Trasimeno, site of one of Hannibal's greatest victories over the Romans. Sample some of Tuscany's top wines during a tasting lunch at a historic winery dating back to 1385. Afterwards, complete the bike loop back to the hotel or opt for a quick shuttle back to relax and enjoy the pool and spa. This evening we'll end our journey in style with a final dinner at the hotel's Michelin-starred restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Lake Trasimeno, Petrignano, Barullo

**Accomplished:** 21 miles / 34 km, elevation gain: 1,335 feet / 407 meters **Longer Option**: 34 miles / 55 km, elevation gain: 1,955 feet / 596 meters

**Accommodations: Il Falconiere Relais** 



# Arrivederci

Say goodbye to Tuscany however you see fit. Sleep in, challenge yourself with an optional morning loop ride, or enjoy a leisurely breakfast on the terrace. Your guides will see you off from the train station in Cortona.

Meals: Breakfast

