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Tuscany Harvest Bike Tour

Olives, Truffles, Porcini, Chestnuts... And a Nice Chianti
• Experience Tuscany when its culinary treasures are ripe for the picking; take part in a dog-led truffle hunt, cook with our friend Lina in her 15th-century home, and harvest olives to be pressed into oil at a local mill
• Learn about the region’s ubiquitous wild boar from author Dario Castagno, then taste it during a cinghiale-themed lunch
• Pedal deep into the chestnut forests of Mount Amiata to hunt for porcini mushrooms and chestnuts with local foragers
• End the tour with a bang; ride across Chianti and finish in Florence’s stunning Piazzale Michelangelo
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: Florence Piazzale Michelangelo
Drop-Off Time: 1:30 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.
Tour By Day

**DAY 1  **

**Raccolta: The Olive Harvest**

Your journey begins with a transfer to La Chiusa, a former olive oil mill that is now a charming country inn. Enjoy lunch featuring ingredients from the surrounding countryside. Harvest time means there is work to do, and we will jump right into the action, picking olives from La Chiusa’s grove before hopping on our bikes and riding to our friend Paolo’s olive oil mill to get our olives pressed. Taste the alien green *olio nuovo* (new oil) on warm bruschetta before pedaling back to the hotel. This evening, stroll into the village of Montefollonico for a winetasting with our friend Vittorio, followed by an incredible Tuscan dinner.

**Meals:** Lunch / Dinner  
**Destinations:** Montefollonico, Petroio  
**Accomplished:** 20 miles / 33 km, elevation gain: 1,991 feet / 607 meters  
**Shorter Option:** 16 miles / 25 km, elevation guide: 1,597 feet / 487 meters  
**Accommodations:** La Chiusa

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**DAY 2  **

**Truffles**

Set off riding through pastures and forests to join the village of San Giovanni. Here we’ll meet up with our friend Topa, a local truffle dog, and her human companion. They’ll lead us into the oak forests that make this area famous for both its black and white *tartufi* (truffles). Back in San Giovanni we’ll have a truffle-infused lunch at Donatella’s cozy Osteria. After lunch we’ll keep pedaling into the Brunello wine-growing region. It’s a big climb up to Montalcino, the medieval hilltown at the heart of the Brunello zone, but the effort is well-rewarded when we check into our five-star castle hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner  
**Destinations:** Montefollonico, San Giovanni, Torrenieri, Montalcino  
**Accomplished:** 32 miles / 52 km, elevation gain: 2,270 feet / 692 meters  
**Accommodations:** Castello di Velona

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**DAY 3  Chestnuts + Mushrooms**

Today we will ride along the slopes of Monte Amiata, famous for the deep chestnut forests hiding a bounty of porcini mushrooms. Mushroom season in Tuscany means lines of cars parked along the sides of country roads as Tuscans head *en-masse* into the woods to search for these delicious prizes. We’ll join in the fun, going on our own hunt before a Michelin lunch at a mountain restaurant. After lunch, pedal back to our hotel to relax at the spa. This evening we’ll head back into Montalcino for a cooking class and dinner featuring porcini and chestnuts, of course, in the 15th-century home of our friend Lina.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner  
**Destinations:** Vivo d’Orcia, Pescina, Seggiano  
**Accomplished:** 28 miles / 45 km, elevation gain: 3,818 feet / 1,164 meters  
**Longer Option:** 43 miles / 69 km, elevation gain: 7,118 feet / 2,170 meters  
**Accommodations:** Castello di Velona

**DAY 4  Pane dei Santi: An Autumn Treat**

Ride to a local bakery for another seasonal treat, *pane dei santi*, a hearty bread with nuts and raisins made only around All Saints’ Day. Spend the rest of the day making your way across stunning Crete Senesi, stopping to visit the Renaissance frescoes at the Abbey of Monte Oliveto. After lunch, continue riding along the open ridges of this scenic landscape or opt for an earlier van transfer to the hotel. Tonight you are free to explore the medieval city of Siena or dine at the hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch  
**Destinations:** Buonconvento, Monte Oliveto, Asciano, Siena  
**Accomplished:** 29 miles / 46 km, elevation gain: 2,083 feet / 635 meters  
**Longer Option:** 40 miles / 65 km, elevation gain: 2,860 feet / 872 meters  
**Accommodations:** Castel Monastero

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DAY 5  Wine + Wild Boar

Pedal through the olive and cypress trees deep into the hills of Chianti where fortified hamlets and castles are a testament to the area’s unsettled past. Pass countless estates as we weave our way through forests and vineyards to meet up with Dario Castagno, a best-selling author and local boar hunting expert, for a *cinghiale*-themed lunch. Learn about the local traditions and politics surrounding the *battuta* (boar hunt). After lunch, opt for a longer ride or a straight shot back to the hotel. We’ll regroup in the evening for a festive final dinner at our friend Serena’s house featuring the full bounty of the Tuscan autumn.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner  
**Destinations:** Castelnuovo, Brolio, Monteaperti  
**Accomplished:** 34 miles / 55 km, elevation gain: 2,663 feet / 812 meters  
**Longer Option:** 43 miles / 69 km, elevation gain: 3,457 feet / 1,054 meters  
**Accommodations:** Castel Monastero

DAY 6  Ride to Florence

On our last day, choose between a late morning at the hotel or ride all the way across Chianti for a triumphant finish in Florence’s Piazzale Michelangelo. Whether you rode here or took a transfer, we say our goodbyes with the stunning Florentine skyline as our backdrop as guides see you off to your next adventure.

**Meals:** Breakfast  
**Destinations:** Panzano, Greve, Florence  
**Optional ride:** 32 miles / 52 km, elevation gain: 2,470 feet / 753 meters

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