



TOUR ITINERARY

Europe / Italy / Veneto

RIDING
LEVEL

1

Verona + Lake Garda Bike Tour

Veneto: A Land of Imagination and Poetry

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Sip wine with Nicola, our friend and local Amarone winemaker, in the cellar at his family farmhouse
- Ride an idyllic bike path into the heart of Renaissance Mantua to explore the frescoed palaces and cobbled streets of this UNESCO World Heritage site
- Take a dip in Lake Garda during a private boat ride across Italy's largest lake
- Spend two nights at Villa Cordevigo, a luxurious country estate tucked into the vineyards between Lake Garda and the Valpolicella
- Visit the Lessini Mountains where historic WWI trenches contrast with peaceful views over the Valpolicella



ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

Arrival Details

- ➔ **Airport City:** Milan or Venice, Italy
- 📍 **Pick-Up Location:** Porta Nuova Train Station in Verona
- 🕒 **Pick-Up Time:** 10:00 am

Departure Details

- ➔ **Airport City:** Milan or Venice, Italy
- 📍 **Drop-Off Location:** Porta Nuova Train Station in Verona
- 🕒 **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

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Welcome to the Veneto

Your guides will meet you in Verona, and then we're off to the fairytale village of Borghetto on the banks of the Mincio River. Here, get fitted for your bike and head out on a warmup ride through rich local farmland. Pedal through the vineyards of the Custoza wine region to lunch at a hip local restaurant in Valeggio. After lunch, spend the rest of the afternoon relaxing at our hotel and exploring Borghetto's boutiques and footbridges, or opt for a longer ride to the fortified village of Castellaro. Tonight, we'll taste the Veneto's best pumpkin *tortelli*—the hand-stuffed pasta that's a regional specialty—on the riverside terrace of our favorite local restaurant.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Borghetto sul Mincio, Custoza

Accomplished: 16 miles / 26 km, elevation gain: 951 feet / 290 meters

Longer Option: 30 miles / 49 km, elevation gain: 1,640 feet / 500 meters

Accommodations: [Corte Regia](#)

DAY
2

Renaissance Mantua

Wake to the peaceful sounds of the Mincio River and enjoy breakfast on the terrace. Today, we follow the winding course of the river through this famously fertile land to reach Mantua, home to one of Italy's greatest concentrations of Renaissance art. Admire the Renaissance architecture of the town before meeting our friend Antonia who will welcome us into her family's *palazzo* for a home-made lunch. After lunch, opt to complete the ride back to the hotel or take a lift in the van. Tonight, our chef friend Serena will show us true Italian hospitality as we make pasta and share Italian cocktails at a cooking class that feels more like an intimate dinner party.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Mantua, Goito, Falzoni

Accomplished: 21 miles / 34 km, elevation gain: 338 feet / 103 meters

Longer Option: 41 miles / 66 km, elevation gain: 774 feet / 236 meters

Accommodations: [Corte Regia](#)

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Lake Garda

Today we'll ride along the southern shores of Lake Garda. The idyllic terrain belies the historic summer of 1859, when Italian, French, and Austrian armies clashed here in a battle that set Italy on a path to unification. Soak up this history at the monumental tower of San Martino before continuing to Peschiera, the quaint lakefront town where we'll board our private boat for a lunchtime cruise on Lake Garda. Take in the mountain scenery and cool down with a dip in the brilliant blue waters of Italy's largest lake. We'll disembark in Bardolino where you can challenge yourself with an extra ride or transfer right to our stunning Relais & Châteaux accommodations. This evening, meet a local winemaker for a private vineyard dinner.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Castellaro Lagusello, Peschiera, Bardolino

Accomplished: 23 miles / 37 km, elevation gain: 1,180 feet / 360 meters

Longer Option: 31 miles / 50 km, elevation gain: 2,027 feet / 618 meters

Accommodations: [Villa Cordevigo](#)

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Along the Adige

This morning we'll pedal through history, tracing the route of Napoleon's armies to the battlefield of Rivoli and past a vast gorge carved by the Adige River. A leafy bike path along the river winds through the gorge, illuminating its strategic importance as a gateway to the plains of Northern Italy. Stop for lunch at a family-run *trattoria* before completing the loop back to the hotel. Tonight, return to the picturesque town of Bardolino to sip an *aperitivo* beside Lake Garda and explore the local dining scene.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Destinations: Rivoli, Rivalta, Chiusa di Ceraino

Accomplished: 28 miles / 46 km, elevation gain: 1,468 feet / 447 meters

Shorter Option: 25 miles / 40 km, elevation gain: 1,134 feet / 346 meters

Accommodations: [Villa Cordevigo](#)

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The Lessini Mountains

Today we'll enjoy a scenic drive up into the Lessini Mountains for a short walk through the mountain pastures to visit historic WWI trenches. The panoramic views of the Dolomites and valleys above Verona are worth the trip alone! Afterward, we'll hop on our bikes for a long, gradual descent along the ridgelines of the Valpolicella. Savor a glass of Amarone with the winemaker himself at a picnic lunch before pedaling through the vineyards to the stunning Byblos Art hotel—a Renaissance villa that boasts a collection of contemporary art, including works by Anish Kapoor and Damien Hirst. Tonight, after an *aperitivo*, we'll bid farewell to this beautiful region with dinner at our favorite *enoteca*.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Lessini Mountains, Sant'Anna d'Alfaedo, Fumane

Accomplished: 29 miles / 47 km, elevation gain: 774 feet / 236 meters

Longer Option: 33 miles / 53 km, elevation gain: 1,837 feet / 560 meters

Accommodations: [Byblos Art Hotel](#)

DAY
6

Goodbye to the Veneto

If you would like to ride this morning, you can do a final loop through the surrounding vineyards. Your guides will then transfer you to the Verona train station to say goodbye as you head on to your next destination.

Meals: Breakfast

Destinations: Verona