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## TOUR ITINERARY



United States / Vermont

# Vermont Twin Farms Bike Tour

Quintessential New England at Vermont's Only Forbes 5-Star Resort

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Unpack once and enjoy an exceptional end-to-end experience with three nights at Twin Farms, Vermont's only Forbes 5-Star resort that elegantly captures the essence of New England country living
- Cycle beside the Ottauquechee River, past the historic Taftsville Covered Bridge, and to lovingly-tended local farms
- Experience Twin Farms' food philosophy centered around estate-grown ingredients and seasonal produce during meticulous breakfasts, divine picnic lunches, and three on-property dinners
- Watch a glassblowing demonstration and eat lunch at the riverfront flagship location of glassmaker Simon Pearce





#### **Arrival Details**

#### Airport City:

- Boston, Massachusetts or Burlington, Vermont
- Pick-Up Location: Woodstock, Vermont
- Pick-Up Time: 10:00 am

#### **Departure Details**

#### Airport City:

- Boston, Massachusetts or Burlington, Vermont
- **Drop-Off Location**: Woodstock, Vermont

#### 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**

DAY 1

# **Ottauquechee River Loop**

Your guides will greet you upon arrival in Woodstock and begin with a bike fitting and safety talk. Our first spin in the Green Mountain State takes us on wooded roads dappled with sunlight streaming through colorful canopies of leaves. Stop in Quechee to watch the glassblowers at work at Simon Pearce and enjoy lunch here overlooking the falls. After, complete the loop by cycling along the Ottauquechee River, passing the historic Taftsville Covered Bridge, and making our way back into Woodstock where a pastry stop is in order. Challenge yourself with an extra ride right to our Relais & Châteaux resort: Twin Farms, our home for the next three nights. There's so much to explore on the 300-acre private grounds, so settle into your room or stroll the art collection in the farmhouse before we gather for cocktail hour. Dinner is our first introduction to Chef Nathan Rich's culinary philosophy, guided by a deep appreciation for local produce and in tune with the changing seasons.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner Destinations: Pomfret, Quechee, Woodstock Accomplished: 27 miles / 43 km, elevation gain: 2,259 feet / 689 meters Longer Option: 36 miles / 57 km, elevation gain: 3,249 feet / 991 meters Accommodations: Twin Farms

# DAY Farm Loop

Begin the day with Twin Farms' famous lemon soufflé pancakes before pedaling into the hills north of Woodstock. Spin past bucolic farmsteads and take a roller coaster route through sleepy hamlets like East Barnard and Hewitts Corners, arriving at a farm specializing in high-quality ciders. Enjoy a farm-style tasting lunch in the shadow of their historic barn, then stop for an ice cream at the Barnard General Store and a refreshing dip in Silver Lake. Keep riding to Bethel, or transfer back to Twin Farms and spend the rest of the day as you wish: perhaps playing croquet with champagne in hand or melting your muscles with a massage. Tonight, it's a cozy dinner at Twiggs, where the whole menu centers around fare from the wood-fired grill.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner
Destinations: Hewitts Corners, East Barnard, South Pomfret
Accomplished: 28 miles / 45 km, elevation gain: 2,730 feet / 832 meters
Longer option: 45 miles / 72 km, elevation gain: 4,419 feet / 1,347 meters
Accommodations: Twin Farms

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# Back to the Land

Pedal north towards Bethel this morning, a charming town established in 1779 where we'll stop for a warming cup of coffee. Ride on until we reach a 150-acre organic family-run farm that produces timber, maple syrup, vegetables, herbs, pork, poultry, and more. We'll meet the lovely owners and learn from them about sustainable farming practices before we turn back and bike to Twin Farms. An unbelievable picnic lunch awaits us, set high on the property's private ski hill. This afternoon, get some extra miles with your guides or take advantage of Twin Farms' endless activities—a swim in Copper Pond, a visit to the apiaries, or a leg-soothing soak in the cedar bath house. Tonight we celebrate an exceptional few days with a private dinner in the barn; the wine will be flowing and the flavors will call back the beautiful place we've explored by bicycle.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner Destinations: Bethel, Barnard, Randolph Accomplished: 35 miles / 56 km, elevation gain: 3,965 feet / 1,208 meters Longer Option: 47 miles / 74 km, elevation gain: 5,962 feet / 1,817 meters Accommodations: Twin Farms

#### DAY 4

### **One Last Ride**

After your final farm-to-table breakfast, join your guides for a short, scenic loop ride or head out for a morning hike on the forest trails that carve the Twin Farms property. We'll say our farewells as you head home or to your next New England adventure.

Meals: BreakfastDestinations: SharonAccomplished: 22 miles / 35 km, elevation gain: 2,547 feet / 776 meters

