



TOUR ITINERARY



Europe / Italy / Tuscany

Classic Tuscany Bike Tour

Essential Italy: What Locals Love Beyond Siena and Florence

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn the family recipes that have been handed down over generations as you cook with our friends Barbara and Sabrina
- Enjoy a private tasting lunch at a renowned Chianti Classico winery
- Pedal through UNESCO-recognized landscapes of wheat fields where scenes from *Gladiator* were famously filmed
- Immerse yourself in the wonders of the Tuscan Renaissance as we pedal to the towns, churches and frescoes that hum with the creative energy of this unique period
- Explore the medieval city of Siena with its bustling shopping and restaurant scene.



ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

Arrival Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**
Rome or Florence, Italy
- 📍 **Pick-Up Location:**
The Excelsior Hotel Florence
- 🕒 **Pick-Up Time:**
9:00 am

Departure Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**
Rome or Florence, Italy
- 📍 **Drop-Off Location:**
Chiusi Chianciano Train Station
- 🕒 **Drop-Off Time:**
10:30 am

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

La Dolce Vita

Meet our transfer in Florence (dressed for cycling) as we head to the tiny village of Radda to meet the guides and get fitted on our bikes. Pedal from here through the heart of the Chianti Classico region as we make our way to the most prestigious winery for lunch at their chic osteria (paired with a selection of their wines). After lunch continue along our favorite road, a ribbon of pavement that winds through the vineyards with views of the distant towers of Siena. Our destination is a 5-star castle hotel that will be our home for the next two nights. This evening we'll get a true welcome to this region with a special dinner at our friend Serena's house, featuring great home-cooked dishes and warm hospitality.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Radda, Brolio, Castelnuovo Berardenga

Accomplished: 23 miles / 37 km, elevation gain: 1,535 feet / 459 meters

Accommodations: [Castel Monastero](#)

DAY
2

Chianti Classico: The Tuscan Heartland

Olive and cypress trees surround us as we ride deep into the hills of Chianti. We'll see plenty of fortified hamlets and castles—relics of Florence and Siena's 300-year struggle for regional dominance and ownership over the birthplace of Chianti Classico wines found in ancient cellars around the area. Pedal past countless estates as we weave our way through forests and vineyards to a private tasting lunch at a family-run Chianti winery. This evening head into Siena to explore Italy's most evocative medieval city and explore the local dining scene.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Destinations: Castelnuovo, Brolio, Castagnoli

Accomplished: 27 miles / 43 km, elevation gain: 2,198 feet / 670 meters

Longer Option: 37 miles / 60 km, elevation gain: 3,089 feet / 942 meters

Accommodations: [Castel Monastero](#)

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The Crete Senesi

Riding south today the landscape changes dramatically as we enter the low hills known as the Crete Senesi. Pedal through the thermal resort town of Rapolano on our way to the walled town of Asciano for a coffee on the main square. From here the scenery comes to life as we ride along the open ridges of one of the most-photographed roads in the world. Stop into the Abbey of Monte Oliveto to admire an incredible cycle of Renaissance frescoes before continuing to lunch at a Slow Food restaurant perched on the edge of a picturesque medieval village. After lunch continue to our final hotel, a luxurious boutique property where we'll spend the next three nights. Relax by the pool before heading to dinner at a nearby organic farm.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Rapolano, Asciano, Trequanda

Accomplished: 29 miles / 46 km, elevation gain: 2,837 feet / 865 meters

Longer Option: 38 miles / 61 km, elevation gain: 3,742 feet / 1,141 meters

Accommodations: [Casa Newton](#)

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4

Montichiello: Hill-towns and Home-Cooking

Take a spin to Montepulciano this morning to explore the Renaissance temple of San Biagio. Then ride the famed switchbacks of Montichiello out into the Val d'Orcia, a region so beautiful it is now a designated UNESCO world heritage site. Our destination is the ancient Roman thermal resort of Bagno Vignoni where our friends Barbara and Sabrina will teach us some local recipes as we cook lunch together. After lunch complete the loop back to the hotel past the scenery made famous by the film *Gladiator*. Tonight we'll visit another dear friend, Vittorio, for a wine tasting in his secret garden, followed by dinner in a typical trattoria.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Montepulciano, Montichiello, Bagno Vignoni

Accomplished: 31 miles / 51 km, elevation gain: 2,653 feet / 809 meters

Shorter Option: 19 miles / 30 km, elevation gain: 1,197 feet / 365 meters

Accommodations: [Casa Newton](#)

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Of Popes and Peasants

Ride this morning to the Renaissance town of Pienza where Pope Pius II transformed his hometown according to the humanist principles of the time. Explore the perfect city design in the morning light before descending once more into the Val d'Orcia. Stop for a coffee on the square in San Quirico, pedal the panoramic ridgeline above San Giovanni and savor a picnic lunch at our friend Paolo's artisanal olive mill. This evening, treat yourself to some rest and relaxation at the hotel before regrouping for a final dinner.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Pienza, San Quirico, Castelmuzio

Accomplished: 31 miles / 50 km, elevation gain: 2,312 feet / 705 meters

Longer Option: 40 miles / 64 km, elevation gain: 3,227 feet / 984 meters

Accommodations: [Casa Newton](#)

DAY
6

Chiusi

Sleep in and enjoy a relaxed breakfast on the castle's incredible terrace. Transfer to the Chiusi Chianciano train station as you head on to your next destination.

Meals: Breakfast

Destinations: Chiusi

YOUR TOUR DETAILS

Preparing for Your Tour

Travel Services

DuVine can assist with the following reservations for up to three days before and after your tour.

- Pre and post-trip hotels in all major cities, in addition to the first and last on-tour hotels
- Private transfers

DuVine's travel advisor partners are happy to assist with flight reservations. If you are not already working with an agent, please request a referral from your Tour Coordinator.

Travel Protection

DuVine offers a **Travel Protection Plan** to help protect your travel investment, your belongings, and most importantly, you. The offered Travel Protection Plan is non-refundable, but it is strongly recommended in the unfortunate event that you have to cancel or leave your trip.

NOTE: Plan benefits, limits, and provisions may vary by state or jurisdiction. In order to receive full benefits, Travel Protection must be purchased within 21 days of initial tour deposit. This plan is available to citizens of the U.S. and Canada only.

Gratuities

Gratuities are much appreciated to thank DuVine guides for exceptional service, support, and expertise. The industry standard is for each guest to tip 10-15% (U.S. tours and Cycle + Sail tours) or 7.5-10% (all other tours) of their trip price. The recommended per-traveler amount is an appropriate gratuity for your guide team as a whole. (It is not necessary to tip this amount *per* guide.) Tips are customary at the end of your tour, and local currency is always preferred. We recommend bringing extra cash or visiting the ATM at the beginning of your trip. For alternate methods of tipping (including Venmo, PayPal, and TransferWise), **please see our FAQs**.



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Bikes

DuVine's top-of-the-line bikes are tuned to perfection and fit specifically to you. Our performance bikes from premier manufacturers feature light frames, smooth-rolling tires, comfortable seats, and wide gear ranges for the best ride possible. Please see our website for the exact bike models offered on tour. Additionally, e-bikes are available on most DuVine tours. Electric assist provides an extra boost to your own pedal power, so you can ride longer distances, tackle tougher climbs, and maintain a faster pace. Electric assist is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact your Tour Coordinator if you are interested.

Electrical Overseas

If you're traveling abroad, you will most likely need an [adapter](#), which allows your device's plug to fit into foreign outlets. North American devices run on 110/125V electricity while the majority of the world runs on 220/240V. Converters and transformers change the voltage of electricity to match your device.

Training

First and foremost, get out on your bike and start logging some miles. Nothing compares to the real thing, but if you can't cycle outside, consider spin classes. Experience with the elements of wind, actual hills, terrain, etc will help with your comfort level (balance, unexpected conditions, etc.) on tour. Always remember, training is a gradual process—don't try to overdo it or push yourself when you aren't ready. However, the most important part of training is to enjoy your ride! [Download a training guide](#) based on your Tour Level.

Travel Sustainably

DuVine is committed to sustainable travel and has been a 100% carbon neutral company since 2022. While cycling is an inherently eco-conscious mode of travel, we continuously seek ways to lessen our footprint, whether it be biodegradable water bottles or compostable gear mailers.

[Read more](#) about sustainability at DuVine.



YOUR PACKING LIST

On The Bike

Cycling jerseys or athletic shirts
Cycling shorts
Cycling shoes (if you bring your own pedals)
Sneakers (if you don't bring your own pedals)
Cycling sunglasses
Athletic socks
Arm/leg warmers
Lightweight, waterproof, wind-resistant jacket or vest
Bike gloves
Bike saddle/cover (if you prefer your own)

Off The Bike

Walking shoes
Hiking shoes (if required)
Long + short-sleeved shirts
Sweater/jacket for evenings
Dinner attire (dressy casual) + dress shoes
Swimsuit

Travel Items*

Travel confirmations + tickets for air, rail, etc.
Passport, including photocopy
Local currency
DuVine Tour Itinerary (with meeting + departing info)
Health insurance information
Medications
Cycling gear (+ pedals) if riding on Day 1

*We recommend keeping these items in your carry-on

Additional Items

Cell phone + charger
Photography gear + charger
Power/plug adapter
Toiletries
Sunscreen, hat, + other sun protection gear
Insect repellent

What We Provide

- Bike saddle
- GPS (where available)
- Flat or caged pedals
- DuVine t-shirt and jersey
- Helmet
- Water bottle
- Snacks/nutrition
- Drawstring bag

Order DuVine Gear

Want DuVine bike shorts to match your complimentary jersey? To order, contact tourcoordinators@duvine.com. Gear is shipped free of charge to DuVine guests in the U.S. and Canada. For expedited shipping and guests outside of the U.S. and Canada, additional shipping fees will apply.

Do I need to bring special gear?

- Cycling shorts are designed to provide extra padding when spending the whole day in the saddle. Don't forget the chamois cream!
- If you bring your own cycling shoes, you must bring your own pedals. If you've never used clip-in pedals before, we don't recommend using them on tour.
- Arm and leg warmers are essential for cooler weather. Wear them with your short-sleeve jersey and shorts for lightweight, easy-to-pack, and effective warmth.
- Bike gloves are a preference, but are recommended for Level 3 and 4 tours. The padding in gloves can ease arm, shoulder, and joint fatigue.

Dressing for the Weather

- The location and time of year of your tour can bring all kinds of weather, from extreme heat to relentless rain. Check extended forecasts before your trip and pack accordingly.

Before You Go

- Ensure your passport is valid for 3-6 months after return date.
- Call your bank/credit cards to notify them of upcoming travel.
- Please limit your luggage to one medium-sized suitcase and one carry-on.

BIKE SAFETY

We strongly suggest that you read these simple safety instructions. They will help you bike safely before and during your tour!

- Wear a helmet—this is mandatory on tour!
- Familiarize yourself with traffic laws and obey them. Bikes do not have the right of way, but most drivers are respectful to cyclists on the road. Always ride in the direction of traffic.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times. Knowing what is in front of and behind you may help prevent an accident.
- Alert other riders around you by announcing the presence of traffic (“car up”) or pot holes (“pot hole”).
- When riding as a group, maintain distance between yourself and other cyclists
- Learn the hand signals to indicate when you are stopping or turning.
- Operate your bike consistently and predictably—avoiding erratic movements.
- Keep at least one hand on the handlebars at all times.
- Primarily use your rear brake.
- Always be aware of weather and road conditions and how they may affect your ability to brake.
- Never wear headphones or use speakers during rides.
- Always listen to additional instructions from your guides on tour.

If you have chosen an e-bike, be aware that it is slightly heavier, faster, and more powerful than a non-electric bike. Therefore, you should anticipate a different reaction when riding downhill, breaking, or dismounting from an e-bike. Your guides can offer further instruction during your bike fitting and safety review.

