



## TOUR ITINERARY



Europe / Austria / Germany

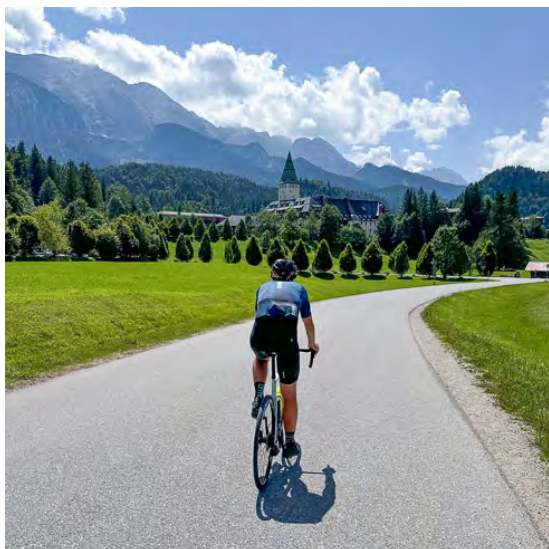
# Germany + Austria Bike Tour

Storybook Castles of Bavaria + the German Alps



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride from Germany into Austria via the idyllic Rissstal valley, and bike through sylvan forests, wildflower fields, and peaceful pastures
- Visit two of Bavarian King Ludwig's fairytale castles, including Neuschwanstein—the inspiration for Disney's Sleeping Beauty castle
- Order a *grosses Bier* with the locals at a beloved family-run brewery
- Enjoy both Michelin fine dining and local, rustic Bavarian cuisine, like freshly foraged mushrooms and creamy cheeses from a family farmstead





## ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

### Arrival Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**  
Munich, Germany
- 📍 **Pick-Up Location:**  
Garmisch-Partenkirchen Train Station
- 🕒 **Pick-Up Time:**  
10:00 am

### Departure Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**  
Munich, Germany
- 📍 **Drop-Off Location:**  
Oberstaufen 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](mailto:emergency@duvine.com).



# TOUR ITINERARY

## Tour By Day

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### Willkommen in Bavaria

Meet your guides at the Garmisch-Partenkirchen train station and take a look around: you're now in the storybook setting of rural Bavaria, where cobbled streets are lined with wooden chalets and the Bavarian Alps beyond. Get fitted on the bikes at our stunning castle hotel before setting off through the car-free countryside. Take in jaw-dropping views of the Bavarian Alps as we pedal through the pastures to Mittenwald for lunch. Then opt for a longer loop across the border into Austria or some extra time enjoying the pools, spa and amenities at the Schloss Elmau hotel. Tonight regroup for drinks and dinner as we watch the sun set over the mountains.

**Meals:** Lunchb/ Dinner

**Destinations:** Elmau, Krun, Mittenwald

**Accomplished:** 17 miles / 28 km, elevation gain: 1,761 feet / 464 meters

**Longer Option:** 29 miles / 46 km, elevation gain: 2834 feet / 864 meters

**Accommodations:** [Schloss Elmau](#)

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DAY  
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### The Hidden Valley

Savor breakfast with a mountain view before setting off on a big adventure. We'll cross a section of Roman road that runs ruler-straight through the forest before turning onto the Risstal—a traffic-free ribbon of tarmac surrounded by a sea of wildflowers. Here, there's precious little sound except your shifting gears and the occasional clang of cowbells. Cross into Austria as we gradually climb into Grosser Ahornboden, or "Great Maple Floor," an Alpine pasture peppered with ancient sycamore trees. The reward, apart from the views, is lunch at an Alm, a German mountain farm. Opt for a transfer to the hotel after lunch, or ride back for one final push. Tonight, choose between the various restaurants at the hotel for dinner

**Meals:** Breakfast/ Lunchb

**Destinations:** Wallgau, Risstal, Eng

**Accomplished:** 30 miles / 49 km, elevation gain: 2,388 feet / 728 meters

**Longer Option:** 61 miles / 99 km, elevation gain: 4,166 feet / 1,270 meters

**Accommodations:** [Schloss Elmau](#)

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### Castles, Monks, and Mountains

*Auf wiedersehen*, Germany! We're riding into Austria again for the day, but first we'll transfer to the Ettal Abbey—a 14th-century Benedictine monastery. Then pedal through a fairytale forest to King Ludwig's most complete masterpiece: the Linderhof Palace. Take a turn around the manicured grounds and opulent interiors. For lunch we'll continue the ride to the Plansee, an impossibly blue Alpine lake at the base of the Wetterstein Mountains. After lunch we'll finally cross back into Germany where our castle hotel awaits us, perched in the most romantic German location, on top of a mountain. Opt to ride or transfer up to this boutique property where we'll settle in for a gourmet dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast/ Lunch/ Dinner

**Destinations:** Reutte, Plansee, Ettal

**Accomplished:** 35 miles / 57 km, elevation gain: 2,276 feet / 694 meters

**Longer Option:** 40 miles / 63 km, elevation gain: 3,474 feet / 1,059 meters

**Accommodations:** [Schlossanger](#)

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### Fairytales and Biergartens

Today we take a loop through Ostallgäu, the region on the Germany-Austria border where Bavarian King Ludwig II—sometimes called the Fairytale King—built his collection of castles. Our route is something of a fairytale itself as we pedal to the Alatsee, a tiny gem of a mountain lake, then follow the Lech River to Füssen. Here, Neuschwanstein castle—Ludwig's crowning achievement and the inspiration for Disney's iconic castle—rises majestically amidst the mountain peaks. We'll step into the story ourselves during a visit to this hilltop palace before cycling into Füssen for lunch. Afterwards, wander the cobbled streets and admire the traditional architecture of this pretty pastel town. Our day ends in true Bavarian style with a ride to a local brewery, where we'll raise steins alongside the locals at communal wooden tables.

**Meals:** Breakfast/ Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Alatsee, Füssen

**Accomplished:** 26 miles / 42 km, elevation gain: 1,319 feet / 402 meters

**Longer Option:** 30 miles / 49 km, elevation gain: 2,457 feet / 749 meters

**Accommodations:** [Schlossanger](#)

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### Of See and Spätzle

Picture Bavaria, and its crystal-clear mountain seen (lakes) come to mind—the places where locals gather to relax, swim, and soak up the Alpine scenery. Our route today weaves through pastures and pine forests, passing countless lakes as we work our way west towards the Allgäu Alps. Along the way, we'll meet some local characters and enjoy a pop-up lunch with our friend, chef Florian. After plenty of spätzle, you'll be well-fueled for the optional longer ride that approaches our final boutique hotel. Take a well-earned dip in the pool before a final cocktail and dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast/ Lunchb/ Dinner

**Destinations:** Alpsee, Moosbach, Mittelberg

**Accomplished:** 33 miles / 54 km, elevation gain: 2,236 feet / 682 meters

**Longer Option:** 43 miles / 70 km, elevation gain: 3,129 feet / 954 meters

**Accommodations:** [Bergkristall](#)

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### Last Stop: Oberstaufen

Sleep in and enjoy a leisurely breakfast, then spend your last morning in Bavaria hiking, swimming, or taking one final stroll around the town of Oberstaufen before catching the train back to Munich— (or to your next destination).

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Destinations:** Oberstaufen

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## YOUR TOUR DETAILS

### Preparing for Your Tour

#### Travel Services

DuVine can assist with extended reservations at the first and final hotels on your scheduled itinerary, or with private transfers to and from your bike tour. 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.



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## YOUR TOUR DETAILS

### 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. E-bikes are available in most destinations on a first-come, first-served basis. 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. 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. Experience with the elements and terrain will help with your comfort level (balance, unexpected conditions, etc.) on tour. Nothing compares to the real thing, but if you can't cycle outside, consider spin classes. 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

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

## Order DuVine Gear

Want DuVine bike shorts to match your complimentary jersey? To order, contact [tourcoordinators@duvine.com](mailto: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 you read these simple safety instructions and watch our [brief safety video](#). 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, braking, or dismounting from an e-bike. Your guides can offer further instruction during your bike fitting and safety review.

