



TOUR ITINERARY



Europe / Italy / Tuscany

Tuscany Harvest Bike Tour

Olives, Truffles, Porcini, Chestnuts... And a Nice Chianti

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience Tuscany when its culinary treasures are ripe for the picking; take part in a dog-led truffle hunt, savor traditional Tuscan dishes at our friend Lina's 15th-century home, and harvest olives to be pressed into oil at a local mill
- Weave through the golden foothills of Mount Amiata, a dormant volcano whose forests yield porcini mushrooms, ripe chestnuts, and the elusive wild boar
- Pedal into quintessential scenery of the Chianti Classico, where rows of vines lead to a seasonal lunch grown and gathered from our friend's kitchen garden
- Enjoy a bountiful harvest dinner at a family farm in the hills above Pienza, where organic wines are produced on site and the table overflows with the season's best
- End the tour with an optional ride across Chianti and finish in Florence's Piazzale Michelangelo



ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

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.



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Tour By Day

DAY
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La Raccolta: The Olive Harvest

Meet your guides at the Chiusi train station for a transfer to our first hotel, a noble estate perched on a hill outside Pienza that has been refashioned into a boutique retreat. Get fitted on the bikes and set off on a ride on our favorite roads through quintessential Tuscan countryside. Our destination is our friend Paolo's olive mill where locals arrive with crates of handpicked olives to be pressed into neon green *olio nuovo* (new oil). Meet Paolo's mother and savor the warm hospitality and simple flavors of Italian rural life during lunch in the family's farmhouse. From there, cycle back to the hotel where there's time to relax and enjoy a glass of wine by the pool. Later we'll regather to watch the sun set over the Val d'Orcia as the chef welcomes us with a seasonal dinner served just steps from the hotel's garden.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Pienza, Montisi

Accomplished: 24 miles / 38 km, elevation gain: 2,388 feet / 728 meters

Shorter Option: 13 miles / 22 km, elevation gain: 1,171 feet / 357 meters

Accommodations: [Casa Newton](#)

DAY
2

Farm, Forest, and Feast

Today's ride takes us through the Val d'Orcia and Brunello wine regions, home to some of Tuscany's most beautifully manicured landscapes. Yet just above, neat rows of vines meet the wild forests of Mount Amiata, a dormant volcano that has long shaped the surrounding terroir. Amiata's forests nurture chestnuts, porcini mushrooms, and the elusive *cinghiale* (wild boar), while the vineyards below produce some of Italy's finest wines. This intersection of farm and forage is a gift to the palate. We'll celebrate the season's bounty over a homemade lunch at the 15th-century home of our friend Lina in the heart of Montalcino. After, opt to ride or transfer back to the hotel for a relaxed afternoon. This evening we'll head to dinner at a neighboring farm. Here, the day's harvest becomes tonight's feast as everything on the table—from the cheese to the vegetables to the organic wines—is made or grown right on site.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch/ Dinner

Destinations: Castiglione d'Orcia, Castelnuovo dell'Abate, Montalcino

Accomplished: 35 miles / 57 km, elevation gain: 2,486 feet / 758 meters

Shorter Option: 23 miles / 37 km, elevation gain: 1,184 feet / 361 meters

Accommodations: [Casa Newton](#)

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A Truffle Hunter

Today is all about the truffle. Our search begins as we ride through golden pastures that give way to forests surrounding the village of San Giovanni. A local friend and his truffle dog await our arrival, eager to begin their hunt. Together, we head deep into the oak groves that conceal both black and white *tartufi* (truffles). Of course, we must taste our spoils—so back in San Giovanni, we're treated to a truffle-infused lunch at a cozy *osteria*. Our afternoon ride is practically powered by truffles as we pedal along the cypress-lined roads of the Crete Senesi, bathed in warm autumn light. Our ride ends at the luxurious hotel that will be our home for the next three nights. Relax and get settled then regroup for dinner. We'll spend the evening at a charming, family-owned *osteria*, where locals gather to share a glass of Chianti and feast on seasonal favorites.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Vivo d'Orcia, Pescina, Seggiano

Accomplished: 37 miles / 60 km, elevation gain: 3,096 feet / 944 meters

Longer Option: 43 miles / 70 km, elevation gain: 3,841 feet / 1,171 meters

Accommodations: [Borgo San Felice](#) or [Castel Monastero](#)

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Autumn in the Chianti Classico

As patient winemakers gather the last bunches of grapes, the vineyards themselves seem to celebrate the *vendemmia* (grape harvest) with a fireworks display of fall color. The leaves of Sangiovese glow a warm amber that contrasts beautifully with the brilliant yellows of the Malvasia and the scarlet pops of Colorino and Canaiolo. Today's scenic loop is one of our favorites. We'll wind through the vivid patchwork of the Chianti Classico, pausing for plenty of photos along the way. Stop for coffee in the picturesque village of Gaiole, then complete the loop back to the hotel. The day's riding is done—now it's time for a leisurely lunch followed by an afternoon nap, a delicious massage, or a walk around the grounds to keep your legs moving. Tonight the evening is yours to explore Siena, Italy's quintessential medieval city. Stroll the cobbled streets, browse the shops, and enjoy dinner on your own—your guides are happy to recommend the perfect local restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Destinations: Castagnoli, Gaiole, Siena

Accomplished: 25 miles / 41 km, elevation gain: 2,529 feet / 771 meters

Longer Option: 32 miles / 52 km, elevation gain: 3,483 feet / 1,062 meters

Accommodations: [Borgo San Felice](#) or [Castel Monastero](#)

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Garden Variety

The kitchen garden has long been the creative heart of Tuscan cuisine and the Mediterranean diet, now so widely acclaimed, has its roots in Tuscany's *mezzadria*—or sharecropping—system. While wheat, transformed into bread and pasta, created the foundation of the diet, the addition of fresh garden-grown produce gave rise to the classic Tuscan dishes we enjoy today. Today we'll ride into the Chianti hills to visit our friend Serena, whose bountiful garden and love of cooking brings those flavors to life during an unforgettable *al fresco* lunch. Choose to cycle back to the hotel or hop in the van for a transfer. Tonight we'll raise a glass to the abundance of the season before a final gourmet dinner paired with renowned wines produced right on the estate.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Castelnuovo, Pianella, Bossi

Accomplished: 32 miles / 52 km, elevation gain: 2,906 feet / 886 meters

Longer Option: 42 miles / 68 km, elevation gain: 3,874 feet / 1,181 meters

Accommodations: [Borgo San Felice](#) or [Castel Monastero](#)

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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 biked here or took a transfer, we say our goodbyes in the most wonderful Renaissance city in the world as guides see you off to your next adventure.

Meals: Breakfast

Destinations: Radda, Florence

Optional ride: 36 miles / 58 km, elevation gain: 2,270 feet / 692 meters

Longer Option: 48 miles / 78 km, elevation gain: 3,611 feet / 1,101 meters

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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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

- Bike saddle
- GPS (where available)
- Flat 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

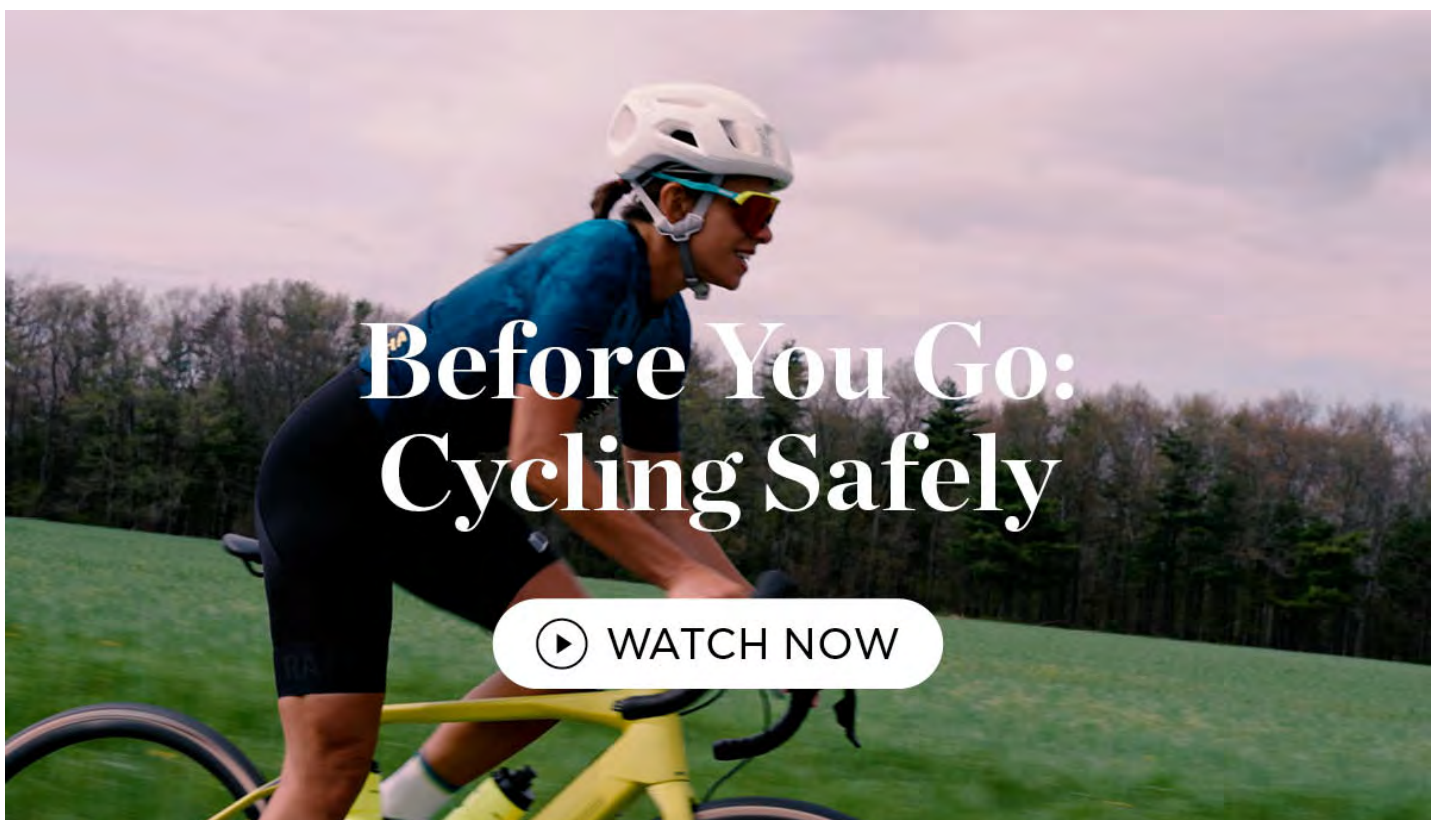
- Ensure your passport is valid for 3-6 months after return date.
- Call your bank/credit cards to notify them of upcoming travel.
- Please limit your luggage to one medium-sized suitcase and one carry-on.

BIKE SAFETY

We strongly suggest 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.



YOUR TOUR QUOTE

Private Tour Details

Price

Price below is in USD, per person, based on **double** occupancy, and is valid until **XX/XX/XX** (30 days from day proposal was sent):

Group Size	Tour Price
XX-XX travelers	\$0,000
XX-XX travelers	\$0,000
XX-XX travelers*	\$0,000

Single supplement of **\$XXX** per person will be applied if a single room is requested. *Should group size fall below this number, itinerary and pricing are subject to review.

Included [Ensure all inclusions are indeed accurate. Items in black are standard, but still may always not apply]

- Accommodations:
 - Thoughtfully selected accommodations that reveal the true character of the region
 - Luggage transfers
- Meals:
 - Daily breakfasts, all lunches, nutritious snacks, and après velo cocktails
 - **X** gourmet dinners at our favorite local restaurants and renowned culinary establishments
 - Carefully selected local wine with every meal
- Activities:
 - Wine tastings and activities as outlined in the tour itinerary
 - Entrance fees to historic sites, museums, parks, and all other exclusive events
 - Gratuities for baggage, porters, and hotel service
- Gear:
 - Top-of-the-line bicycle selection and bike helmet
 - Complimentary DuVine gear, including a custom cycling jersey, DuVine t-shirt, water bottle, and drawstring bag
 - GPS in most destinations
- Support:
 - Expert bilingual guides with extensive local knowledge
 - Support vehicle that follows the day's route, distributes refreshments, and offers lifts
 - Pick-up and drop-off before and after your tour from predetermined meeting points
 - Daily bike maintenance for optimal performance

Begins + Ends

Start location / End location [as specific as possible]

Difficulty Level

[Level]

Date

[Start date] day of the week, month day, year – [Start date] day of the week, month day, year

Terms & Conditions

- Hotel selection based upon availability at time of confirmation
- USD \$1,000 per person non-refundable deposit required
- Full Payment is due 90 days prior to start date
- Price will increase if group size drops below XX guests
- Cancellation Penalties as follows:

Days Prior to Trip	Fee Per Person
91+	\$1,000
90-66	50% of trip price
65-31	75% of trip price
30-0	100% of trip price

- All bookings are subject to the

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Not Included

- Airfare
- Dinner on **X** free night(s)
- Gratuities for DuVine guides
- Travel Protection

