



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 friend Lina in her 15th-century home
- 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
- Explore the Medieval city of Siena with its bustling shopping and restaurant scene.
- Meet our friend Serena for an evening of traditional Tuscan hospitality at her home in the countryside



ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

Arrival Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**
Rome or Florence, Italy
- 📍 **Pick-Up Location:** Florence Westin
Excelsior Hotel
- 🕒 **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 three nights. Settle in here and enjoy our first Tuscan dinner onsite.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Radda, Bivio, 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 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: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Castelnuovo, Bivio, 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. This is where the iconic *Strade Bianche* race passes each spring and we'll have a great view from the terrace of a local castle at lunch. After lunch complete the loop back to the hotel and head into Siena this evening to shop, explore and try the local dining scene. Your guides are happy to make recommendations or reservations for dinner.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Destinations: Rapolano, Asciano, Arbia

Accomplished: 35 miles / 56 km, elevation gain: 2,486 feet / 758 meters

Shorter Option: 23 miles / 35 km, elevation gain: 1,581 feet / 482 meters

Accommodations: [Castel Monastero](#)

DAY
4

Montalcino: Castles, Brunello, and Home-Cooking

Say goodbye to our castle hotel this morning as we trade Chianti for Brunello and one incredible castle for another. Our route will take us across the heart of the Crete through the sleepy village of San Giovanni, one of the few in all of Italy that has both black and white truffles. Pedaling down this gourmet valley we'll enter the Brunello wine region and a big climb to Montalcino. Ride past famed estates like Casa Nova dei Neri and Biondi-Santi on our way to our winery hotel. This evening we'll head into Montalcino for a cooking class and dinner in the 15th-century home of our friend Lina.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: San Giovanni d'Asso, Torrenieri, Montalcino

Accomplished: 30 miles / 48 km, elevation gain: 1,978 feet / 603 meters

Longer Option: 39 miles / 63 km, elevation gain: 2,880 feet / 878 meters

Accommodations: [Relais Mastrojanni](#)

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Pienza Loop

Today's loop ride begins with a climb to Castiglione d'Orcia through an endless sea of olive trees. Celebrate your arrival with a coffee in the shady main piazza and enjoy a scenic downhill into the Val d'Orcia. The natural beauty of this area has attracted filmmakers for iconic titles like *Gladiator* and the *English Patient* and earned it UNESCO World Heritage status. Our destination is the Renaissance town of Pienza where Pope Pius II transformed his hometown according to the humanist principles of the time. Explore the tiny streets before heading to our friend Paolo's olive mill for a chance to experience the true heart of harvest season in Tuscany, the picking and milling of olives. This evening, treat yourself to some rest and relaxation at the hotel before regrouping for a final Brunello-paired dinner.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Castiglione d'Orcia, Pienza, San Quirico

Accomplished: 27 miles / 43 km, elevation gain: 2,857 feet / 871 meters

Longer Option: 43 miles / 69 km, elevation gain: 4,152 feet / 1,266 meters

Accommodations: [Relais Mastrojanni](#)

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 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

- 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

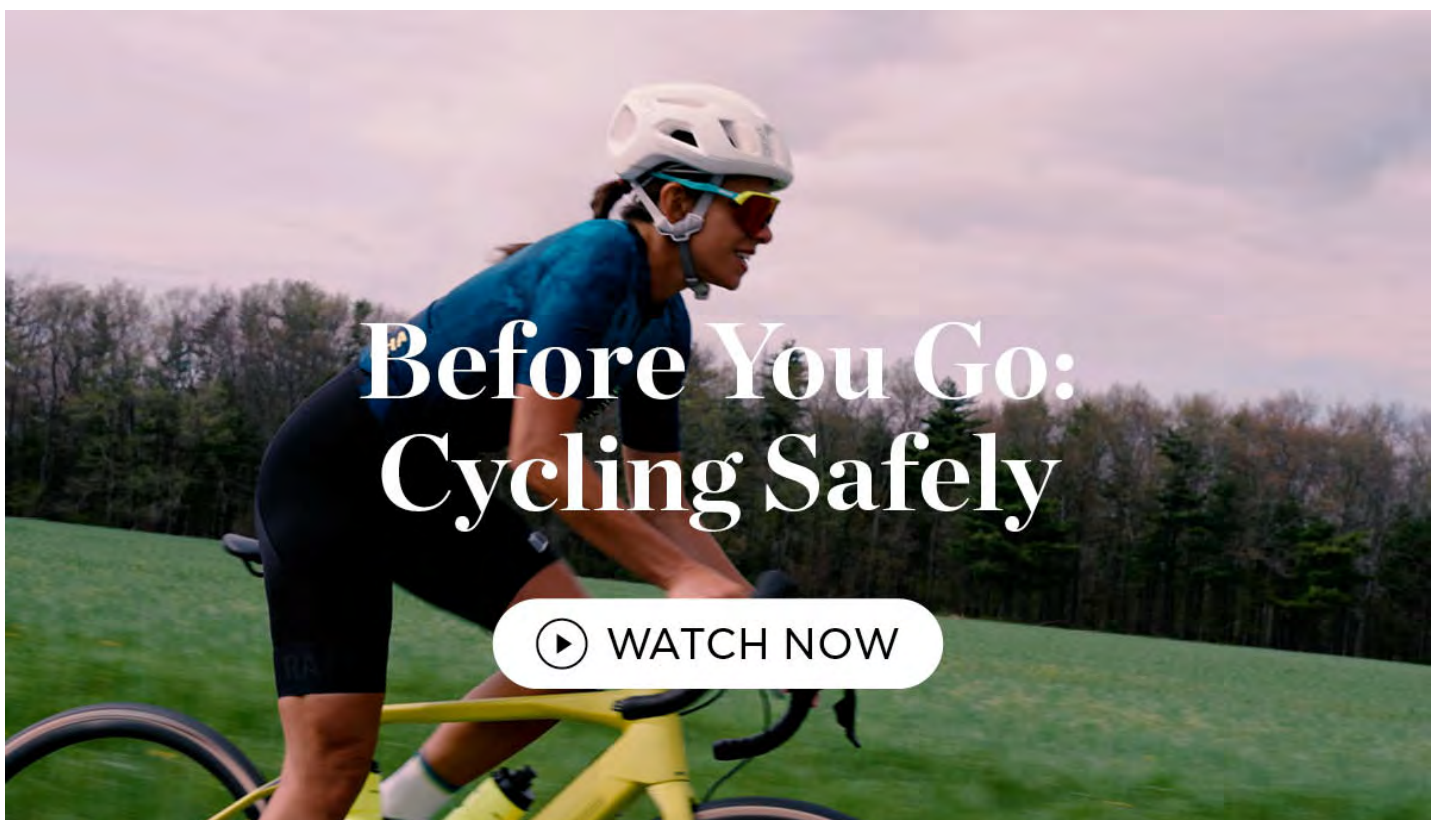
- Ensure your passport is valid for 3-6 months after return date.
- Call your bank/credit cards to notify them of upcoming travel.
- Please limit your luggage to one medium-sized suitcase and one carry-on.

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

