





# TOUR ITINERARY



United States / Shenandoah Valley, VA

# Shenandoah Valley 4-Day Bike Tour

Weekend in Virginia's Wine Country + Culinary Cradle

### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Conquer a ride on Skyline Drive, the scenic route running along the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Shenandoah National Park
- Unpack once and spend three nights at the boutique Glen Gordon manor, a luxury estate in the heart of Virginia's horse country
- Discover the area's booming culinary scene during visits to independent farms, farm-to-table lunches, and exclusive dinners prepared by local chefs
- Sip Bordeaux-style wines during a private tasting at a sophisticated barn winery that's earning Virginia wine country a world-class reputation











### ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

#### **Arrival Details**

- → Airport City: Washington, DC
  - Pick-Up Location:
- The Westin Washington Dulles Airport or Glen Gordon Manor
- Pick-Up Time:

9:30 am at The Westin or 10:30 am at hotel

## **Departure Details**

- Airport City:
- **W**ashington, DC
- **Drop-Off Location**: Dulles Airport or Glen Gordon Manor
- Drop-Off Time:

2:30 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.





# Tour By Day



# Welcome to Washington, Virginia

Meet your guides at The Westin Washington at Dulles Airport for a transfer to our hotel, an impeccable country manor at the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains. We'll kick things off with a bike fitting and safety briefing in preparation for our first ride through the country: cycle past farmlands lined with sweetgum trees and horses roaming rolling pastures until we reach the village of Washington. Don't let the tiny town square deceive you—Washington is incubating a major farm-to-table movement and has become the booming culinary capital of the Shenandoah Valley. Ride on to our first taste of gourmet Virginia during lunch with Colleen, who introduces us to the local plants and herbs she forages followed by a meal made from the ingredients we've gathered. Pedal back to our hotel and regroup for a cocktail before dinner at our favorite local restaurant.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations**: Huntly, Washington, Massanova

**Accomplished**: 14 miles / 23 km, elevation gain: 1,102 feet / 336 meters **Longer Option**: 33 miles / 54 km, elevation gain: 2,545 feet / 776 meters

**Accommodations: Glen Gordon Manor** 



# Virginia is for Foodies

Today we ride east through a landscape that looks just like the 19th-century painter Sanford Gifford depicted it: wooden fences, wide-open sky, and the Blue Ridge Mountains bathed in golden light. You can almost see the fox hunts on Gilded Age estates and imagine horses galloping wildly through the rural idylls. Instead, we're taking our steeds to visit our good friend and local butcher, Amanda, for a meal to remember. After lunch, round out the gourmet day with an exclusive visit to Virginia's top winery and sample Bordeaux-style blends that give French wines a run for their money. Tonight we regather for a lovely dinner.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations**: Marshall, Delaplane, Markham

**Accomplished**: 30 miles / 48 km, elevation gain: 1,637 feet / 499 meters **Longer Option**: 51 miles / 83 km, elevation gain: 3,064 feet / 934 meters

**Accommodations: Glen Gordon Manor** 

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# Skyline Drive

This morning's ride begins from Thornton Gap on Skyline Drive, a road that spans the entirety of Shenandoah National Park. Built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s, Skyline Drive traverses the spine of the Blue Ridge Mountains and makes for some pretty hearty climbs—and just as many beautiful vantage points. Once we reach the heights of Hogback Overlook, each subsequent climb is a bit lower on a rollercoaster descent into Front Royal at the northern end of the park. Front Royal was the site of Stonewall Jackson's surprise attack that kicked off the Shenandoah Campaign and witnessed the passage of Lee's army to and from Gettysburg. Celebrate a full day of riding with a great spread at a hip foodie restaurant in town. This evening, our friends Reem and Andrea host us for an intimate dinner focused on dishes that recall Andrea's native Italy.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Thornton Gap, Skyline Drive, Front Royal

**Accomplished**: 34 miles / 55 km, elevation gain: 2,723 feet / 830 meters **Longer Option**: 51 miles / 82 km, elevation gain: 4,031 feet / 1,229 meters

**Accommodations: Glen Gordon Manor** 



# **Farewell Farm Picnic**

Fit in one final ride after breakfast. Our route is centered around the local farms that are pioneering a sustainability movement and bringing organic farming to the Valley—which in turn has nurtured a boom in innovative restaurants. For our last meal together, we'll share a homecooked lunch at our friend's farm that celebrates the bounty of ingredients grown in the area. We'll send you on your way with a full heart and full stomach.

**Meals**: Breakfast / Lunch **Destinations**: Hume, Huntly

Accomplished: 24 miles / 38 km, elevation gain: 1,273 feet / 388 meters

