



## TOUR ITINERARY

Europe / Italy / Veneto

# Verona + Lake Garda Bike Tour

Veneto: A Land of Imagination and Poetry

RIDING  
LEVEL

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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Sip wine with Nicola, our friend and local Amarone winemaker, in the cellar at his family farmhouse
- Ride an idyllic bike path into the heart of Renaissance Mantua to explore the frescoed palaces and cobbled streets of this UNESCO World Heritage site
- Take a dip in Lake Garda during a private boat ride across Italy's largest lake
- Spend two nights at the unforgettable Byblos Art Hotel, strategically situated between the fascinating city of Verona and the Amarone wine-producing region of the Valpolicella
- Visit the Lessini Mountains where historic WWI trenches contrast with peaceful views over the Valpolicella





# ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

## Arrival Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**  
Milan or Venice, Italy
- 📍 **Pick-Up Location:**  
Porta Nuova Train Station in Verona
- 🕒 **Pick-Up Time:**  
10:00 am

## Departure Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**  
Milan or Venice, Italy
- 📍 **Drop-Off Location:**  
Porta Nuova Train Station in Verona
- 🕒 **Drop-Off Time:**  
12:00 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](mailto:emergency@duvine.com).



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## Tour By Day

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### Welcome to the Veneto

Your guides will meet you in Verona, and then we're off to the fairytale village of Borghetto on the banks of the Mincio River. Here, get fitted for your bike and head out on a warmup ride through rich local farmland. We'll stop for lunch with the locals in the fortified village of Castellaro before looping back to Borghetto. Spend the rest of the afternoon relaxing at our hotel and exploring Borghetto's boutiques and footbridges, or opt for a longer ride through the vineyards of the Custoza wine region. Tonight, we'll taste the Veneto's best pumpkin *tortelli*—the hand-stuffed pasta that's a regional specialty—on the riverside terrace of our favorite local restaurant.

**Meals:** Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Borghetto sul Mincio, Castellaro Lagusello

**Accomplished:** 18 miles / 29 km, elevation gain: 932 feet / 284 meters

**Longer Option:** 32 miles / 51 km, elevation gain: 1,640 feet / 500 meters

**Accommodations:** [Corte Regia](#)

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### Renaissance Mantua

Wake to the peaceful sounds of the Mincio River and enjoy breakfast on the terrace. Today, we follow the winding course of the river through this famously fertile land to reach Mantua, home to one of Italy's greatest concentrations of Renaissance art. Admire the Renaissance architecture of the town before meeting our friend Antonia who will welcome us into her family's *palazzo* for a home-made lunch. After lunch, opt to complete the ride back to the hotel or take a lift in the van. Tonight, our chef friend Serena will show us true Italian hospitality as we make pasta and share Italian cocktails at a cooking class that feels more like an intimate dinner party.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Mantua, Goito, Falzoni

**Accomplished:** 21 miles / 34 km, elevation gain: 338 feet / 103 meters

**Longer Option:** 41 miles / 66 km, elevation gain: 774 feet / 236 meters

**Accommodations:** [Corte Regia](#)

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### Lake Garda

Today we'll ride along the southern shores of Lake Garda. The idyllic terrain belies the historic summer of 1859, when Italian, French, and Austrian armies clashed here in a battle that set Italy on a path to unification. Soak up this history at the monumental tower of San Martino before continuing to Sirmione, the quaint lakefront town where we'll board our private boat for a lunchtime cruise on Lake Garda. Take in the mountain scenery and cool down with a dip in the brilliant blue waters of Italy's largest lake. We'll disembark in Bardolino where you can challenge yourself with an extra ride or transfer right to our stunning Relais & Châteaux accommodations. This evening, meet a local winemaker for a private vineyard dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Castellaro Lagusello, Sirmione, Bardolino

**Accomplished:** 23 miles / 37 km, elevation gain: 958 feet / 292 meters

**Longer Option:** 31 miles / 50 km, elevation gain: 2,027 feet / 618 meters

**Accommodations:** [Villa Cordevigo](#)

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### Valpolicella and Verona

Travel from one wine region to the next today as we pedal from Bardolino to the Valpolicella. Tracing the route of Napoleon's armies, we'll ride to the battlefield of Rivoli and past a vast gorge carved by the Adige River. A leafy bike path leads to lunch at a chic *locanda* nestled within the vineyards before arriving at Byblos Art Hotel, one of Italy's most unique five-star properties. This re-interpreted 16th-century villa is filled with modern works by acclaimed contemporary artists, such as Damien Hirst and Anish Kapoor. Spend your free night immersed in the impressive permanent collection of esteemed art or head to Verona, just a short transfer away. Explore the cobbled streets, monumental Roman amphitheater and renowned dining scene before heading back to the hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch

**Destinations:** Cavaion, Rivoli, Corrubio

**Accomplished:** 24 miles / 39 km, elevation gain: 1,181 feet / 360 meters

**Shorter Option:** 20 miles / 33 km, elevation gain: 1,082 feet / 330 meters

**Accommodations:** [Byblos Art Hotel](#)

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### The Lessini Mountains

Today we'll enjoy a scenic drive up into the Lessini Mountains for a short walk through the mountain pastures to visit historic WWI trenches. The panoramic views of the Dolomites and valleys above Verona are worth the trip alone! Afterward, we'll hop on our bikes for a long, gradual descent along the ridgelines of the Valpolicella. Enjoy a glass of Amarone with the winemaker himself at a picnic lunch before pedaling through the vineyards and back to Byblos. Tonight, after an *aperitivo*, we'll bid farewell to this beautiful region with dinner at our favorite *trattoria*.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Lessini Mountains, Sant'Anna d'Alfaedo, Fumane

**Accomplished:** 29 miles / 47 km, elevation gain: 774 feet / 236 meters

**Longer Option:** 33 miles / 53 km, elevation gain: 1,837 feet / 560 meters

**Accommodations:** [Byblos Art Hotel](#)

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### Goodbye to the Veneto

If you would like to ride this morning, you can do a final loop through the surrounding vineyards. Your guides will then transfer you to the Verona train station to say goodbye as you head on to your next destination.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Destinations:** Verona

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