A tour through California’s glorious wine country has long been a traveler’s favorite—let VBT bring you up close, by bicycle! You’ll roll through the lush scenery of such prestigious appellations as Carneros, the Russian River Valley and the Dry Creek Valley, enjoying tastings along the way. You’ll also sample freshly pressed olive oil … view majestic redwoods and the ethereal Valley of the Moon … and relax to the pounding surf at Bodega Bay. Bracket your bicycling adventure with stays in lively Sonoma and Healdsburg, with their eclectic shops and restaurants. And toast your discoveries with your convivial small group!

July 31, 2011 departure
Space limited, reserve by April 22, 2011

6 Day Itinerary Summary

Day 1 Sonoma
Sonoma MacArthur Place

Day 2 Sonoma/Carneros District
Valley of the Moon/Inn at the Tides

Day 3 Armstrong Redwoods
Bodega Bay

Day 4 Russian River Valley/Healdsburg

Day 5 Dry Creek Valley/Depart or begin your optional post-trip extension in San Francisco

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We cycle through the prestigious Carneros wine region to the Folio Winemakers’ Studio for a tasting on Day 2.
Itinerary

Begin your journey with our exciting pre-trip extension in San Francisco.

**Day 1: Arrive in Sonoma** You may wish to take advantage of VBT’s scheduled transfer from the airport in San Francisco. After checking in to our hotel, explore Sonoma. Meet your VBT Trip Leaders in the afternoon for a safety and bike-fitting session. We dine at the “Best Steakhouse in Wine Country”—right at our inn.

**Day 2: Folio Winemakers’ Studio** We cycle along back roads over low hills and flatlands to the prestigious Carneros wine region. Our destination is Folio Winemakers’ Studio, home to several wine companies, as well as Folio’s own labels. We pause to enjoy a tasting of some of the wines of this respected studio and a picnic lunch.

We return to Sonoma, where the rest of the day is free, with dinner on your own.

**Day 3: Valley of the Moon/Glen Ellen/Kenwood/Bodega Bay** Roll through the Valley of the Moon, a term coined by Native Americans who noticed that the moon seems to rise several times over the Mayacamas mountain range.

We stop at a local olive press for a tour of the facility and a tasting of this liquid gold. Continue on to Kenwood’s Chateau St. Jean winery, whose beautiful grounds were inspired by Europe’s formal gardens. Enjoy a tasting of the estate’s wines, followed by lunch on your own here or in Glen Ellen.

Then, we shuttle to tonight’s lodgings in Bodega Bay, where dinner is included.

**Day 4: Armstrong Redwoods/Healdsburg** Enjoy the soothing sound of ocean waves as we pedal along the Pacific coastline. Then, head inland to Armstrong Redwoods State Natural Reserve, to experience the serene majesty of this rare grove of the tallest living object on Earth.

Following a picnic lunch, we’ll continue by bike or shuttle to our lodgings in Healdsburg, known for its historic downtown plaza. The rest of the day and dinner are on your own.

**Day 5: Explore Russian River Valley/Healdsburg** View the famous wineries of the lush and scenic Russian River Valley as we cycle through this “Kingdom of Pinot Noir.” We ride both sides of the Valley and return to Healdsburg, where lunch and the afternoon are at your leisure. Perhaps you’ll paddle in the river at Veterans Memorial Beach or take a plunge in our inn’s pool.

Tonight, rejoin the group for a farewell dinner at one of the town’s acclaimed restaurants.

**Day 6: Cycle Dry Creek Valley/Depart** or begin your optional extension in San Francisco You might see both redwoods and palm trees on this morning’s winding route through the Dry Creek Valley. We return to Healdsburg for a picnic and farewells. An afternoon shuttle is available to the airport in San Francisco. Or begin your optional extension.

**Full Van Support**
Enjoy more flexibility and choice with full van support throughout your vacation. Use the van to get a lift back to the hotel and relax, or catch a ride to the next village to enjoy a café lunch, go shopping or sightsee. You always have the freedom to explore on- and off-bike.

**Reservations and Information**

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