



TOURS DE TANNIN



France is a particularly ideal “bike n’ wine” destination because its best fruit often comes from hilly areas that make for excellent cycling. From well-known meccas like Bordeaux, to sharing a bottle over lunch with a local producer in Alsace, Provence, or the Rhône Valley, these wine-tour picks will leave you thirsty for more.



EXPERIENCEPLUS ALSACE ExperiencePlus runs a 10-day “Cycling the Vineyards of Alsace” package that straddles France’s eastern border with Germany. Alsace is an up and coming cycling region that’s also gaining popularity for its unique gastronomic fusion (German and French) and for consistently producing some of the world’s best white wines. Tour Manager Jonathan Hancock says, “every meal on this tour includes local white wines, and though our primary focus is cycling from village to village, we also stop in several wineries along the route.” www.experienceplus.com \$\$\$



CYCLOMUNDO SELF-GUIDED ALSACE French-born Bruno Toutain from Cyclomundo knows his Alsace whites, but he wants you to discover them on your own — without a guide. His self-guided, seven-day “Alsace Tour for Avid Cyclists” spins along the region’s La Route du Vin and allows riders the freedom to go at their own cadence while following a carefully researched tour plan. Bruno will pre-book accommodations in two- and three-star properties, arrange transportation, and provide GPS support and detailed maps. www.cyclomundo.com \$\$\$\$



Peter and Nancy Martin have ridden with Cyclomundo for four years in a row and will do so again in 2011: “Alsace is a wonderful

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