

A Moveable Drink: Wine Tasting Vacations

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In his non-fiction work, *Death in the Afternoon*, Hemingway wrote, "Wine is one of the most civilized things in the world and one of the most natural things of the world that has been brought to the greatest perfection, and it offers a greater range for enjoyment and appreciation than, possibly, any other purely sensory thing."

Whether you are a great connoisseur or simply someone who is interested in learning more about the highly civilized art of wine drinking, then a vino centered vacation may be just the thing for you. From casual wine tasting getaways in California to luxury tours of long established French vineyards, there are vacation plans and packages to suit any style, budget and level of wine knowledge.

Beau Wine Tours, based in Sonoma, California, has been offering limousine escorted tours of the Napa Valley and Sonoma wine regions for the last decade. Their highly qualified and trained guides will take you on a tour through wine country that select few have experienced. Beau offers chauffeur driven, eight, six and four hour private tours of the region's best vineyards. You will be offered opportunities to taste some of the finest wine varietals each has to offer inside intimate and friendly tasting rooms. You will be allowed to purchase your favorite wines upon departure.

If you are a novice, a tour can be created especially for you and your guests so you will get the most enjoyment and benefit from each vineyard you visit. If you are a connoisseur, and have something specific in mind, Beau will customize the tour to your preferences. As a wonderful finale, their six-hour package offers a catered gourmet picnic lunch overlooking stunning views of the vineyards of Napa Valley. To learn more about

Beau Wine Tours visit their Web site at www.beauwinetours.com or call them at 800-387-2328.

If you had a longer, more extravagant, vacation in mind, the French Wine Explorers are who you'll want to talk to. Featured in *Smart Money* and *Travel & Leisure*, and chosen by *Food & Wine Magazine* as one of the "World's Great Wine Tours," their wine tour package not only allows you access to some of the best known French vineyards in the world, but you will also be given first rate accommodations, sumptuous meals and exceptional evening entertainment options. French Wine Explorers offers tasting tours in your choice of region--Bordeaux, Burgundy or Alsace. You will be guided expertly by highly qualified tour guides who will broaden your knowledge of wine regardless of your current level of understanding. You will enjoy personalized service in a fun, relaxed atmosphere with stunning views of France's most beautiful vineyards. To learn more about F.W.E. tours check out their Web site at www.wine-tours-france.com or call them toll-free at 877-261-1500.

Wine tasting vacation tours may be found throughout the world, some are complete holidays while others are weekend or day trip inclusions in a broader vacation package. In addition to those offered in California and France, other regions which are currently offering wonderful wine packages are Italy, Australia, Spain, Portugal, New York State, Connecticut and Canada. Contact your travel agent to learn more about the available options in enjoying what Hemingway extolled as one of life's most civilized and pleasurable sensory experiences.