



THE WINE LOVER'S BUCKET LIST: 10 EXTRAORDINARY DESTINATIONS AROUND THE WORLD



Your Passport to the World's
Most Unforgettable Vineyards



1. FRANSCHHOEK & STELLENBOSCH, SOUTH AFRICA



WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

South Africa's Cape Winelands offer one of the world's best combinations of breathtaking mountain scenery, luxury accommodations, gourmet dining, and world-class wineries. Within an hour from Cape Town, visitors can spend the morning riding the famous Franschhoek Wine Tram, enjoy a five-star lunch overlooking vineyards, and finish the afternoon tasting Cap Classique sparkling wine at an historic estate. Explore charming Dutch-inspired villages while hopping between award-winning estates without worrying about driving.



COUPLES



FRIENDS



FOODIES



LUXURY
TRAVELERS

BEST TIME TO VISIT



November–April



Harvest Season
January–March



Weather
65–85°F (18–29°C)

SIGNATURE GRAPES



Chenin Blanc



Pinotage



Cabernet Sauvignon



Shiraz



Cap Classique

MUST-DO EXPERIENCES



Franschhoek Wine Tram



Chef's Table Dinner



Helicopter over
the Winelands



Cape Town Extension



Table Mountain



Cape Peninsula



Boulders Beach Penguins



AVERAGE TRIP COST

7-Day Luxury Vacation
\$4,500–6,500 per person
(excluding airfare)

FEATURED WINE ESTATES



Babylonstoren

One of South Africa's most beautiful wine farms featuring gardens, restaurants, luxury accommodations, and exceptional wines.

Typical Tastings

- Standard Tasting: R120–R180 (about \$7–10 USD)
- Premium Experiences: R250–R450 (\$14–25)



Boschendal

Historic estate known for picnics and incredible mountain scenery.

Typical Tastings

- Wine Flight: R150–R220 (\$8–12)



La Motte

Excellent food and wine pairing experiences.

Typical Tastings

- R90–R180 (\$5–10)



Haute Cabrière

Known for Chardonnay–Pinot Noir blends and Cap Classique.

Typical Tastings

- R120–R180 (\$7–10)



Delaire Graff Estate

Ultra-luxury estate.

Typical Tastings

- R350–R650 (\$20–36)



INSIDER TIP

Visit on weekdays whenever possible. The estates are much quieter, you'll receive more personalised tastings, and restaurant reservations are easier to secure.

2. TUSCANY, ITALY



WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

Tuscany is where world-class wine meets timeless Italian culture. Wander through medieval villages, sip Chianti at family-owned wineries, dine beneath centuries-old stone arches, and experience the relaxed pace of *la dolce vita*. Between tastings, you'll discover Renaissance art, olive oil estates, cooking classes, and unforgettable countryside views.



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LUXURY
TRAVELERS

BEST TIME TO VISIT



April–June and
September–October



Harvest Season
September–October



Weather
Spring: 60–75°F (16–24°C)
Fall: 65–80°F (18–27°C)

SIGNATURE GRAPES



Sangiovese



Canaiolo



Cabernet Sauvignon
(Super Tuscans)



Merlot

MUST-DO EXPERIENCES



Cooking class at
a Tuscan villa



Vespa tour
through Chianti



Truffle hunting
excursion



Olive oil tasting



Sunset wine dinner



AVERAGE TRIP COST

\$5,000–7,500 per person
(7-day luxury vacation,
excluding airfare)

FEATURED WINE ESTATES



Antinori nel Chianti Classico

Modern architecture meets centuries of
winemaking tradition.

Typical Tasting: €35–€70



Castello Banfi

Luxury estate famous for Brunello
di Montalcino.

Typical Tasting: €40–€90



Castello di Ama

Boutique winery blending fine wine and
contemporary art.

Typical Tasting: €35–€60



Avignonesi

Known for exceptional Vino Nobile wines.

Typical Tasting: €25–€50



Biondi-Santi

Historic producer credited with establishing
Brunello di Montalcino as a world-class wine.

Typical Tasting: €70–€150+



INSIDER TIP

Reserve winery visits several months ahead—many of
Tuscany's most prestigious estates limit daily visitors
and require advance reservations.

3. DOURO VALLEY, PORTUGAL



WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

The Douro Valley is one of the world's most dramatic wine regions and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Dramatic landscapes, quaint villages, and exceptional Port wines create an unforgettable experience. Combine vineyard visits with a scenic river cruise for the ultimate escape.



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FRIENDS



CULTURE



LUXURY
TRAVELERS

BEST TIME TO VISIT



April–October



Harvest Season:
September–October



Weather:
60–85°F (15–29°C)

SIGNATURE GRAPES



Touriga Nacional



Touriga Franca



Tinta Roriz



Tinta Barroca



White Ports

MUST-DO EXPERIENCES

- ✓ Cruise the scenic Douro River
- ✓ Visit a Port lodge
- ✓ Explore village & hill estates
- ✓ Hiking in the vineyards
- ✓ Traditional Portuguese lunch

FEATURED WINE ESTATES



Quinta do Crasto

Typical Tasting: €30–€40



Quinta Nova de Nossa Senhora do Carmo

Sensational

Typical Tasting: €35–€45



Quinta do Vallado

Typical Tasting: €30–€40



Niepoort (DCR, Crasto)

Port Cellar Tasting: €45–€60



Quinta da Pacheca

Typical Tasting: €35–€45



AVERAGE TRIP COST

\$4,000 – \$6,000 per person
(7-day luxury vacation
excluding airfare)



INSIDER TIP

Stay at a quinta (wine estate hotel) overlooking the river for the most unforgettable experience.

4. BORDEAUX, FRANCE



WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

Bordeaux is the epitome of wine and culinary sophistication. Historic estates and world-famous wines make this a must for any wine lover. Pair your tastings with beautiful architecture, luxury shopping, and incredible French cuisine.



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FOODIES



LUXURY
TRAVELERS

BEST TIME TO VISIT



May–October



Harvest Season
September–October



Weather
60–80°F (15–27°C)

SIGNATURE GRAPES



Cabernet Sauvignon



Merlot



Cabernet Franc



Petit Verdot



Sémillon



Sauvignon Blanc

MUST-DO EXPERIENCES



Private château tour



Wine blending
workshop



Saint-Émilion
village visit



Bordeaux wine
& food pairing



Day trip to Arcachon



AVERAGE TRIP COST

\$5,000–6,000 per person
(7-day luxury vacation,
excluding airfare)

FEATURED WINE ESTATES



Château Margaux

Typical Tasting: €60–€130



Château Saint-Pierre

Typical Tasting: €25–€50



Château Smith Haut Lafitte

Typical Tasting: €35–€70



Château Pichon Baron

Typical Tasting: €40–€80



Clos Fourtet (Saint-Émilion)

Typical Tasting: €35–€65



INSIDER TIP

Book high-demand château months
in advance, especially for personalized
tours and premium tastings.

5. MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND



WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

Marlborough is New Zealand's most famous wine region, home to world-class Sauvignon Blanc. Stunning landscapes, boutique wineries, and fresh seafood make it a dream destination for wine lovers and nature enthusiasts alike.



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FOODIES



LUXURY
TRAVELERS

BEST TIME TO VISIT



November–April



Harvest Season
February–April



Weather
60–80°F (16–27°C)

SIGNATURE GRAPES



Sauvignon Blanc



Pinot Noir



Chardonnay



Riesling

MUST-DO EXPERIENCES

- ✓ Private winery tour
- ✓ Wine blending workshop
- ✓ Scenic vineyard hike
- ✓ Seafood dining in Blenheim
- ✓ Visit the Marlborough Sounds



AVERAGE TRIP COST

NZ\$2,500 – NZ\$3,500 per person
(7-day luxury vacation,
excluding airfare)

FEATURED WINE ESTATES



Cloudy Bay

Typical Tasting: NZ\$30–\$50



Villa Maria Estate

Typical Tasting: NZ\$30–\$40



Wither Hills

Typical Tasting: NZ\$20–\$35



Brancott Estate

Typical Tasting: NZ\$20–\$35



Dog Point Vineyard

Typical Tasting: NZ\$35–\$50



INSIDER TIP

Take time to explore beyond the vineyards—Marlborough's beaches and Sounds are exquisite.

6. COLCHAGUA VALLEY, CHILE



WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

Colchagua Valley is known for bold reds, boutique wineries, and warm Chilean hospitality. The stunning countryside, gourmet food scene, and luxury lodges make it one of South America's top wine destinations.



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BEST TIME TO VISIT



September–April



Harvest Season
March–April



Weather
65–85°F (18–29°C)

SIGNATURE GRAPES



Carménère



Cabernet Sauvignon



Merlot



Syrah



Viognier

MUST-DO EXPERIENCES

- ✓ Luxury lodge stay
- ✓ Horseback riding
- ✓ Wine & chocolate pairing
- ✓ Vineyard picnic
- ✓ Visit Santa Cruz village



AVERAGE TRIP COST

\$3,500–\$5,500 per person
(7-day luxury vacation,
excluding airfare)

All costs in USD.

FEATURED WINE ESTATES



Viu Manent La Floreal

Typical Tasting: \$30–\$40 USD



MontGras

Typical Tasting: \$30–\$35 USD



Lapostolle

Typical Tasting: \$35–\$50 USD



Casa Silva

Typical Tasting: \$30–\$40 USD



Clos Apalta

Typical Tasting: \$40–\$60 USD



INSIDER TIP

Stay at a vineyard hotel for sunset views over the vines—you won't want to leave.

7. MENDOZA, ARGENTINA



WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

Mendoza offers stunning mountain scenery, outstanding wines, and exceptional value. Spend your days touring world-renowned wineries, indulging in gourmet cuisine, relaxing at vineyard spas, and taking in panoramic views of the Andes. It's the perfect blend of luxury, adventure, and authentic Argentine hospitality.



ADVENTURE



FRIENDS



FOODIES



LUXURY TRAVELERS

BEST TIME TO VISIT



October–April



Harvest Season:
February–April



Weather:
65–90°F (18–32°C)

SIGNATURE GRAPES



Malbec



Cabernet Sauvignon



Chardonnay



Torrontés



Bonarda

MUST-DO EXPERIENCES



Horseback riding
through vineyards



Hot air balloon ride



Gourmet asado dinner



Andes excursion



Luxury vineyard spa

AVERAGE TRIP COST



\$4,500–\$6,500 USD
per person

(7-day luxury vacation,
excluding airfare)

FEATURED WINE ESTATES



Catena Zapata

Iconic winery known for pioneering high-altitude Malbec and world-class wines.

Typical Tasting: \$35–\$80 USD



Zuccardi Valle de Uco

Cutting-edge winery set in the stunning Uco Valley, known for innovation and terroir-driven wines.

Typical Tasting: \$40–\$90 USD



El Enemigo

Boutique winery created by celebrated winemaker Alejandro Vigil, known for bold, elegant blends.

Typical Tasting: \$45–\$100 USD



Bodega Salentein

Renowned estate with a striking winemaking facility, exceptional wines, and a world-class art collection.

Typical Tasting: \$25–\$660 USD



Bodega Norton

Historic winery producing award-winning wines in the heart of Mendoza.

Typical Tasting: \$20–\$45 USD



INSIDER TIP

Pair your winery visits with lunch. Many wineries offer multi-course meals with wine pairings that rival Michelin-starred restaurants.

8. MOSEL VALLEY, GERMANY



WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

The Mosel Valley is rich in history, home to some of the world's best Riesling wines. Step into charming vineyard villages, fairy-tale castles, and stunning riverside towns where a magical atmosphere you won't find anywhere else.



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FOODIES



LUXURY
TRAVELERS

BEST TIME TO VISIT



May–October

September–October is especially appealing for wine lovers. Summer brings warmer weather, green vineyards and festivals, while early fall offers harvest activity and beautiful vineyard colors.



Harvest Season:

Late September–November. Early-ripening varieties are generally picked first, while Riesling from the steep vineyards is often harvested beginning around mid-October. Timing varies by vintage and weather.



Weather:

The Mosel has a relatively mild climate, with warm summers and cool autumns. Around Trier, approximately 7°C–20°C / 44°F–68°F.

SIGNATURE GRAPES



Riesling is unquestionably the star and defining grape of the Mosel. Other important varieties include Elbling, Pinot Blanc (Weissburgunder), and Pinot Noir (Spätburgunder).

MUST-DO EXPERIENCES

- ✓ Mosel River Cruise
- ✓ Private Riesling Tastings
- ✓ Castle Tours — especially Reichsburg Cochem and Burg Eltz
- ✓ Cycle the Mosel River
- ✓ Explore Trier
- ✓ Christmas Markets in winter

LUXURY VACATION – ESTIMATED 7-DAY COST



€3,500–€6,500
per person

(7 days, excluding
international airfare)

FEATURED WINE ESTATES



Dr. Loosen

Bernkastel area

The standard tasting includes five wines for €20 per person; a seven-wine tasting is €30 with specific booking requirements.



Markus Molitor

Wehlen

€20 per person for a guided tasting of at least eight wines; the fee is waived with a qualifying purchase.



Van Volxem

Wiltingen/Saar

From €20 per person for a commented tasting; more elaborate guided experiences with cellar/vineyard components are also offered.



Reichsgraf von Kesselstatt

Trier

An excellent historic estate to include, particularly because its vineyards span the Mosel, Saar and Ruwer. It offers cellar and themed tasting experiences; pricing varies by experience.



INSIDER TIP

Visit from late September through mid-October to experience harvest season, wine festivals and the vineyards glowing in brilliant autumn colors. Book winery tastings well in advance—harvest is one of the busiest times of year for Mosel winemakers.

9. BAROSSA VALLEY, AUSTRALIA



WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

The Barossa Valley is one of Australia's most celebrated wine regions, known for its world-class Shiraz, stunning vineyard landscapes, and relaxed, welcoming atmosphere. Combining exceptional wines, gourmet food, historic charm, and breathtaking scenery, it's a destination that delights all the senses.



COUPLES



FRIENDS



FOODIES



WINE LOVERS

BEST TIME TO VISIT



May–October

Autumn (Mar–May) is especially beautiful, but May–October brings pleasant weather, vibrant vineyards, and a range of festivals.



Harvest Season:

February–April

Harvest typically runs from February to April, with many wineries offering harvest experiences and behind-the-scenes tours.



Weather:

The Barossa Valley has a warm, Mediterranean climate with hot, dry summers and mild winters. Daytime temperatures typically range from 15°C–30°C / 59°F–86°F.

SIGNATURE GRAPES



Shiraz is the star of the Barossa Valley, producing some of the world's most celebrated wines. Other key varieties include Grenache, Mataro (Mourvèdre), and Cabernet Sauvignon.

MUST-DO EXPERIENCES



Wine tasting at historic cellar doors



Gourmet food and wine pairing experiences



Explore charming towns like Tanunda and Angaston



Scenic drives through vineyards



Hot air balloon ride over the Barossa



Art, culture and local markets



LUXURY VACATION – ESTIMATED 7-DAY COST

**A\$5,000–A\$8,500
per person**

(7 days, excluding
international airfare)

FEATURED WINE ESTATES



Penfolds Magill Estate

Magill

Australia's most iconic winery, known for its legendary Shiraz and rich winemaking history.

Typical Tasting: A\$45–A\$75 per person



Henschke

Keyneton

Family-owned estate producing some of Australia's most prestigious wines.

Typical Tasting: A\$35–A\$70 per person



Torbreck Vintners

Marananga

Renowned for powerful, expressive Shiraz and Grenache, with a focus on old vines.

Typical Tasting: A\$30–A\$60 per person



Seppeltsfield

Seppeltsfield

Historic estate famous for its fortified wines and Centennial Collection, with exceptional tasting experiences.

Typical Tasting: A\$40–A\$85 per person



Yalumba

Angaston

Family-owned winery with a long history, renowned for innovation and outstanding wines across a range of varieties.

Typical Tasting: A\$25–A\$50 per person



INSIDER TIP

Plan your visit during the harvest season (February–April) for a truly special experience, with bustling wineries, seasonal events, and the chance to see winemaking in action. Book tastings and special experiences in advance, as this is a popular time to visit.

10. RIBERA DEL DUERO, SPAIN



WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

Ribera del Duero is known for powerful Tempranillo wines and stunning landscapes. Fewer crowds than Rioja, paired with incredible cuisine and historic charm.



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LUXURY
TRAVELERS

BEST TIME TO VISIT



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Weather:

15–30°C (59–86°F)

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SIGNATURE GRAPES



Shiraz (the star variety)



Grenache



Mataro (Mourvèdre)



Cabernet Sauvignon



Chardonnay



Riesling

MUST-DO EXPERIENCES



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How to Make the Most of a Wine Vacation

Whether you dream of enjoying a sunset over the vineyards of South Africa, sipping Malbec in Argentina, exploring centuries-old wine estates in France, or cruising through Portugal's breathtaking Douro Valley, Out the Gate Travel specializes in creating personalized wine journeys tailored to your interests.

A memorable wine trip is about more than tastings. Consider adding:

- ✓ Private vineyard tours and cellar experiences
- ✓ Cooking classes with local chefs
- ✓ Farm-to-table dining
- ✓ Luxury spa treatments
- ✓ Hot air balloon rides over vineyards
- ✓ Scenic train journeys
- ✓ River cruises
- ✓ Cycling through wine country
- ✓ Olive oil tastings and artisan markets

These experiences help you connect with the culture, cuisine, and traditions that make each destination unique.

These trips are perfect for:

- ♥ Couples
- 👩‍❤️‍👩 Girlfriend Getaways
- 🍴 Food Lovers
- 🍷 Wine Enthusiasts
- ★ Luxury Travelers
- 📷 Photography Lovers

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