

Winery Tours in the Willamette Valley Countryside aka... Pinot Patrol Wine Tours



Savor award-winning Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, Chardonnay and Riesling while your designated driver guides you through the rolling hills of the picturesque Willamette Valley. Visits to at least four wineries and your expert wine tour guide are included. 21 years of guiding experience.

10:00 AM

Pick up at your hotel. Drive west through the beautiful countryside of Yamhill or Washington county. This area produces the majority of Oregon's famous Pinot Noir. En route your guide will provide commentary on the history of Oregon wines and explain what to expect in the tasting rooms for anyone experiencing wine tasting for the first time. We are happy to take input on the wineries we visit. It is best to do this ahead of time, because we need to make appointments for our visits.

11:00 AM

Arrive at our first vineyard for tasting, possibly the award-winning Elk Cove Vineyards. The tastings usually start with the lighter white wines and continue through the wonderful subtle reds.



12 Noon

Arrive at our second tasting room, perhaps the famous Sokol-Blosser Winery? You may enjoy a stroll on the grounds also because the views of the overlooking the beautiful rolling Red Hills of Dundee are especially nice here.

1:00 PM

The wine country offers many inviting restaurant choices for lunch. One of our favorites is the "Dundee Bistro" owned by the Ponzi family of the famous Ponzi Vineyards. Prices can vary from between \$8.00 and \$19.00 depending on your choice of restaurant and entree. Another great option is Tina's in Dundee (M-F only). When registering for the tour, EcoTours will be happy to provide details of the various lunch options.

3:00 PM

Our next stop may be Erath Winery, Oregon's largest producer of Pinot Noir.

4:00 PM

Next, we may visit the family owned Solena Winery with it's terrific views of the valley. When visiting smaller vineyards it is possible to bump into the owners or the winemakers in person! Depending on your wishes, we may opt to head south towards Amity or north to Carlton, leaving time to stop at the Australian-owned Argyle on our way back into town.

5:00 PM

We'll begin the ride home to Vancouver, happy and content.

6:00 PM

Arrive back at your hotel.

If notified in advance tour options include:

1. Lunch at a local restaurant or a picnic lunch. A restaurant is advised during Oregon's rainy months, from November through May.
2. A step-by-step tour of the wine-making process.
3. Stops at local fruit and nut stands. Hazelnuts and many types of fruits and berries are a specialty in the Willamette Valley.
4. Bird watching en route. The wetlands of this area offer great bird watching, and EcoTours is equipped with 45-power spotting scopes.

The cost of this day tour is \$70.00 + tasting fees. The tour includes door-to-door transportation and interpretive expert guide services. Most wineries have \$10 charges for tastings. Some are \$20.00 per person extra depending on your choices of where to taste. Is it worth it? Yes! These are incredible wines. Most wineries will wave your tasting fees if there are wine purchases (not all). We can always keep the fees to \$40 total or under for the day and we will still get to amazing wineries with beautiful views. For \$99 per person, we will pick the wineries and pay your tasting fees.

Because of our 23 years of organizing local Wine Tours we can schedule your tour to meet the following criteria:

1. Oregon's finest Pinot Noir.
2. Wineries with the most beautiful views and fine wines.
3. Small indy boutique backroads wineries that only the insiders know about.
4. Let us know your taste preferences and we will schedule wineries which will best match your tastes.
5. Best value wineries.
6. Specific areas. Such as, Dundee Hills, Carlton area, Eola Hills, Washington County etc.
7. A general overview with a bit of everything and reasonable tasting fees.

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SU-ORWine inclTaste 10a - 6p \$125 incl. tasting Oregon Countryside	Winery Tour and Tasting in the