

WASHINGTON WINE IMMERSION

An Enological Adventure
in Seattle & Eastern Washington

SEPTEMBER 12—19, 2019

Hosted by Olive Oil Outpost + Onward Travel

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Washington State is home to breathtaking mountains, trend-setting Seattle, and the country's second largest wine industry. Join Kelly Kary of Olive Oil Outpost and Onward Travel for a wine-drenched week in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Spend three nights in Seattle, then journey east over the Cascades to explore several of Washington's 14 AVAs (designated wine grape-growing regions).

Seattle is perched on Puget Sound, surrounded by water, mountains, and forested parkland. We'll spend a day exploring the city plus a day north of town at the wineries. Seattle is known for its excellent cuisine and we'll dive right in, noshing at Pike Place Market and dining out in the city. Eastern Washington is an agriculture hotspot and we'll taste wine in the Yakima Valley, Red Mountain, and Walla Walla AVAs. The apple orchards will be bustling and the grapes will be heavy on the vines.

This adventure is an excellent opportunity to learn about Washington's wine industry firsthand. Local experts and winemakers will share their knowledge about the growing and thriving world of Washington wine. But this tour isn't just about wine and food... we'll also enjoy art, architecture, culture, nature, and charming towns for a full, fun week in the Pacific Northwest.



IMAGINE YOURSELF...

Feasting on seasonal, local Pacific Northwest fare with new friends

Discovering the world of Washington wine from sommeliers and winemakers

Admiring WA's creative flare from blown glass to murals to quirky galleries



DAILY ITINERARY Washington Wine Immersion *September 12–19, 2019*

Welcome to the Emerald City

DAY 1: THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12

- Take a convenient, nonstop flight from Tampa to Seattle
- Settle in at luxury accommodations: the hip, well-located, and comfortable Hotel Sorrento

A nonstop Alaska Airlines flight will whisk you across the country, so you arrive in Seattle in time for a good sleep (and maybe a nightcap). See info page at the end of the itinerary for flight details.

Savor Seattle

DAY 2: FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13

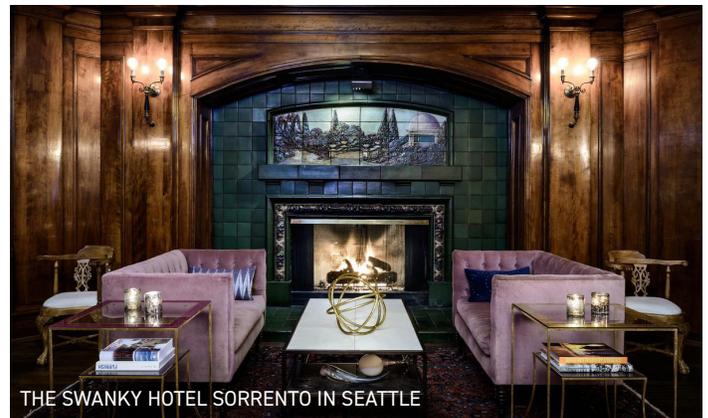
- Go up the iconic Space Needle and then dive into Chihuly's stunning exhibit
- Slurp oysters and sip a creative cocktail at one of Seattle's fabulous restaurants

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel as you will each morning but don't over caffeinate because our first destination this morning is the Starbucks Reserve Roastery. It is an immersive Willy Wonka coffee experience and really cool! Then we're off to Pike Place Market, home of the original Starbucks and so much more. A local chef will lead us around the market as we sample lots of fabulous foods and meet artisans and purveyors. We'll even have time for a nice, cold craft beer at Pike Brewing Company.

Let's experience the city from above. We'll head 520-feet upwards and soak it all in from the Space Needle observation deck. View the Cascades and Mount Rainier, and gaze at the city that we've been exploring. Next stop: Chihuly Garden and Glass. Dale Chihuly is a Washingtonian who has been influential in elevating the status of glass-blowing to avant-garde fine art. Garden and Glass is a long-term exhibition featuring his body of work, and it's breathtaking!

Tonight we'll dine at Whale Wins on a family style spread of Chef Renee Erickson's gorgeous cuisine. The restaurant features a rustic wood fired oven and is in a converted warehouse... the ingredients are locally sourced, the preparation top notch, and the experience very *Seattle*.

Meals Breakfast, Noshing Tour Lunch, Dinner



THE SWANKY HOTEL SORRENTO IN SEATTLE

Woodinville

DAY 3: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14

- View one of the world's most sophisticated manufacturing operations: the Boeing factory
- Visit Seattle's Woodinville wine region, home to over 115 wineries!

The first stop today is Boeing's Future of Flight Aviation Center, home to the 747, 767, 777 and 787 Dreamliner production lines. This is the world's largest building by volume and we'll take a tour to see airplanes under construction. Then we're off to nearby Woodinville where all the Eastern WA-based wineries have tasting rooms and shops. Local wine expert David LeClaire will host us at a cozy restaurant for lunch where he'll pour several wines and provide an educational overview of Washington wine, a perfect primer for the days of tasting to come.

This afternoon we'll visit two tasting rooms:

J. Bookwalter ~ One of the oldest wineries in Washington... this is the spot for tasting classic Bordeaux varietal-wines.

Long Shadows ~ Seven limited production wines crafted by seven masters from around the world. A unique project considered one of Washington's best kept secrets.

Dinner is on your own in Seattle tonight and Onward Travel will provide a list of suggested restaurants.

Meals Breakfast, Lunch

Yakima Valley

DAY 4: SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15

- Feel small while gazing at powerful Snoqualmie Falls
- Admire colorful murals around the small town of Toppenish

Say farewell to Seattle this morning, we're east-bound. A short drive brings us to Snoqualmie Falls, where the Snoqualmie river makes a 270-foot plunge to the rocks below. Enjoy viewing the falls and take a short hike in the surrounding park if you'd like. Next we're heading over the Cascades to visit three wineries in Yakima Valley. In between wine sipping, let's visit the town of Toppenish where the Toppenish Mural Society has curated 78 murals in the town since 1989. We'll view the murals around town from a horse drawn carriage!

Yakima Valley Wine Tastings:

Treveri Cellars ~ They exclusively make sparkling wines, some of which have made appearances at U.S. State Department holiday receptions. From Reisling to Syrah, enjoy a glass of bubbly.

Millbrandt Vineyards ~ A multi-generation family operation with nearly 2,500 acres of vineyard. In the Prosser tasting room we'll try the exclusive Vineyard Series wines available only there.

The Hogue Cellars ~ One of the state's larger producers... they have a tiny production of "Terroir" wines available only to club members and visitors to the tasting room in Prosser.

Late afternoon we'll check in to our comfortable and convenient hotel in the small working town of Prosser, the Best Western Plus Horse Heaven Inn. Freshen up and relax before heading out for a special dinner at Wine O'Clock, a Yakima Valley dining destination .

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Red Mountain

DAY 5: MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16

- Taste wines representing Washington's smallest AVA
- Explore charming Walla Walla and its Great American Main Street

Every morning is a good morning in wine country! To experience a different angle of ag-tourism, this morning we'll stop by Chukar Cherries, a farm store specializing in small batch treats made from local cherries and berries. Then we'll visit the Red Mountain AVA, the smallest and warmest wine-grape growing region in WA, located on a south-facing mountain slope. They're growing deep and complex Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Syrah.

Red Mountain Wine Tastings:

Col Solare ~ A collaboration between the Antinori winemaking family in Italy and Ste. Michelle Wine Estates in WA. Col Solare aims to produce one outstanding Cabernet-based wine in each vintage, and it pours multiple vintages in the tasting room, a terrific way to understand the impact a particular harvest year can have on a wine.

Fidélitas ~ A contemporary tasting room owned by legendary Washington winemaker Charlie Hoppes. The wines are a good representation of the Red Mountain terroir.

The afternoon we'll arrive to our home base for the next two nights: Walla Walla, a down-to-earth town filled with charming, beautifully restored 19th-century brick buildings. We'll stay at the Marcus Whitman hotel, an elegant, historic landmark. Browse around town this afternoon (you'll find art galleries, shops, tasting rooms and cafes) or perhaps play a round of golf at Wine Valley Golf Club. Enjoy dinner on your own tonight.

Meals Breakfast, Lunch

Walla Walla

DAY 6: TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17

- Blend wine during a hands-on workshop
- Dine at one of Walla Walla's best restaurants and maybe try just a few more vinos

The Walla Walla Valley AVA emerged as an early leader in the beginnings of the Washington wine industry. Cabernet Sauvignon is the most widely planted grape in the area, followed by Merlot, Syrah, Sangiovese, and Cabernet Franc. We have several special tastings planned to experience the best of Walla Walla plus a memorable wine blending experience at Northstar.

Walla Walla Wine Tastings:

L'Ecole No 41 ~ One of Walla Walla's first wineries, situated in a 1915 schoolhouse remains one of the region's—and the state's—standard bearers. Known for Bordeaux-style reds and arguably America's best Semillon.

Woodward Canyon ~ A pilgrimage spot for Washington wine lovers, Rick Small pioneered the modern era in Walla Walla and his acclaimed wines are time tested.

Northstar ~ Part of the Ste. Michelle Wine Estates portfolio, this winery focuses on Merlot. We'll have a private expert-guided seminar and blend our own wine.

Enjoy time this afternoon to explore Walla Walla. If you're still thirsty, visit the group of wine tasting rooms by the airport, home also to Burwood Brewing with a beer garden and craft brews. We'll convene this evening for a gourmet dinner.

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

A Last Day in Washington

DAY 7: WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18

After a leisurely morning, depart Walla Walla airport for a short midday flight to Seattle. Upon arrival, check in to your airport hotel (accessible by free 24 hour shuttle) and spend the rest of the day as you please. You may wish to hop on the Seattle light rail and arrive in downtown Seattle in 40 minutes for an evening on the town. No matter what you do, rest assured you'll have convenient access to the airport for your flight home tomorrow.

Meals Breakfast

Farewell!

DAY 8: THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 19

An early flight will get you back to Tampa this afternoon. Cheers to a great week learning about wine in the lovely Pacific Northwest!



L'ECOLE VINEYARDS IN WALLA WALLA

Trip Essentials

BEGINS	TPA Airport on September 12, 2019 Flight departs at 5:20 pm
ENDS	TPA Airport on September 19, 2019 Flight arrives at 4:15 pm
SUITABILITY & MOBILITY	<u>This tour includes walking for 15-30 minutes at a time, plus stairs and uneven terrain.</u> Travelers may always opt out of activities they deem too physically challenging but refunds will not be provided.
TRIP LENGTH	8 days, 7 nights
LODGING	<i>Hotel Sorrento</i> 3 Nights Seattle's longest standing boutique hotel. Charming and luxurious with a convenient location. Enjoy daily breakfast at the hotel's restaurant, Dunbar Room, and the fireplace lounge. <i>Best Western Plus Horse Heaven Inn</i> 1 Night Comfortable and convenient wine country hotel in Prosser. <i>Marcus Whitman Hotel</i> 2 Nights A downtown Walla Walla landmark that was restored to its original grandeur in 2001. Two on-site restaurants. <i>Sea-Tac Airport Hotel</i> 1 Night A complimentary airport shuttle, on-site bar and restaurant, and convenient location near the airport for our early flight home.
TOUR DATES & PRICE	September 12–19, 2019 Double Occupancy \$3285 per traveler Single Supplement \$750 <i>You are welcome to pay by credit card, please add a 3% surcharge.</i> <i>Contact Onward if you are interested in a room upgrade.</i>

AIR TRAVEL:

A round-trip nonstop Tampa-Seattle flight is included in the tour fee. If you wish to extend your stay or not have airfare included, please contact Onward Travel to discuss options.

ALASKA AIRLINES SCHEDULE

September 12	Depart TPA 5:20pm, Arrive SEA 8:25pm Travel time: 6h 5m
September 18	Depart ALW 1:25pm, Arrive SEA 2:30pm Travel time: 1h 5m
September 19	Depart SEA 7:40am, Arrive TPA 4:15pm Travel time: 5h 35m

Carry on baggage is included as well as one case of checked wine on the return. Checked baggage may be paid at the time of web check-in before departure.

Trip price includes the following:

- Nonstop Tampa–Seattle Alaska Airlines flight
- Airport transfers in Washington and ground transportation to/from all scheduled activities
- Seven nights accommodations
- Most meals: daily breakfast, 5 lunches and 3 dinners. We have fantastic gourmet experiences, wine included, of course!
- Activities, tastings, and tours as detailed in the itinerary
- Pre-travel reception at Olive Oil Outpost to get acquainted with fellow travelers for those local to Anna Maria Island
- Onward Travel at your service, acting as a guide and concierge throughout your booking and travel experience
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Register now!

Visit onwardtravel.co to complete the registration form and submit payment.

Space is limited to only 14 travelers.

\$1,000 deposit due upon booking, balance due by July 1, 2019.

TRIP INFORMATION Washington Wine Immersion September 12–19, 2019

About Onward Travel

Onward Travel is a group tour operator owned and operated by sisters Molly Crist and Katerina Dhand. Onward Travel is focused on unique, thoughtful small group tours with itineraries that are researched and pieced together carefully to ensure authentic, engaging trips that foster genuine connection to places and people. A deep love of hospitality and adventure has been in Molly and Kat's blood for generations as Onward Travel is inspired by their family's cooking school on a farm in Bucks County, PA that offered culinary-focused travel to customers for over two decades.

Washington in September

September sees the tourist season winding down in Seattle. Weather is pleasant, crowds have abated, and the farm stands overfloweth. The temperature varies in Seattle – 50's to 70's – so layered clothing is best. Eastern Washington is dry and sunny with average September weather in the high 70's. It's a great time to be in wine country as the agricultural harvest is in full swing. Onward will provide detailed packing notes in advance of the tour.

Travel Protection

- *Onward Travel recommends that you purchase a travel protection plan to help protect you and your travel investment against the unexpected. Travel protection plans include coverage for Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Emergency Medical and Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation, Trip Delay, Baggage Delay and more. For more information on the recommended plans or to enroll, contact Travelex Insurance Services at 800-228-9792 and reference location number 32-0704.*
- *For a summary of plan details on benefits, coverages, limitations and exclusions, please refer to the applicable Description of Coverage. Travel Insurance is underwritten by Transamerica Casualty Insurance Company, Columbus, Ohio; NAIC #10952. 1308294*

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