



SAVOR YOUR WORLD



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2019

We believe the best way to learn about a new destination is to experience its culture and cuisine firsthand.

Taste Vacations helps food, wine, and beer lovers discover the world's best culinary destinations. We offer small group vacations around the globe that include tastings and educational and cultural experiences.

Small Group Vacations

We create unique food, wine, and beer experiences for our travelers. To help us do just that, we focus on running small group tours, with anywhere from 4 – 16 people on a trip.

No huge bus tours here, just intimate and authentic experiences.



Public Tours

The beauty of a small group public tour is that you don't have to get your own group together. You also have the chance to meet other people who have the same interests as you – travel, culture, food, wine, and beer!

Private Tours

The beauty of a small group private tour is that you get to travel with people you already know, on the date you choose, in the style of accommodation you wish.

Either way, you can trust our tour operations team to take care of every detail and take away the hassle out of planning your own trip.



About Our Tours

What's included in our tours? It can vary from tour to tour but generally, the trip price includes all local ground transportation, double occupancy lodging, most meals, all scheduled activities, wine/beer/food during organized tastings, and a professional tour guide. A few meals may not be included to provide time for you to explore the area on your own. We do not include drinks with our meals unless they are specifically paired lunches or dinners.

We do not include airfare to and from the destination. There might be internal flights that will be booked by our staff and billed separately once confirmed.

We have over 20 years of tour operation experience through Taste Vacations and our sister company, Zephyr Adventures. We are proud to offer exceptional experiences you'll never forget, such as private wine tastings, truffle hunting with famous agriculturists, private tours of local food and drink producers, behind-the-scenes access to breweries, historic walks through remarkable regions, and personal blending sessions.

We'd like to personally invite you to **SAVOR YOUR WORLD!**

Book your vacation by going to www.TasteVacations.com
or calling us at 888-758-8687 ext 3



Location: Spain > La Rioja & Basque Country

Length: 6 Days / 5 Nights

Public Tour Dates: June 17 - 22, 2019

Private Tour Minimum: 4 people

Trip Price Per Person: \$3,500

Optional Single Supplement: \$850

Meals Included: All meals except one dinner and two lunches

Spain Food & Wine Tour

Day 1 > Arrival in Bilbao > Meet in Bilbao • Shuttle to Haro, the center of La Rioja wine region • Explore Vivanco Museum of Wine Culture with a wine tasting to cap it off • Enjoy pinxtos (tapas) tour of Haro's tasty tapas bars

Day 2 > Classic Rioja Wines > Tour and tasting at an over 140-year-old winery • Lunch at a top restaurant in Haro known for their local dishes and wine list • Free time to explore La Rioja's wine capital on your own • Informal and fun Riojan dinner eaten outdoors on the grounds of a picturesque winery

Day 3 > Modern Rioja Wines > Intimate private tasting at Viña Real, a CVNE winery • Lunch at Marques de Riscal winery, world-famous for its architecture and hospitality • Barrel tasting at a hidden gem winery in their underground caves, plus a taste of their locally-produced olive oil • Dinner on your own in Haro

Day 4 > Spanish Basque Country > Goodbye La Rioja, hello Basque Country! • Tasting at a winery that specializes in Txakoli, a slightly sparkling wine of the area • Picnic lunch full of local flavors • Check into our seaside hotel for a chance to rest • Dinner of fresh, seasonal cuisine, overlooking the water

Day 5 > French Basque Country > Cross the nearby border into Saint-Jean-de-Luz, France to sample delicious chocolates, breads, macarons, and other epicurean delicacies • Free time to stroll along the waterfront and enjoy a lunch of fresh seafood • Head back to Spain for an incredible Chef's Table experience in San Sebastian

Day 6 > Free Morning > Enjoy a leisurely morning of free time and lunch on your own in the lovely seaside town of Zarautz • Return to Bilbao to bid each other farewell and to either travel onward or depart for home

Hotel accommodations and additional tour details can be found on our website.



Location: Italy > Tuscany

Length: 7 Days / 6 Nights

Public Tour Dates: April 18 - May 4, 2019

Private Tour Minimum: 4 people

Trip Price Per Person: \$3,500

Optional Single Supplement: \$900

Meals Included: All meals except two lunches and one dinner

Tuscany Food & Wine Tour

Day 1 > Meet in Florence > Walking tour of the city • Dinner at a lovely family-owned restaurant • Overnight in Florence

Day 2 > Chianti Wine Region > Explore the beautifully preserved medieval walled town of San Gimignano • Lunch of local products at an agritourism farm • Wine tasting at Castello di Volpaia • Dinner outdoors at a winery where you'll also be staying overnight • Overnight in Chianti

Day 3 > Chocolate & Coffee > Chocolate presentation and tasting • Coffee roasting demo • Tour of the Busatti luxury linen factory • Dinner at a quaint local restaurant in Sansepolcro • Overnight in Sansepolcro

Day 4 > Truffle Hunting > Truffle hunting with a famous botanist • Cooking class and lunch utilizing your foraged findings • Elegant and traditional Tuscan dinner • Overnight in Sansepolcro

Day 5 > History & Wine > Tasting at a small olive oil mill in Umbria • Walking tour of Assisi • Lunch on your own • Wine tasting at a winery known for their Sagrantino di Montefalco • Dinner on your own • Overnight in Cortona

Day 6 > Wine & Cheese > Historical walking tour of Pienza, a UNESCO World Heritage Site • Tour and picnic lunch at pecorino cheese sheep farm • Free time in Montepulciano • Tour and tasting of local wines, including Vino Nobile di Montepulciano • Farewell dinner • Overnight in Cortona

Day 7 > Final Morning > Walking tour of Cortona • Say our goodbyes and catch a train or shuttle to Florence or Rome to continue your travels

Hotel accommodations and additional tour details can be found on our website.



Location: France > Bordeaux

Length: 6 Days / 5 Nights

Public Tour Dates: August 5 - 10, 2019

Private Tour Minimum: 6 people

Trip Price Per Person: \$3,400

Optional Single Supplement: \$900

Meals Included: All meals except two lunches and one dinner

Bordeaux Food & Wine Tour

Day 1 > Meet in Bordeaux > Walking tour of the beautiful city of Bordeaux • Tasting of delectable treats at a local chocolatier • Pre-dinner welcome toast and introductions at the Bordeaux Wine School • Dinner at a local restaurant

Day 2 > Left Bank of Bordeaux > Wine tour and tasting in the fairytale castle of Chateau Pichon Baron Longueville • Lunch at a quaint restaurant in Pauillac • Wine tour and tasting at one of the region's historic wineries • Dinner at what can only be called a cheese-lover's paradise

Day 3 > Right Bank of Bordeaux > Wine tour and tasting at Château Beau-Séjour Bécot • Walking tour of the village of Saint-Emilion, a UNESCO World Heritage Site • Free time and lunch on your own • Tour of the village's namesake monolithic underground church and catacombs • Cooking class and dinner at the fun and funky Le Chien de Pavlov

Day 4 > Wine of Graves & Sauternes > Wine tour and tasting at Château Haut Bailly • Lunch at a cozy local restaurant where meals are cooked over an open fire • Wine tour and tasting at Château Suduiraut, formerly Cru du Roy • Dinner on your own in Bordeaux

Day 5 > Seaside Exploration & Cuisine > Explore Europe's tallest sand dune, Dune du Pilat • Lunch on your own in Cap Ferret, the oyster capital of France • Optional walk to a local cognac or calelé shop in Bordeaux • Farewell dinner at a superb quayside restaurant complete with exquisite 19th-century decor

Day 6 > Interactive Wine Museum > Explore Bordeaux's world-class interactive wine museum, La Cité du Vin, with a wine tasting to cap things off • Head back to our hotel to check out and say our goodbyes

Hotel accommodations and additional tour details can be found on our website.



Location: Chile & Argentina

Length: 9 Days / 8 Nights

Public Tour Dates: November 4 - 12, 2019

Private Tour Minimum: 6 people

Trip Price Per Person: \$4,250 (additional cost for internal flight between Chile and Argentina)

Optional Single Supplement: \$1,100

Meals Included: All meals except two dinners

Chile & Argentina Wine Tour

Day 1 > Meet in Santiago > Wine tasting at one of Chile's longest-operating wineries in the Maipo Valley • Shuttle south for lunch at a family-owned estate in the Colchagua Valley • A lovely al fresco welcome dinner • Overnight in Santa Cruz

Day 2 > Colchagua Valley > Wine tasting and lunch in the Apalta Valley, a region within the Colchagua Valley • Free time in the charming village of Santa Cruz • Wine-paired dinner with panoramic vineyard views • Overnight in Santa Cruz

Day 3 > Casablanca Valley > Wine tasting and lunch at a small-lot wine production winery • Depart for Casablanca Valley for a wine tasting at a biodynamic winery • Dinner on your own in the seaside towns of Viña del Mar or Valparaiso • Overnight in Viña del Mar

Day 4 > Aconcagua Valley > Free time in the morning along the seaside • Wine tasting with a snow-capped Andes backdrop • Dinner at a private estate with our husband and wife hosts being winemaker and chef, respectively • Overnight in Los Andes

Day 5 > Chile to Argentina > Blending session where you make your own cuveé • Fly from Santiago to Mendoza • Wine tasting in the stunning Uco Valley • Dinner at our hotel • Overnight in Uco Valley

Day 6 > Uco Valley > Morning leisure time at our boutique hotel • Private tasting at a boutique winery • Late lunch/early dinner at Siete Fuegos, restaurant of renowned chef Francis Mallman • Overnight in Uco Valley

Day 7 > Lujan de Cuyo > Wine tasting in the Uco Valley • Wine-paired lunch in the Lujan de Cuyo Valley • Free time and dinner on your own in the lively city of Mendoza • Overnight in Mendoza

Day 8 > Up and Coming Wineries > Wine tasting of Old and New World wines • Wine-paired lunch at one of the area's up and coming wineries • Free time before our farewell dinner in Mendoza • Overnight in Mendoza

Day 9 > Final Morning > Morning at your leisure in our spa hotel • Check out and depart for the airport or continue on your own South American wine journey!

Hotel accommodations and additional tour details can be found on our website.



Location: California > Sonoma County

Length: 3 Days / 2 Nights

Public Tour Dates: October 27 - 29, 2019

Private Tour Minimum: 4 people

Trip Price Per Person: \$1,200

Optional Single Supplement: \$350

Meals Included: Two breakfasts and two dinners are included. Lunch is on your own

Sonoma Wine & Walking Tour

Day 1 > Russian River Valley > Meet either at the Sonoma County Airport or our host hotel • Vineyard walk in the Russian River Valley • Wine tasting • Check into our hotel if you haven't already • Farm-to-table dinner

Day 2 > Dry Creek Valley > Vineyard walk in the Dry Creek Valley • Wine tasting • Lunch on your own • Afternoon vineyard walk • Wine tasting • Dinner at one of the world-class restaurants in the area

Day 3 > Final Morning > Morning vineyard walk • Wine tasting • Say our farewells and shuttle back to airport or extend your stay in the area

Why book a wine and walking tour?

- You have your own personal guide, who will share his or her knowledge about grape growing, winemaking, and Sonoma County
- You stay active on your vacation (walks are tailored to the group's ability level)
- You get inside access to private vineyard lands and people you wouldn't otherwise see or meet



Hotel accommodations and additional tour details can be found on our website.



Location: Washington > Southeast Wine Country

Length: 3 Days / 2 Nights

Public Tour Dates: July 14 - 16, 2019

Private Tour Minimum: 6 people

Trip Price Per Person: \$1,900

Optional Single Supplement: \$600

Meals Included: Breakfasts and dinners included;
Lunches on your own

Washington Wine Tour

Day 1 > Walla Walla Valley > Meet at the Tri-Cities airport in the early afternoon • Wine tasting in Walla Walla Valley • Historic walking tour of downtown Walla Walla • Wine-paired dinner at a local restaurant

Day 2 > The Rocks District > Wine tasting in one of the area's newest AVAs - The Rock's District, sub-valley of Walla Walla • Gourmet wine country lunch • Custom blending session • Wine tasting • Chef's table dinner

Day 3 > Red Mountain > Winery tour and tasting, exploring a Washington state/Italy alliance between two amazing wine producers • Say our goodbyes and head back to the airport or continue exploring Washington wine country on your own

The historic, tree-lined farming community of Walla Walla, until recently best known for its sweet onions, has quickly become the epicenter of Washington wine tourism."

- Wine Enthusiast Magazine, naming Walla Walla one of the 10 Best Wine Travel Destinations worldwide



Hotel accommodations and additional tour details can be found on our website.



Location: Peru > Lima, Machu Picchu, Cusco

Length: 8 Days / 7 Nights

Public Tour Dates: April 28 - May 5, 2019

Private Tour Minimum: 4 people

Trip Price Per Person: \$4,000

Optional Single Supplement: \$1,200

Meals Included: Starting with breakfast on Day 2, includes all meals except two lunches and one dinner

Peru Food Tour

Day 1 > Meet in Lima > Arrive any time you wish and we'll pick you up from the airport • Overnight in Lima

Day 2 > Local Food Market > Walking tour of local food market • Lunch on your own • Visit the House of Gastronomy - a food museum! • Dinner at Astrid y Gastón, ranked in Top 50 restaurants in the world • Overnight in Lima

Day 3 > Chincha & Pisco > Explore the community of Chincha • Lunch of local dishes - a mix of Peruvian, Spanish, and African flavors • Tour and tasting at a pisco factory • Wine tasting and cooking demo at our hotel, located in a vineyard • Overnight in Ica

Day 4 > Boat Ride & Ceviche > Boat ride to Ballestas Island to learn about the local species of fish, sea life, and birds • Cooking class focused on ceviche and tiraditos • Dinner on your own • Overnight in Lima

Day 5 > Lima to Cusco > Morning flight to Cusco • Walking tour of local food market • Lunch on your own at the market • Explore the ancient Maras salt pools • Tour and tasting of a Chicheria, a fermented corn alcohol • Cooking class followed by dinner and dancing • Overnight in Urubamba

Day 6 > Ollantaytambo > Explore the Ollantaytambo Incan ruins • Visit the village of Cachiccata • Participate in the preparation of the traditional Pachamanca underground barbeque • Overnight in Machu Picchu

Day 7 > Machu Picchu > Explore Machu Picchu, with the option to see the sunrise over the ruins • Return to Cusco • Dinner at MAP Cafe, one of Cusco's top restaurants • Overnight in Cusco

Day 8 > Private Chef Experience > Shop for lunch ingredients at Cusco's local market with Chef Gabriel Alfredo Velásquez Castañeda • Lunch at Chef Castañeda's home • Check out and head to the airport

Hotel accommodations and additional tour details can be found on our website.



Location: Belgium > Brussels & Flanders

Length: 7 Days / 6 Nights

Public Tour Dates: August 18 - 24, 2019

Private Tour Minimum: 6 people

Trip Price Per Person: \$3,300

Optional Single Supplement: \$900

Meals Included: Breakfasts and dinners included; Lunches on your own

Belgium Beer Tour

Day 1 > Meet in Brussels > Walking tour of Brussels, including iconic The Grand Place • Beer and chocolate tasting at Laurent Gerbard • Tour and tasting at Brasserie Cantillon • Cheese and beer tasting at Moeder Lambic • Dinner at a beer-cuisine restaurant • Overnight in Brussels

Day 2 > Bruges Beers > Walking tour of Bruges • Tour and tasting of Bourgogne des Flandres • Lunch on your own • Tour and tasting at Brewery de Halve Maan • Head to beer cafe, t'Brugs Beertje beer cafe • Overnight in Bruges

Day 3 > Abbey Beers > Tour and tasting at Rodenbach • Tour and tasting at St. Bernardus • Lunch on your own • Visit In de Vrede at St. Sixtus Abbey • Dinner at Hommelhof • Overnight at St. Bernardus

Day 4 > WWI History > Explore Ypres, the beautifully reconstructed city that had been destroyed in a WWI battle • Lunch at Kazematten, a brewery built in WWI weapons storage tunnel • Shuttle to Ghent for the night

Day 5 > Unique Beers > Visit Malheur, known for their champagne-style beers • Lunch on your own in Ghent • Tour and tasting at Gruut, known for their use of special spices • Dinner at Belga Queen for a modern take on Belgian cuisine • Optional walk to explore Ghent's beer cafes • Overnight in Ghent

Day 6 > Pioneering Beers > Tour and tasting at Brewery de Ryck whose current brewmaster is one of Belgium's first and few female brewmasters • Return to Brussels for a farewell dinner and beer cafe exploration • Overnight in Brussels

Day 7 > Final Day > After breakfast, say our goodbyes and start the journey home or extend your travels

Hotel accommodations and additional tour details can be found on our website.



Location: North Carolina > Asheville
Length: 3 Days / 2 Nights
Public Tour Dates: September 13 - 15, 2019
Private Tour Minimum: 8 people

Trip Price Per Person: \$1,600
Optional Single Supplement: \$350
Meals Included: All meals except lunch

Asheville, NC Craft Beer & Food Tour

Day 1 > Meet in Asheville > Chocolatier tour and tasting • Local honey presentation and tasting • Green Man Brewery tour and tasting • Dinner at a farm-to-table restaurant

Day 2 > Ice Cream & Beer > Ice cream blending session and tasting • Lunch on your own in downtown Asheville • Brewery tour and tasting of Asheville's first craft brewery, Highland Brewing • Dinner at a farm-to-table restaurant • Optional walk to "South Slope" to explore additional Asheville breweries

Day 3 > Hike & Beer > Easy guided hike through Sierra Nevada's estate • Beer tasting • Shuttle to airport or back to downtown Asheville if you are extending your stay

The dining landscape is absolutely cooking. Its brew scene is nowhere close to fizzing out... No matter which you're searching for around Asheville, the city is more than eager to show it to you.

- Forbes.com, June 2018



What is craft?

The term "craft" seems to be paired most often with beer these days, but it includes anything involving skill in making things by hand.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What happens once I book a tour? After we receive your deposit we will send you an electronic pre-departure packet with detailed arrival and departure information, suggestions for making travel arrangements, a packing list, insurance information, and information about the area we will be visiting. For our fixed-date public tours, once we confirm the tour has enough participants you can purchase your airfare. For private and custom tours, we will notify you when the group has met its minimum number.

What is a single supplement? Our trip prices are based on double occupancy. If you are coming on a trip solo, we will find you a roommate of the same gender. You also have the option to pay the single supplement to get your own room if you don't want a roommate. Please see each individual tour page for the single supplement cost.

When is my tour payment due? Registering for a Taste Vacation requires a deposit of \$500 per person, payable by check or any major credit card at the time of booking. The remaining amount due must be paid by check or credit card 60 days prior to the trip departure.

What if I have to cancel a tour? If you cancel your reservation with 60 days or more advance notice, you can apply all payments made to another Taste Vacation in the same calendar year or the year following. If you cancel with fewer than 60 days advance notice you forfeit all payments made. For private and custom tours, you must cancel with 90 days notice to be able to transfer your payments. This is one of the more lenient cancellation policies in the industry because if you give us enough notice and can travel at a later date, you do not lose any money at all.



Looking to be active while on vacation?

Zephyr Adventures, our sister company, has been creating active travel vacations around the world since 1997.

All of Zephyr's tours are designed to accommodate people of varying ability levels. Activities include hiking, biking, inline skating, kayaking, and sometimes a combination of several different activities.

Zephyr even offers active vacations to some of the world's premier wine, food, and beer destinations. On these trips, you might end a lovely bike ride through a vineyard with a wine tasting or have a beer tasting at a scenic overlook after a nice hike.

To learn more about Zephyr Adventures tours, visit
www.ZephyrAdventures.com





What Our Customers Are Saying

"It was fantastic. Each new experience seemed to be better than the previous one. Even though they were all excellent." - Jody G.

"We felt rest assured from the very first day that we had made the correct decision in going on this trip. Our guide was very knowledgeable about the key things (food and wine) but also about the local culture. She was very friendly in providing us information about ideas to do with the group and on our own." - Christy C.

"Wonderful way for a seasoned traveler to get a more intimate cultural experience." - Lynea K.

"Fantastic - fun - informative - couldn't have asked for a better vacation!" - Bob & Sandy T.

"Very professional. Very thoughtful. Our guide's wine knowledge made this a MUCH better trip for us. Her "insider" knowledge was incredibly enjoyable. We would travel with her and Taste Vacations again. I wish I could give her an even higher rating!" - Don & Melinda F.

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