

# PACIFIC NORTHWEST WINE TRAIL

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**San Francisco to Napa Valley, California**

**2 hours and 3 minutes / 107km**

**Napa Valley to Redding, California**

**2 hours and 47 minutes / 284km**

**Redding, California to Rogue Valley, Oregon**

**2 hours and 33 minutes / 257km**

**Rogue Valley to Eugene, Oregon**

**2 hours and 31 minutes / 262km**

**Eugene to Willamette Valley, Oregon**

**1 hour and 5 minutes / 107km**

**Willamette Valley to Portland, Oregon**

**54 minutes / 76km**





## SAN FRANCISCO TO NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

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### Day 1

Arrive in San Francisco, California, and take the short drive to Napa Valley, which includes a trip across the famous **Golden Gate Bridge**. Stop for a photo in front of the iconic bridge at **Battery East Vista** above **Fort Point National Historic Site**. Once across the bridge, take the opportunity for a second look at **Golden Gate Bridge Vista Point** in **Sausalito** before entering the quaint Mediterranean-inspired town. Stop for lunch and enjoy more spectacular views of San Francisco Bay before continuing onto the town of Napa. In the heart of the wine region, downtown Napa offers a wealth of dining and nightlife options, as well as local arts and craft stores to explore. You can stay here or just outside of town in one of the many fabulous Napa Valley resorts.

Begin your exploration of Napa Valley's fabulous vineyards in **Yountville**. Throughout this winery-hopping trip, drive if you have a designated driver; alternatively, hire a car and driver,

or use ride-hailing apps like Uber or Lyft. Start your day at **Domaine Chandon**, one of the most beautiful locations for sipping wine in the valley. The lawn and terrace offer natural landscaping, strewn with native oak trees, an ideal environment for relaxing in the sun while enjoying the selection of sparkling wines. Depart Yountville for the short journey to St. Helena, passing such famous wine brands as **Cakebread Cellars** and **Rutherford Estates** along the way to **V. Sattui Winery**. As well as having three tasting rooms, V. Sattui features an artisan deli, offering a charcuterie selection from their own salumeria and more than 200 cheeses. Combine these local delicacies with V. Sattui's wine selection and more than two acres of outdoor space, and you're ready to experience the ultimate Napa Valley picnic. Before you depart, take the opportunity for a self-guided tour, and explore the estate gardens, underground wine cellars and museum caves. After

lunch, head back toward Napa for another must-visit for wine connoisseurs, the **Opus One Winery** in Oakville. Sitting amid lush vineyards and a grassy lawn, the Opus One building rises gradually from the landscape, immersing visitors in the gorgeous setting. Appointments are required to visit Opus One. Options include the Estate Tour & Tasting, Library Tour & Tasting, or a tasting, which includes a 4-ounce pour of the current vintage in the stately partner's room or on the valley-view terrace. Dining options are plentiful in the Napa Valley, but don't miss **The Restaurant at Auberge du Soleil**, which is renowned as the first fine-dining establishment in Napa Valley and boasts 13 consecutive Michelin Star awards. Local ingredients, spectacular views and an unmatched wine selection combine for a dinner you'll be talking about for years to come.

*Accommodation: Napa Valley, California*





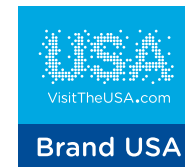








Willamette Valley, Oregon



## ROGUE VALLEY TO EUGENE, OREGON

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### Day 5

Take a detour from wine tastings to visit **Crater Lake National Park**. Formed by a volcanic eruption and eventual collapse of the volcano more than 7,000 years ago, Crater Lake is the deepest lake in the USA and one of the deepest in the world. The strikingly blue, pristine mountain lake is well worth the detour. Rejoin your wine trail in the Umpqua Valley, and stop at **Abacela Winery** in Roseburg, which offers unique wines that include tempranillo, albarino and blanco dulce varietals, as well as delicious small plates served in a spectacular tasting room with gorgeous views. If the weather permits, do not miss touring the vineyards. Continue your journey north to Eugene, located at the south end of the Willamette Valley on the banks of the Willamette River. This picturesque, lively city offers a mix of arts, culture, outdoors and dining. For an exceptional culinary experience, have dinner at **Grit**, located in the historic **Shamrock House** with a menu inspired by local produce.

Eugene has a diverse collection of wineries, and your day should begin with a visit to **Silvan Ridge Winery**, popular for its exquisite Willamette Valley pinot noir and pinot gris, as well as other micro-production varietals from the Rogue Valley. The property includes a photo-worthy clock tower and amphitheater, with tastings on the patio or around the indoor fireplace. A short trip from Silvan Ridge is **Sarver Winery**, which produces small lot runs of regional wines including pinot noir, pinot gris and chardonnay. Enjoy a tasting with gourmet cheeses, spreads, salamis and fresh baked breads, while taking in the spectacular surrounding valley. Head back to Eugene and explore the **5th Street Public Market** and its locally owned stores and eateries. For a culture break, visit the **Museum of Natural and Cultural History** or the **Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art** before taking the 30-minute trip to **King Estate Winery** for dinner. One of the largest organic vineyards in the world, this beautiful estate also has 30 acres of organic gardens and orchards, including a full acre of lavender. Arrive early to enjoy a tour and tasting before dinner. The stately on-site restaurant is focused on pairing local wines with local ingredients. The gourmet menu features vegetables, fruits, herbs and flowers grown on property. It's a truly memorable dining experience overlooking equally remarkable scenery.

**Accommodation: Eugene, Oregon**





Cottage Grove, Willamette Valley

## EUGENE TO WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON

● ● ● 1 hour and 5 minutes / 107km

### Day 6

Just north of Eugene in Junction City, you will find **Pfeiffer Winery**, a boutique winery and tasting room, specializing in small lots of high-end pinot noir and pinot gris that are only sold at the winery. If you are lucky, you might be able to listen as the winemaker discusses the varietals in his informal “Pinot Clinic.” The winery offers tasting experiences in its cozy Italian grotto-inspired tasting room, as well as in its water garden and tiki bar. A short distance away is **Walnut Ridge Vineyard**, housed in a unique French Colonial-style tasting room that features reclaimed timbers, gas lamps and a wood-burning fireplace. Enjoy wine and small plates on indoor or outdoor seating areas in the heart of the vineyard amid breathtaking vistas of the Cascade and Oregon Coast mountains. Continue into the heart of the Willamette Valley to Newberg for dinner at **The Painted Lady**, a charming farm-to-table fine dining restaurant that’s tucked away in a Victorian house in a quiet neighborhood just steps from downtown. After a

day of traveling, you’ll appreciate the prix fixe menu focused on fresh and local meats, seafood, organic vegetables and award-winning wines, all served in the polished yet homey dining room.

Your Willamette Valley tour continues in Dundee at **Erath Winery**, one of the pioneers of the Willamette Valley wine scene and a leading producer of pinot noir for more than 40 years. A tasting at Erath brings classic Oregon pinots together with views of the surrounding Jory Hills. For a tasty and laid-back lunch break, visit **Red Hills Market**, also in Dundee. Here, you might meet local farmers, chefs and winemakers as you browse goods from local farms and vineyards. The market is also a restaurant offering a locally sourced, hand-crafted menu; eat in or take out for a picnic at your next winery (just make sure the winery accepts outside food). Across the street from Red Hills Market is the **Argyle Tasting House**, where you can enjoy intimate indoor or outdoor tastings of sparkling

wine, riesling, chardonnay or pinot noir selections. Another nearby winery is **The Four Graces**, named after the original founders’ daughters whose names encircle the capsules on some of the wines they offer. Their son Nicholas is known as the “Keeper of the Four Graces,” and his name appears on the Dundee Hills Reserve pinot noir. The quaint tasting room is a historical farmhouse on the **Foley Family Estate**. Visitors can stroll through the demonstration vineyard and bring a picnic to enjoy with Four Graces wines. In the evening, take a short drive to Dayton to dine at **Joel Palmer House**, named for its location in the historic home built by Joel Palmer, who co-founded the town of Dayton in 1848. The menu is focused around wild mushrooms and truffles, which are gathered by restaurant staff and incorporated into family recipes with other locally raised ingredients. Naturally, the cuisine is complemented by local Oregon wines.

**Accommodation: Newberg, Oregon**



# WILLAMETTE VALLEY TO PORTLAND, OREGON

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## Day 7

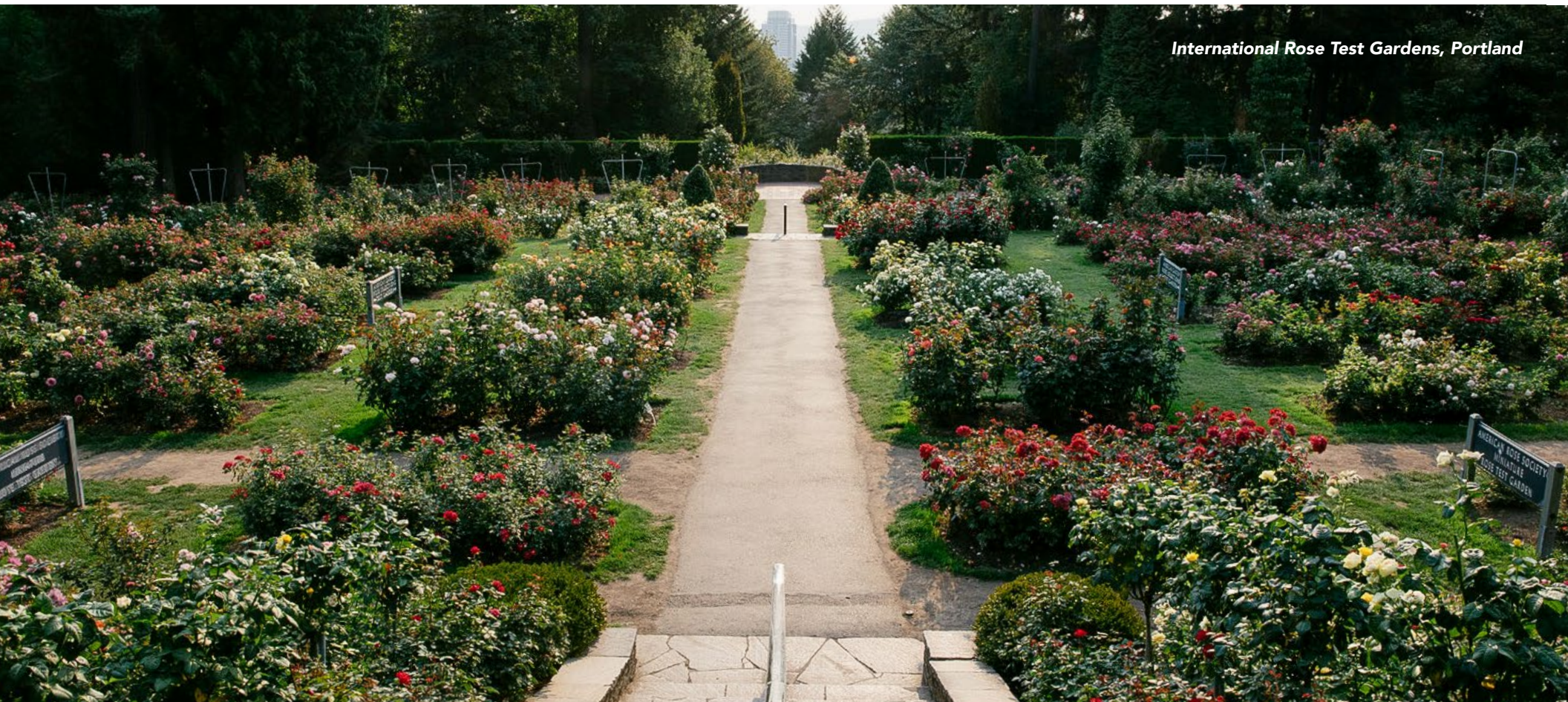
The last leg of your Willamette Valley tour starts at **Sokol Blosser Winery** just northeast of Dayton. Another of Oregon's pioneering wineries, its founders first planted pinot noir vines on a 5-acre plot in 1971. Today, visitors can enjoy seated tasting experiences in a variety of distinct spaces – luxury or casual, indoor or outdoor – all surrounded by vineyard views. For your final winery experience, visit the **Clubhouse at Domaine Serene** to enjoy exquisite pinot noir and chardonnay, surrounded by the picturesque vineyards of the **Winery Hill Estate**. Drop in for a tasting, or schedule an intimate tour in advance. Combine your tasting with a culinary offering, whether a refined pairing experience

or a more casual charcuterie board. After lunch, depart the Willamette Valley for big-city Portland, and arrive in time to explore the rich culinary scene, which is renowned for its originality. Housed in a restored industrial building, **Olympia Provisions Southeast** started as the city's first salumeria but has expanded into a restaurant with an innovative take on rustic Spanish and Mediterranean cooking. Come hungry enough to start your meal with a charcuterie board and end with a plate, such as the fantastic choucroute garnie (dressed cabbage with house-made sausages).

*Accommodation: Portland, Oregon*



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