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8 Bucket-List Vacations For Wine Lovers

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Calling all oenophiles: now is the time to start planning your ultimate wine vacation for 2021.



Saint Emilion village in Bordeaux, France GETTY

Untold Story Travel's Bordeaux – France

A trip to [Bordeaux](#) is a right-of-passage for wine lovers, and it doesn't get more luxurious than [Untold Story Travel's](#) private, two-night Bordeaux excursion.

Highlights include a visit to the cellars of an invitation-only, private wine estate in the village of Margaux for a private tasting with a master sommelier and the opportunity to blend your own wine and design your own wine label. (It's even possible to arrange to have bottles of your personalized wine shipped to your home every six months).

Accommodations are provided at the endlessly charming, five-star [Les Sources De Caudalie](#), at the famed Château Smith Haut Lafitte, home to a Caudalie Vinotherapie Spa and the two-Michelin-star La Grand'Vigne restaurant. *Prices for two nights from \$5,430 per person.*



Maribor, Slovenia. GETTY

Original Travel's Slovenia Culinary Holiday – Slovenia

Awarded European Region of Gastronomy for 2021, [Slovenia](#) is the

underrated country that should be on every oenophile's radar for this year and beyond. [Original Travel's](#) new, private [Slovenia Culinary Holiday](#) is the perfect introduction to the country. Expect fine dining at Michelin-star restaurants, like [Gostilna pri Lojzetu](#), and sommelier-hosted wine tastings in Maribor, the Slovenian city in the heart of wine country, and in the picturesque Dolenjska region, which is known for its ancient vineyards. *Prices for seven nights from \$4,050 per person.*



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Scenic's Unforgettable Douro – Portugal

One of the world's oldest demarcated wine regions, [Portugal's Douro Valley](#) is a must-visit wine destination and is best explored via luxury wine-themed cruise. On the 11-day [Unforgettable Douro](#) trip by [Scenic](#), you'll sip Vino Verde at the nineteenth-century [Quinta da Aveleda](#) estate; drink rosé at the winery at [Mateus Palace](#); and sample plenty of port in the cellars of Porto. *Prices for 11 nights from \$5,350 per person*

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Wild Frontiers' Walking and Wine in Catalonia – Spain

With 10 denominated wine regions and plenty of under-the-radar producers, it's easy to find a new favorite wine to fall in love with in [Catalonia](#). [Wild Frontiers'](#) new [Walking and Wine in Catalonia](#) group tour is all about showcasing the region's small and local producers with stops in places like the small-but-stand-out region of Priorat. *Prices for seven nights from \$1,760 per person.*



Napa, California. GETTY

Scott Dunn's Gourmet California – California,

USA

Scott Dunn's ultimate [Gourmet California](#) private trip gives you insider's access to [American's most famous wine region](#) during the peak harvest period. With meet-the-winemaker experiences in Sonoma; a trip on the (in)famous wine train in Napa; and plenty of fine dining along the way, this trip checks all the boxes. *Prices for 10 nights from \$7,886 per person.*

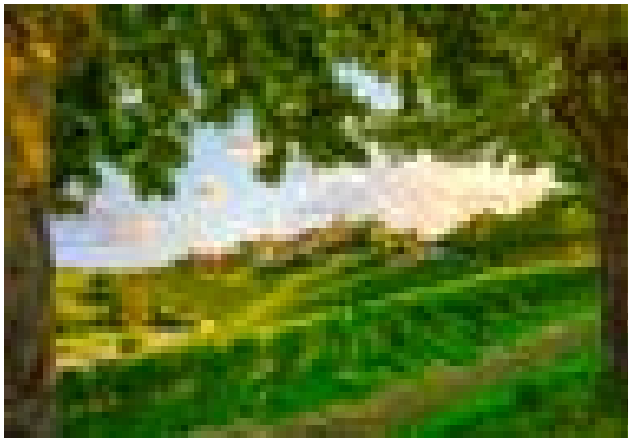


Franschhoek winelands in South Africa GETTY

Elegant Resorts' Cape, Wine and Safari – South Africa

While [South Africa](#) is best known for its incredible safari experiences, more and more visitors are opting to add the country's impressive winelands to their itineraries. Get the best of both the wine and the wilderness with [Elegant Resorts'](#) extensive [Cape, Wine and Safari](#) tour, which includes a safari in

the massive, game-rich [Madikwe Game Reserve](#), on the border of Botswana, and a trip to the Northern Cape; plus wine tastings and tours in the town of Franschhoek with a specialist connoisseur as a guide. *Prices for 12 nights from \$17,110 per person.*



Langhe vineyards in Piedmont. GETTY

The Italian Connection's Exclusive Gourmet Tour – Italy

From Barolo to Chianti to Montepulciano, [The Italian Connection's](#) bespoke [Exclusive Gourmet Tour](#) will have you sampling some of [Italy's](#) finest wines in the places they're made. Highlights include a visit to the award-winning [The Marchesi di Barolo](#) wine cellar in Piedmont (plus truffle hunting); a tour of Chianti via vintage sports car; and stops in Montalcino and Montepulciano to try the famous Brunello di Montalcino and Vino Nobile di Montepulciano. *Prices*

for eight nights from \$8,795 per person.



Kangaroo in South Australian vineyard GETTY

Audley Travel's South Australia's Epicurean Way Road Trip - Australia

More than half of all of Australia's wine is produced in [South Australia](#), which is made up of six, stylistically unique growing areas. You'll hit several of these areas on [Audley Travel's two-week South Australia's Epicurean Way Road Trip](#), including Adelaide Hills, Barossa and Clare Valley. The trip is made up of long lunches set within the vines (where kangaroos are even known to make appearances), as well as cellar tastings with the winemakers and hot air balloon rides over the vineyard.

Prices for 12 nights from \$7,450 per person.

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