

Weekend in Walla Walla Wine Country

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Day 1: Downtown

Settle in for your weekend getaway at one of Walla Walla's unique inns. Downtown, choose the historic Marcus Whitman Hotel (Walla Walla's skyscraper) or scale down for chic-boutique at The Finch. Or opt to sleep among the vineyards at the luxurious Eritage Resort or the [charming Inn at Abeja](#).

Once you unpack, head downtown for a stroll along Main Street and stop in at one or two of the dozens of tasting rooms downtown for pre-dinner flights (recommendations: Vital Wines, Seven Hills Winery, L'Ecole Heritage Wine Bar).

As you browse, scope out options for dinner. Walla Walla has earned a reputation as a foodie destination. You won't go wrong at Saffron Mediterranean Kitchen, Hattaway's on Alder, TMAC's or The Marc, to name a few.



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Day 2: Wine Country



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Today, big decisions are in store. Which of the 120-plus wineries will you visit?

Yesterday, you already experienced the Downtown Wine District, so today, you might focus on one or more of the other five wine districts in Walla Walla Wine Country. A smart way to go is to hire a wine guide for the day, who will do the driving, share insider information about the region and the wineries and deposit you and your wine purchases safely back at your hotel. Guides usually have predetermined wineries they visit, eliminating your decision-making dilemma, but some will let you customize your own tour. Visit wallawalla.org/wineries/tours-transportation to select a wine tour company.

If you opt to tour without a guide, Make decision making a bit easier by consulting wallawalla.org/wineries/wineries-map-list. There, you'll learn that there are six wine districts in Walla Walla; you may decide to confine your exploration to just one or broaden your adventure to others as well. Many tasting rooms require reservations, so reserve ahead at your selected wineries when necessary. (Some recommendations: In the Eastside District—Tranche, Walla Walla Vintners, Figgins; in the Southside District—Doubleback, Sleight of Hand, Va Piano, Alton Wines; in the Westside District—Long Shadows, L'Ecole No. 41, Armstrong Family Winery, Woodward Canyon.



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