



The Wine Society of Texas®
wine appreciation through education

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Paso Robles

The Wine Society of Texas Announces its first ever Paso Robles Wine Tour!

*******Only 14 Spaces Available*******

The tour will take us to nineteen different wineries in four fun-packed days throughout the Paso Robles countryside, Sun., Sep. 27, 2009 - Wed., Sep. 30, 2009. You can stay for an optional free day Thu., Oct. 1, 2009 to explore the area on your own.

This is a **custom chartered tour** put together by the Grapeline Wine Country Shuttle for the Wine Society of Texas. It includes several educational winery tours and some VIP tastings. Paso Robles is famous for mainly Rhone varietals and Zinfandel, but other varietals are also grown in the region. We will tentatively visit the following wineries:

Day 1	Adelaida Cellars Halter Ranch Vineyard Justin Vineyards & Winery Tablas Creek Vineyard	Day 2	Opolo Vineyards Norman Vineyards Denner Vineyards Lone Madrone Peachy Canyon Winery
Day 3	Chumeia Vineyards EOS Estate Winery Eberle Winery Vina Robles Anglim Winery	Day 4	L'Aventure Winery Four Vines Winery ZinAlley Winery Linne Calodo Cellars Turley Wine Cellars

The tour bus will depart at 9:30 a.m. every day from the historic Paso Robles Inn located in downtown Paso Robles, CA across from the city park. The location is conveniently within walking distance of wine and olive tasting rooms, restaurants, wine bars and lounges, boutique shops, and much more in downtown Paso Robles. The Wine Society of Texas has set up special accommodation rates at the Paso Robles Inn. Instructions on reserving a room in the WST block will be sent out to those registered for the trip.

SCHEDULE:	
Sat 9/26:	Arrive in Paso Robles; check into hotel. Each person is responsible for their own outbound and return transportation and expenses to and from Paso Robles, CA
Sun 9/27 – Wed 9/30:	4- day wine tour - Bus Tour includes transportation to and from Paso Robles Inn, all tasting fees and tour fees; all lunches (2 boxed picnic lunches, 2 provided by wineries), taxes and gratuities. Breakfasts, dinners, and sundries are on your own.
Thu 10/1:	Optional Free Day (Each person is responsible for their own transportation and expenses on the free day.)
Fri 10/2:	Check-out and depart (unless checking out a day earlier and not staying for free day)

***** PRICING FOR LAND WINE TOUR ONLY*****
Airfare, rental car, gas, hotel, breakfasts, dinners, sundries, and optional free day are separate.

Wine Society of Texas Paso Robles Wine Tour
Sunday Sep. 27, 2009 - Wednesday, Sep. 30, 2009

Grapeline customized wine tour for 4 days - PER PERSON - includes transportation, lunches, tasting fees, touring fees, taxes, and gratuities (hotel, breakfast, and dinners separate)

# People	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
WST Member	\$900.00	\$800.00	\$725.00	\$675.00	\$625.00	\$575.00	\$550.00	\$525.00	\$500.00
Non-Member	\$950.00	\$850.00	\$775.00	\$725.00	\$675.00	\$625.00	\$600.00	\$575.00	\$550.00

PAYMENT TERMS, PAYMENT SCHEDULE, AND CANCELLATION POLICY:

\$100 non-refundable deposit per person plus completed and signed registration form must be received to secure your spot on the trip. **Trip spots are first-come, first-served based on receipt of deposit checks and completed registration forms.** We will maintain a wait list if more than 14 people are interested.

2nd payment of \$150 per person due May 26, 2009

Final payment remaining balance per person due July 26, 2009 (remaining balance will be determined by number of people on the trip.)

Cancellations after August 26, 2009 will result in an additional 25% penalty based on total price per person minus the \$100 deposit. For example if 10 people go, and the cost is \$625 per person, the cancellation penalty would be 25% of \$525 = \$131.25 plus the \$100 deposit. **NO EXCEPTIONS will be made to this policy. You are welcome to purchase your own trip insurance to cover the risk.**

PRICING FOR PASO ROBLES INN:

RATES PER ROOM PER NIGHT ARE BASED ON SINGLE OR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY. EXTRA OCCUPANTS IN THE ROOM MAY RESULT IN ADDITIONAL CHARGES:

Room Type:	Rates:
Traditional king or double double	\$155 Sat 9/26; \$105 Sun 9/27 – Thu 10/1
Queen Queen Spa	\$185 Sat 9/26; \$145 Sun 9/27 – Thu 10/1
Queen Queen Suite	\$300 Sat 9/26; \$230 Sun 9/27 – Thu 10/1

TAX:
 All guest rooms are subject to city and state taxes, which are approximately an additional 13%.

Travelers are responsible for reserving their own rooms on their personal credit cards. Rooms in our block will be held until August 27, 2009. After this date, all UNRESERVED rooms will automatically return to the hotel inventory for general sale at the hotel's prevailing rate. The cancellation policy is fairly standard. No penalty for cancellations up to 72 hours prior to first night check-in (prior to 4:00 p.m. PDT, Wed., 9/23/09). Cancellations within 72 hours of first night will result in a charge to the guaranteeing party for the first night's room rate and tax. When you reserve, please indicate if you are staying for the optional day (10/1).

Those who are not staying at the Paso Robles Inn will be responsible for getting themselves to the Paso Robles Inn each morning of the wine tour for the 9:30 a.m. bus departure.

OTHER INFORMATION:

TRAVELING TO AND FROM PASO ROBLES, CA:

Most common way is to fly into San Jose or LAX or any other major California city, and rent a car and drive to Paso. Other way is to fly into San Luis Obispo (only US Airways and United have connecting flights from DFW through Phoenix and either Los Angeles or San Francisco). San Luis Obispo is only 30 miles away from Paso Robles, so can take a cab or a shuttle. One can get a flight from DFW to San Jose for \$250 - \$350 and rent a car for \$300 per week (thus advantageous to share a ride and split the cost with someone). Cost of flying round trip from DFW into San Luis Obispo on either United or US Airways has varied between ~\$425 and ~\$525 based on recent inquiries. If someone has airline miles or points to use on flights or rental cars, they could save some \$\$\$ here.

WINE STORAGE and WINE SHIPPING:

Travelers may purchase wine from the wineries and have them ship it from the wineries. For those who want to purchase a bottle or two at each winery and accumulate mixed cases, Save Haven Wine Services in Paso Robles has agreed to let us store at no charge our accumulated purchases each day; and they can ship cases of wine UPS ground or 2nd day air to your home for a reasonable price. A case of wine shipped to zip code 76107 was quoted at approximately \$53 for UPS ground and \$75 for 2nd day air. The price includes all packing & shipping materials, insurance and handling.

TRIP INSURANCE: The Wine Society of Texas is not offering trip insurance, but each traveler may purchase trip insurance to cover a portion or all of his or her expenses. Check out:

www.insuremytrip.com/

PASO ROBLES WEATHER: Paso Robles Weather can vary significantly in the fall. The temperature can be very hot during the day, but chilly at night. Temperatures in the vineyards can sometimes be 10 degrees hotter than in the city of Paso Robles. Rainfall is minimal. Check the Paso Robles weather forecast the week before you leave so you can determine what to pack.

Paso Robles Weather History, Sep., 2008:

<http://www.wunderground.com/history/airport/KPRB/2008/9/1/MonthlyHistory.html#calendar>

Paso Robles Weather History, Oct., 2008:

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ROUGH ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES:

W ST Paso Trip Estimated Expenses Per Person (assumes double occupancy and shared vehicle)	
Airfare to San Jose per person	\$350.00
Rental Car and gas from San Jose - assumes shared with another person	\$200.00
Breakfast on your own - assume \$15 per day per person	\$75.00
Paso Robles Inn 5 nights traditional room - assumes double occupancy (\$649.75/2)	\$324.88
4-day Wine Tour Min - 14 people (includes lunch)	\$500.00
4-day Wine Tour Max - only 6 people (includes lunch)	\$900.00
Dinner on your own 5 nights - assume \$50 per night per person	\$250.00
MIN if all 14 seats fill - 5 nights 4 days	\$1,699.88
MAX if only 6 people go - 5 nights 4 days	\$2,099.88
Optional Extra Day (6th night at Paso Robles Inn - assumes traditional room double occupancy \$118.65/2)	\$59.33
Three meals on extra day	\$100.00
Optional activities like Hearst Castle, etc.	TBD

THINGS TO DO ON OPTIONAL FREE DAY:

- § More wineries
- § Paso Robles
- § Hearst Castle
- § San Luis Obispo
- § Templeton
- § Cambria
- § Morrow Bay
- § Pismo Beach

USEFUL LINKS:

Paso Robles Inn: www.pasoroblesinn.com

The Grapeline: www.gogrape.com/paso_robles/private_charters.html

Paso Robles Wineries: www.pasowine.com/wineries/profiles.php; www.zinalley.com;
www.eosvintage.com

Paso Robles Wine Tasting Map: www.pasowine.com/wineries/map.php

Map of downtown Paso Robles: www.pasoroblesdowntown.org/map.htm

Other info about Paso Robles: www.pasoroblesdowntown.org

Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance: www.pasowine.com/

Hearst Castle: www.hearstcastle.org

Things to do in the area:

http://wikitravel.org/en/Paso_Robles

http://www.locallinks.com/things_to_do.htm

http://www.slolinks.com/things_to_do.htm

Trip Insurance: www.insuremytrip.com/

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Other Terms & Conditions

You must be 21 years of age to participate in the wine tour.

The 4-day wine tour itinerary and winery list are subject to change.

The Wine Society of Texas Paso Robles trip is **not** all-inclusive. Each traveler is responsible for the following separate arrangements and expenses:

- § Outbound and return transportation to and from Paso Robles, California
- § Hotel/accommodations
- § Breakfasts
- § Dinners
- § Miscellaneous Expenses
- § Transportation, meals, and all other expenses on optional free day

Travelers are responsible for reserving their own hotel rooms on their personal credit cards at the Paso Robles Inn. **Rooms in our block will be held until August 27, 2009.** After this date, all **UNRESERVED** rooms will **automatically** return to the hotel inventory for general sale at the hotel's prevailing rate. **Those who are not staying at the Paso Robles Inn will be responsible for getting themselves to the Paso Robles Inn each morning of the wine tour for the 9:30 a.m. bus departure.**

If you are traveling alone, the Wine Society of Texas will help assist you in finding a room mate, but will not guarantee that you will be paired with someone.

Excessive spillage or debris in the Grapeline chartered wine-tour bus will result in a cleaning fee that will be shared equally among the Wine Society of Texas travelers on the wine tour bus. Tour-goers must exit the vehicle if they are ill. Vomit onboard the vehicle will result in an automatic charge of \$300.00 to the Wine Society of Texas, which will be shared equally among the WST travelers on the wine tour bus.

It's The Law:

Each winery holds a license to sell alcohol, and in typical fashion, the State of California holds them to very specific rules if they want to keep that license. Here's what you need to know: ***The only Alcoholic beverages allowed on a winery's property are those that are sold by that winery.*** If guests do not follow this rule, wineries may politely remind them by expelling them from the property. Everyone must understand and abide by this regulation.

The Grapeline Wine Country Shuttle is a Responsible Partner of the Paso Robles Wine Country and it's governing association. The Grapeline will adhere to all rules, requests and regulations of Wineries and the governing association. Guests are responsible for appropriate conduct while on winery property, and for adhering to applicable rules. If any winery expels guests from the property, ***The Grapeline reserves the right to terminate the duration of the tour, without refund.***

If the wine tour is terminated early by The Grapeline, the Wine Society of Texas will not be able to refund any money.

Travel involves risk, including but not limited to travel delays, hazards, weather, unsafe facilities, terrorist acts and all of the risks involving travel in cars, buses, trains, airplanes and other forms of transportation. Therefore, each traveler is to assume all of these risks. Furthermore, each traveler will hold the Wine Society of Texas, its local chapters, and its officers, directors or members harmless from any liability for personal injury, and property loss or damage while traveling to and from the trip location or participating in the trip with all of its activities and any optional or extension trips. Trip participants are strongly urged to purchase trip insurance to cover all personal injury and property losses suffered, as well as losses caused by travel delays and/or cancellations.