



LAKAMA LUXURY TRAVEL PRESENTS:

10 Amazing Trip Ideas For People Who Enjoy Wine and even for those who don't.

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01

River Cruises

Sailing through the heart of the country

Small intimate ships have you discovering history, culture and culinary delights while exploring cobblestone walkways, iconic cities and quaint villages along storied waterways.

Top river cruises with a wine theme: Rhine, Danube, Rhone, Bordeaux, Douro and Columbia

When to go: April - November. For cooler weather and to avoid the crowds, Spring and Fall are the best times to go.

Tip: Choose a wine appreciation sailing for special food and wine pairings, to learn more about the region and for exclusive winery visits.



02

Australia

Tasmania: Small in size, big in experience

Did you know that one of the top 10 wine routes in the world is in Tasmania? Indeed it is. The Tamar Valley is a cool climate region with 30+ wineries producing wonderful Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Riesling, Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir. There are around 160 wineries in all of Tasmania.

Tasmania is also paradise for nature and wildlife lovers - 40% of

the country is designated as national parks and reserves.

When to go: The summer months December - February are peak season but Tasmania doesn't have the crowds like other areas, so it's a good time. March and April are still warm, with nights cooling off and glorious red and yellow fall foliage beginning to appear.



New Zealand **03**

The South Island Wine Trail

The South Island Trail goes through New Zealand's famous Marlborough wine region, as well as Nelson, Waipara Valley, Central Otago and Waitaki Valley. The Marlborough area alone has over 100 wineries, so if you are short on time, you will find plenty to do.

Besides fine cellar doors along the route, enjoy nature's beauty, lovely walking, hiking and biking trails and adventure activities (i.e bungee

jumping). Marvel at some of the New Zealand's finest scenery in Central Otago and Queenstown. Driving from Christchurch to Queenstown is about an 8 hour drive. A stop in Tekapo or Mt. Cook is well worth it, or to save time, fly direct to Queenstown.

When to go: October through April. Most wineries are open during the Fall harvest season in March.

04 South Africa

More than just safaris

South Africa boasts 18 official wine routes, each with its own personality. One of the most popular is the Franschhoek Wine Route, where the French first made wine over 300 years ago. Today, all the classic styles are produced here.

A safari is a top experience in South Africa, but don't overlook botanical gardens, fantastic museums, Table Mountain and Cape of Good Hope National parks.

When to go: Any time is good time to visit; summer and fall the most scenic, winter the fewest crowds. Harvest season runs January to March.





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Canada

BC's best kept secret

British Columbia is home to 5 wine regions - stellar wines, though few people outside the region are aware of this. Due to laws (or maybe locals just want it for themselves), little wine leaves the province.

In the heart of British Columbia's growing region is the Okanagan Valley, where 185 wineries are growing a wide variety of both whites and reds. The region is quite famous for the icewine (made from grapes that are frozen on the vines).

When to go: Spring, summer and fall are the best times. The hottest months are July and August. The busiest months are May through July.

06 Chile

Diversity from north to south

Chile is such a diverse country, from the Atacama Desert in the north, the Andes to the east and pristine lakes, volcanoes and the Patagonia wilderness in the south.

Mind boggling scenic beauty.

In between are 15+ wine regions, sub-regions and valleys producing world-class wines. If you enjoy red wine, some of Chile's finest is found in Colchagua Valley, about 2 hours south of Santiago.

When to go: While wineries are open year round, spring, summer and fall months will be the most pleasant. The winter months of June to August are great for skiing in the Lake Country and Andes.





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Portugal

Oldest in the world

If you enjoy Port wine, a visit to the Douro Valley is a must. The world's oldest demarcated wine region in the world (dating back to 1756), Port wine originated on the banks of the Douro. Very good table wines are also being produced in the area.

The entire Douro Valley is a

UNESCO world heritage site, and can be explored by car, train or on the river. Off the beaten path, it's a wonderful destination for peace and quiet.

When to go: Spring, early summer and fall. The summer months of July and August are hot and crowded.



08

France

Discover slow

A wonderful way to explore the beautiful French countryside is on a luxury barge hotel cruise. Escape the hustle and bustle of the city and discover what it means to slow down and truly relax.

With comfortable accommodations, gourmet meals, fine wines, interesting excursions and an

attentive crew, these are truly one of a kind experiences. Not for everyone though, as the boats are small - max around 20 guests.

Great for a group of friends or those who love to travel with like-minded souls.

When to go: The season is a little shorter than river cruises, with sailings from late March to October. Early April, August and October may have lower rates.



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Switzerland

A perfect pairing

Switzerland is well known for its chocolate, cheeses and watches, but wine, well not so much. This is not due to quality or quantity, but simply because the Swiss produce it and consume it mostly

for themselves.

The heart of the wine region is near Geneva, but there are no shortages of wineries in any of the cantons. Chocolate, cheese and wine - a perfect pairing! And watches to keep you on time.

When to go: Late July and August or shortly after the fall harvest season.



Charming medieval hilltop towns, Roman history, truffle hunting, and gorgeous coastlines are just a few reasons to visit the Istrian peninsula. It is home to Croatia's northernmost wine region, and has been named as one of the top 10 wine regions in the world with its award winning wines and top rated olive oils.

Croatia **10**

Idyllic Istria

When to go: April to September - the beaches and quaint Rovinj will get crowded in the summer months, so head inland for breathing room and time to discover culinary scene. September is prime for white truffles.

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