



It's not just a Wine Tour; it's a Total Wine Experience!

Objectives

1. Taste the **Best Wines** at each winery.
2. Visit wineries and venues with wonderful **Ambiance**.
3. Provide **Wine Experiences**, not just wine tastings.
4. **Maximize the Wine Experience** by minimize travel time between wineries.
5. Travel in a **Comfortable Vehicle**.

You Might Want To Know

- We will travel in a van that holds up to 11 passengers plus your tour guide/driver.
- During our tour, you will be treated to a sparkling wine, our selection of high-end cheeses, crackers and home-cooked nuts.
- You will have an endless supply of bottled water and snacks for the duration of the tour.
- We will have a cooler to store wine that you purchase during the tour.
- Attire is Casual; wear comfortable clothing.



Our Transportation Vehicle: Ford Transit XLT or equivalent

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Our Itinerary

Prior to 8:00 AM: Pick up travelers – I-85 Sugar Loaf Mills Park & Ride, Indian Trail Park & Ride and/or MARTA Dunwoody Parking Lot ¹

8:40 AM: Pick up travelers - Maggiano's Cumberland Mall ¹

9:05 AM: Pick up travelers - Marietta Park and Ride ¹

9:30 AM: Pick up travelers – Town Center Park and Ride ¹

11:00 AM: Chateau Meichtry: Wine Counseling Session with local wines, cheeses, nuts

12:00 PM: Chateau Meichtry: Tasting

1:00 PM: Ott Farms & Vineyard's Grounds: Lunch (pre-ordered)

1:45 PM: Ott Farms & Vineyard: Wine Tasting

3:00 PM: Engelheim Vineyards: Tour & Tasting

4:45 – 7:30 PM: Return to respective pick up locations

¹ The pick up locations will be determined by our travelers' geographic locales

Our Wine Country Tour



11:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Chateau Meichtry: Wine Counseling Session

We will begin the tour with a session on how to handle, store and serve that special bottle wine to maximize its flavor. We will also review some basics on sparkling wine. In addition, I will provide you with some interesting facts and tips. You will receive a pocket/purse card with this information so you can carry it with you as a reference guide. Do you like wine stories? You will hear a couple

Three of Chateau Meichtry's wines, "crowd-pleaser" cheeses, crackers and home-cooked nuts will be served during the session. These wines are in addition to the wine tasting that follows.

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12:00 – 12:45 PM: Chateau Meichtry: Semi-Private Tasting

Located in the beautiful foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, this family-owned and operated farm winery has a tradition of grape growing from the grandfather, Stephan Meichtry, who migrated to America from Switzerland in 1925. The rolling hills provide a perfect location for growing quality wine grapes. I am particularly impressed with their staff's friendliness and emphasis on customer service plus the overall quality of their wines. Their grounds and atmosphere are very inviting. They produce 11 – 12 wines, some produced with estate grapes while other grapes are shipped in from various regions of the country. They feature live music entertainment each weekend.



In addition to the three wines that you tasting during the Wine Counseling session, you select 5 of their wines to taste. A chocolate cup is provided at the end of your tasting.

1:00 – 1:45 PM: Ott Farms & Vineyard's Grounds: Lunch



We will pre-order our lunches from Crossroads Grocery. A few days before the tour, you will be provided with their menu so you can send me your selections. I will pick up the lunch orders during your tasting at Chateau Meichtry.

While having lunch, you can sit on their outdoor patio, under their large covered porch or their vaulted covered pavilion, all with a beautiful view of their vineyards.



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1:45 PM – 2:30 PM: Ott Farms & Vineyard: Wine Tasting

This is Ellijay's newest vineyard, opening in November 2017 with just two wines initially.

Ott Farms and Vineyard is located on 7+ acres of Gilmer County's most beautiful mountain view, in the greater Ellijay area. They currently have 4 acres of French-American hybrid grapes planted. Ott Farms and Vineyards also features a large tasting room with a vaulted covered pavilion and a large covered porch ready to accommodate their guests. They have Live Music on Saturdays & Sundays from 1:30pm to 5:30pm on the covered porch.



Mike Ott, a horticultural specialist, first helped to build other local wineries, including Cartecay, Engelheim, Ellijay River and

Chateau Meichtry.

After that, he and

his wife, Lee, decided to build their own vineyard from the ground up. Together, they have created excellent wines from their 4 acres of locally grown Seyval Blanc, Chambourcin, Blanc du Bois, Lenoir and Lamanto grapes, as well as South Georgia-grown muscadines.



For your tasting, select 5 wines of your choice from

*their wine menu. I am impressed with their customer service and the quality of their wines for being so new at the winemaking profession. Make sure you try their **Rosé**.*



3:00 PM– 4:45 PM: Engelheim Vineyards: Tour & Tasting

The owners, Gary and Jan Engel and their family, decided to purchase the land that is now known as Engelheim (German for "Angel Home") in 2007. After Colonel Engel retired from the Army in 2004 and upon his return from Iraq and Kuwait, they decided to live their dream of living in the North Georgia Mountains to grow the finest quality grapes. They planted their first vines in 2009 and harvested their first vintage in 2011.

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For the Engel family, it is about quality of life and touching other lives. They hope to honor the original residents of Engelheim, the Cherokee Nation.

As with the other wineries we will visit, Engelheim features live local artist music on Saturdays and Sundays. The winery is dog and children friendly. If you are interested, ask them about their special wine pairing dinners.

You will experience a Vineyard & Winery Tour lead by either the Owner or Winemaker. After the

tour, you will retire to the beautiful tasting room to sip a variety of five wines including outstanding wines that have won medals in the prestigious San Francisco Chronicle wine competition. Your tasting also includes a delicious wine soaked Hummingbird Bite (it's just chocolate, not a real bird)!



4:45 – 7:30 PM: Return trip, dropping off travelers at their pick up locations

We hope that this visit to Georgia's wine country is insightful, enjoyable and memorable. There are over 50 wineries in all of Georgia, most are located north of Atlanta. These three wineries are some of the best and most popular that Georgia has to offer.

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Disclosures

What's Included in the Price:

- Transportation
- One bottle of sparkling to share on the trip the wine country, once we depart our last pick up point.
- Unlimited water & snacks
- Wine Counseling session with quality cheeses, crackers, home-cooked nuts and 3 local wines (no skimping here)
- Lunch
- All Tasting and Tour fees

What's not Included:

- Alcoholic beverages at meals (in addition to wines mentioned in this itinerary)
- Personal wine purchases
- Any expenditure of a strictly personal nature

Price and Payment

Price: \$178 per Person for the Tour Package

Payment options:

- **PayPal Friends and Family:** send your payment to: orson@winepartiesbydesign.com
- **Venmo:** [orson@winepartiesbydesign.com](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=889AD9C6PH2KN)
- **PayPal link:**

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=889AD9C6PH2KN

This link is also located as a hyperlink on my webpage: [winepartiesbydesign.com / events / tours](http://winepartiesbydesign.com/events/tours)

Your reservation is tentative for this tour until you have paid for the tour by the specified payment deadline.

PayPal will confirm your payment online to *Wine Parties by Design* followed by an email with a payment receipt.

Payments are nonrefundable unless the maximum number of travelers is not achieved in which case you will receive a full refund.

Terms & Conditions

In the event any tasting, tour, meal or experience listed in this itinerary should change due to matters beyond our control, *Wine Parties by Design* (WPBD) organizers reserve the right to substitute a similar event of equal quality.

Wine Tour Participant (WTP) Minimum / Maximum

The **minimum number** of travelers is **nine** and the **maximum** is **eleven**. The **minimum number of WTPs** must be attained before the trip is confirmed. WPBD will provide a full refund in the event a tour is cancelled.

Transportation

Important: Each WTP **must be ready at the designated time and location as stated in the Descriptive Itinerary** to take advantage of WPBD transportation. Otherwise the WTP will need to arrange for his/her own transportation to the appropriate location as designed in this document.

For planning purposes, there will be one Transportation Vehicle at the designed times in this document. There is only one scheduled return time to the designation drop off locations.



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Ground Transportation during the Wine Tour

Our schedule is very tight but manageable. For each event, there is one scheduled arrival time and one departure time on this wine tour. It is the responsibility of the WTP to be ready at the point of departure at the designated times. Private transportation can be arranged by the individual themselves but without a reduction in cost.

Certification of Health

The Wine Tour Participant certifies that by making payment, he or she does not have any condition or disability that would create a hazard or hardship for other travelers participating in the program and that the Wine Tour Participant understands that health care standards, facilities and services in North Georgia may be different for treatment of certain health conditions. WPBD makes no representations or warranties and disclaims any made regarding special accommodations or handicap accessibility on any program. WPBD reserves the right to decline accepting or retaining any traveler whose health or actions in WPBD's sole judgment impedes the operation of a trip or the welfare or enjoyment of fellow Wine Tour Participants.

WPBD cannot make special arrangements for, or accommodate, any dietary needs, allergies, health conditions, or restrictions. It is the sole responsibility of the Wine Tour Participant to take care of their own special needs on this tour.

Responsibility

WPBD does not own or operate any of the suppliers of services or accommodations for your trip. As a result, it is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such supplier or of any third party over whom WPBD has no control. WPBD and its representatives act only in the capacity of an agent of all air/land transportation, sightseeing, tour operators and hotels that provide services included in this specified tour. The individual tour participant agrees that WPBD and its representatives shall not be liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity, liability or expense to person or property due to any act of default air/land transportation carrier, restaurant supplier, winery or other contractor rendering or providing services. WPBD and its representatives shall not be responsible for any expense or liability resulting from labor disputes, war, acts of terrorism, government restraints, weather conditions, sickness, pilferage or any other cause beyond their control. WPBD and its representatives reserve the right to accept, or to retain or refuse any person as a participant of any tour or to cancel any program of a tour if circumstances so demand. WPBD and its representatives reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason (including insufficient number of participants) or to change itineraries and/or substitute services of equal quality without prior notification.

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Participant Agreement Release and Acknowledgement of Risk
Waiver and Release of Liability

In consideration of Wine Parties by Design (WPBD) furnishing services to enable me to participate in one of its programs, I agree as follows:

I fully understand and acknowledge that culinary and travel activities have: (a) inherent risks, dangers and hazards and such exists in my participation in WPBD sponsored activities; (b) my participation in such activities may result in injury or illness; (c) these risks and dangers may be caused by the negligence of the owners, employees, officers or agents of WPBD, the negligence of the participants, the negligence of others, accidents, breaches of contract, the forces of nature or other causes; and (d) by my participation in these activities, I hereby assume all risks and dangers and all responsibility for any losses and/or damages, whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence or other conduct of the owners, agents, officers of WPBD, or by any other person.

I, on behalf of myself, my personal representatives and my heirs hereby voluntarily agree to release, waive, discharge, hold harmless, defend and indemnify WPBD and its agents, and officers from any and all claims, actions or losses for bodily injury, property damage, wrongful death, loss of services or otherwise which may arise out of my participation in WPBD's activities. Wine Tour Participants further agree that they will indemnify and hold WPBD harmless in respect of any claims arising in connection with the trip made by:

- a) Third parties, which arise from the misconduct of the Wine Tour Participants
- b) The Wine Tour Participants' family members, dependents of heirs
- c) Third parties, which the traveler, their estate, their family member, dependents of heirs have sued, if damages are recovered from such third parties, to the extent the third party obtains any indemnification from WPBD.

I understand that WPBD reserves the right to take photographic or film records of any of its programs, and hereby agree that WPBD may use any such photographic or film records for promotional and/or commercial purposes without any remuneration to the Wine Tour Participant (aka WTP). The venues of any dispute between the parties that may arise out of this agreement or otherwise shall be the Circuit Court of the state of Georgia.

I, the undersigned, have read, and agree to the Terms and Conditions, as listed on pages seven and eight of this brochure.

Name of Emergency Contact

Contact's Phone Number

Your Printed Name

Your Signature

Date

EACH WINE TOUR PARTICIPANT must provide a signed Terms and Conditions page. This signature portion must be emailed to orson@winepartiesbydesign.com, or delivered on the day of the tour.

