

2026 Vine to Valley: California Wine Tasting September 26-October 3, 2026

Itinerary

September 26 – Travel Day:

Individuals will be responsible for booking their own flights to San Francisco, arriving on September 26. Upon arrival, transfer to the Omni San Francisco Hotel for check in.

September 27:

A bus will pick the group up from the hotel in the morning and head to Napa Valley for our first two wine tastings. We will then check into the Archer Hotel Napa.

September 28:

The group will have one full day in Napa with two tastings scheduled.

September 29 – Travel Day:

After checking out of the hotel, the group will board the bus and travel to Paso Robles. Along the way, we will stop for lunch and free time in Monterey.

September 30-October 1:

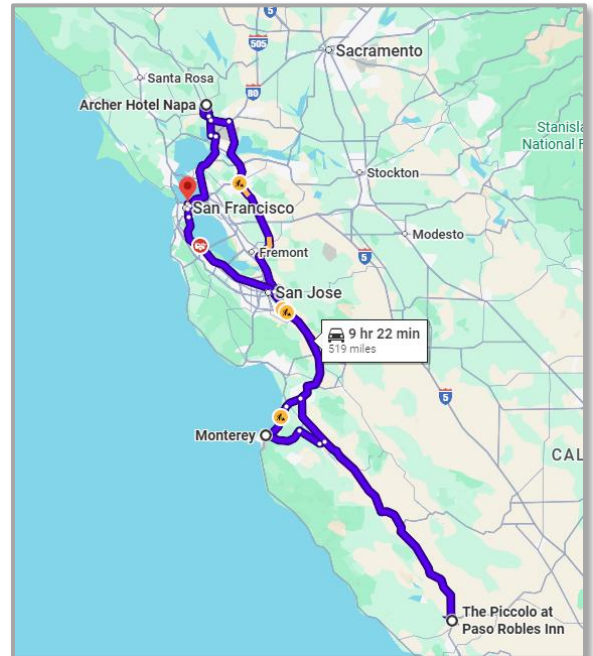
The group will spend two full days in Paso Robles, enjoying tastings at four area wineries.

October 2 – Travel Day:

The group will check out early from the hotel, arriving in San Francisco with enough time to enjoy an afternoon in the city. Everyone will gather for a group dinner at the Omni Hotel before the next day's departure.

October 3 – Travel Day

Individuals will fly home on their own from San Francisco.



Accommodations

[Omni San Francisco Hotel](#)

1 Night

[Archer Hotel Napa](#)

2 Nights

[The Piccolo at Paso Robles Inn](#)

3 Nights

Omni San Francisco Hotel

1 Night





What to Expect

This wine-focused journey offers a moderate activity level, designed to be enjoyable and unrushed. Most days include travel by comfortable coach bus to various wine tastings, with short walks at wineries (gravel paths, gentle hills, and a few steps into tasting rooms). Tastings typically last 60–90 minutes and may be seated or standing. Throughout the journey, guests will be guided by Venado owners and wine experts, Toño and Lesli, who will share insight, context and expertise about the journey. Hotels are centrally located in San Francisco, Napa Valley, and Paso Robles, giving you free afternoons and evenings to explore local restaurants, wine bars, shops, and neighborhoods at your own pace. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended, but no strenuous activity is required.

Traveling in late September and early October means you'll experience harvest season, one of the most beautiful times in California wine country. Expect warm, sunny days and cool evenings: San Francisco is generally mild with possible fog, while Napa Valley and Paso Robles are warmer and drier during the day with cooler nights. Layered clothing, sun protection, and staying hydrated are key to staying comfortable while enjoying full days of tastings, scenic views, and relaxed exploration.

Confirmed Wine Tastings

Napa Valley

- Charles Krug Winery
- Rutherford Ranch
- Wagner Family Wines (Caymus)

Paso Robles

- Hope Family Wines
- Eberle Winery
- J. Lohr

Payment Schedule

Minimum payments are due in the following fee schedule.

- \$750 per person deposit paid upon registration to hold your spot in the group.
- **April 1, 2026** – Third installment payment due of \$1,500 per person
- **June 1, 2026** – Final payment of \$1,200 + balance for excursion costs or price fluctuations*

Travelers will not be allowed to travel if not paid in full on departure date. We accept checks, Venmo, PayPal, and all major credit cards. Checks should be made payable to Harder Travel LLC. An additional non-refundable 3.35% will be added for credit card payments. Contact us to make arrangements.

Price Changes*

The price is subject to supplemental price increases after the date of initial deposit due to additional charges imposed by a supplier or government for increased fees, fuel surcharges, taxes, or a combination of any of the aforementioned items.



Cancellation Policy

Refunds will be issued as follows:

- 180+ days = Deposit refundable less \$100 booking fee (before March 30, 2026)
- 91-179 days prior to departure = Payments refundable less \$500 (March 31-June 27, 2026)
- 1 to 90 days prior to departure = All payments non-refundable (after June 28, 2026)

Trip protection or travel insurance is strongly recommended. You can obtain pricing quotes for the level of coverage you would like (health coverage and/or trip protection to cover cancellations) through companies like [Travelex](#) or [Seven Corners](#).

Next Steps

Read the attached waiver, sign, and return the contract with the deposit. We require e-signatures or wet signatures on the forms. Please drop off or mail to:

Harder Travel
1242 Sunset Drive
Wausau, WI 54401

Travelers will be confirmed in the order the completed contract and deposit are received.

Questions can be directed to Harder Travel at 715.544.7406 or by email at explore@hardertravel.com.





Group Travel Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement For the 2026 Vine to Valley: California Wine Tasting Trip

1. I (participant, traveler) hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE Harder Travel LLC, a Wisconsin Limited Liability Company (LLC), Carly and/or Nathan Harder (hereinafter referred to as RELEASEES) from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, the traveler, or any of the property belonging to me, WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, or otherwise, while participating in such activity, or while in, on or upon the premises where the activity is being conducted.
2. I am fully aware of the risks involved and hazards connected to this activity, including but not limited to travel risks. I hereby elect to voluntarily participate in said activity with full knowledge that said activity may be hazardous to me, the traveler, and my property. I VOLUNTARILY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISKS OF LOSS, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, that may be sustained by me, or any loss or damage to property owned by me, as a result of being engaged in such an activity, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise.
3. I further hereby AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the RELEASEES from any loss, liability, damage or costs, including court costs and attorney fees, that they may incur due to my participation in said activity, WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise.
4. I understand that the RELEASEES do not maintain any medical, health, accident, trip cancellation, or liability insurance policies for PARTICIPANT. As such, I am aware that I should review my personal insurance portfolio, especially accident/medical coverages. Harder Travel strongly recommends obtaining travel medical and cancellation insurance.
5. It is my express intent that this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representative, if I am deceased, and shall be deemed as a RELEASE, WAIVER, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the above-named RELEASEES. I hereby further agree that this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin.
6. I understand that optional and voluntary day tours and excursions booked through third party travel agencies are not in the control of the RELEASEES, therefore the RELEASEES cannot be held liable for any loss or damage that may be incurred due to actions by third parties.
7. I acknowledge that this trip includes wine tastings and the voluntary consumption of alcoholic beverages. I understand and agree that I am solely responsible for monitoring my own intake and for my conduct at all times. I agree to consume responsibly and in accordance with local laws. I understand that Harder Travel reserves the right to deny participation in any activity or remove me from the group if my behavior is deemed unsafe, disruptive, or inappropriate due to alcohol consumption, without refund.
8. Bed type (one or two beds) in each hotel room is not guaranteed. Harder Travel will do their best to accommodate travelers' preferences but cannot be guaranteed in advance.
9. I am at least 21 years of age.



Harder Travel Registration Form

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Please return this form, along with your deposit and a copy of your passport to: Harder Travel, 1242 Sunset Drive, Wausau, WI 54401

Traveler 1: Name (Last, first, middle as it appears on your passport):

_____ Date of Birth: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

Special accommodations you would like us to be aware of (food allergies, walking limitations, etc.): Y / N

If yes, please explain: _____

IN SIGNING THIS RELEASE, I ACKNOWLEDGE AND REPRESENT THAT I have read the foregoing Terms and Conditions, Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement, understand it and sign voluntarily as my own free act and deed; no oral representations, statements, or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreement, have been made; I am at least (21) years of age and fully competent; and I execute this Release for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by same.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Traveler 2: Name (Last, first, middle as it appears on your passport):

_____ Date of Birth: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

Special accommodations you would like us to be aware of (food allergies, walking limitations, etc.): Y / N

If yes, please explain: _____

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