

OKANAGAN WINE BEAT

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Bishop's

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Day 1: Vancouver to Osoyoos

Board the **deluxe** coach in Vancouver to start your 3-day exclusive wine tour, personally **escorted** by renowned celebrity Chef John Bishop! Travel through beautiful British Columbia countryside, enroute to our first overnight destination, Osoyoos. Today your tour will include:



John Bishop

Harker Organic Fruit Stand

The Harker Family has farmed the land that **the fruit stand** is currently situated on for 5 generations. Bruce and Kathy Harker took over the family farm in 1975. Their children have now moved back to the farm to carry the business on for another generation. Their grand children are starting to get their hands and feet dirty, with the hopes that we will see a 6th generation of Harkers farm this land. Harker's Organics grows a large variety of tree fruits, ground crops and specialty items.

Tour & Lunch at Burrowing Owl Estate Winery

The winery and vineyard lie within one of Canada's most unique ecosystems which includes the northernmost tip of the Sonora Desert. The location near the north end of Osoyoos Lake, is one of the most highly rated grape-growing locations in the Okanagan and Similkameen Valleys, and for that matter Canada. Today, with its dramatic vantage point in the middle of the vineyard is Burrowing Owl Estate Winery, a wine making facility that combines state-of-the-art technologies with proven, classic winemaking traditions. A gravity-flow system handles ripe grapes delicately, preserving their rich fruit character. Extensive underground cellaring capacity ensures that long term barrel aging is never limited by space. **Enjoy lunch at The Sonora Room known for its epicurean excellence and superb service. The culinary team is lead by Chef Bernard Casavant, one of the province's most esteemed chefs.**



Burrowing Owl Estates Winery

Tour & Dinner at Nk'Mip Cellars

Nk'Mip Cellars (Pronounced in-ka-meep) is North America's first Aboriginal owned and operated winery. The winery site is one of the most attractive in the South Okanagan with outstanding views in a setting of natural beauty. Situated on a bench overlooking the shores of Osoyoos Lake, the site is adjacent to a tract of natural desert land while the newly planted vineyards and orchards provide a stunning contrast. The Band shares its history and traditions with those who visit the winery. Tour experiences at the winery are enhanced through the architecture, designed and constructed to display native art and artifacts, and enhance the beauty and unique nature of the wild sage desert surroundings. Dinner Menu Inspired by Executive Chef Roger Planiden and Chef Patrick Leduc

Accommodation - Spirit Ridge Vineyard Resort & Spa

A true oasis, Spirit Ridge Vineyard Resort & Spa places you in the heart of south Okanagan's rich cultural landscape and Okanagan wine country in Osoyoos, British Columbia, an area known as "Napa of the North". Designed to accommodate breathtaking views and al fresco luxury, the 4.5 Star Spirit Ridge Vineyard Resort & Spa brings all the treasures of the area together in a one-of-a-kind lodging experience, infused and immersed with wine, golf, possibility and culture. Stunning pueblo-style architecture grounds the Spirit Ridge desert vacation experience in authenticity, while our unique relationship with NK'MIP Desert Cultural Centre and NK'MIP Cellars Winery makes your Spirit Ridge retreat the perfect Osoyoos vacation!



Spirit Ridge Resort & Spa

Day 2: Osoyoos to Westbank

Enjoy breakfast at the resort before heading out for another "hard" day of wine tasting and tours!

Tour and Tasting at See Ya Later Ranch

Located high above Okanagan Valley, Hawthorne Mountain Vineyards is now known as "See Ya Later Ranch", as it was once known years ago. In 2003, a series of wines were created under the See Ya Later Ranch name to salute both the site's quirky history and also the man who first planted grapes in the beautiful mountain setting. The winery is worth a visit for its well-crafted VQA wines served in an atmosphere of old world timelessness. A patio offers visitors a place to enjoy a glass of wine and take in the spectacular view of the surrounding valley, vineyards and lakes.

Tour & Lunch at Quail's Gate Estate Winery

As one of Canada's foremost family owned and operated estate wine producers, Quails' Gate is internationally recognized as a top quality producer of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Not only is Quails' Gate one of Canada's foremost wine country destinations, it is also internationally and nationally recognized as a premier agri-

tourism destination. The facility and grounds of the vineyards reflect the premium quality of Quails' Gate wines. The care and attention to detail given to the vineyard and winery landscape echo the attention to detail given to all other areas of the company. Quails' Gate continues to be a leader in advanced viticulture practices, placing the Stewart family's vineyards among the most prized grape growing sites for Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and other focused varietals in North America. Chef Roger Sleiman offers menus with ingredients sourced from surrounding fields and pastures, as well as regional British Columbia farms all paired perfectly with our Estate Wines. Old Vines Restaurant at Quails' Gate highlights the abundant resources of the Okanagan Valley, harmoniously matched with gracious service, breathtaking views and sublime wines.



Quail's Gate Winery

Tour & Dinner at Cedar Creek Winery

CedarCreek Estate Winery was recently named Winery of the Year for the second time at the fifth annual Canadian Wine Awards sponsored by Wine Access Magazine. The repeat recognition was not only an honour but also a reflection of the discipline of the three principles underpinning the winery's philosophy. The Fitzpatrick family, who founded CedarCreek in 1986, has

committed the winery to respecting the land in its viticulture practices; to honouring the rich agricultural tradition of their family rooted in the Okanagan; and to pursuing perfection in the bottle. Situated on a hillside overlooking Okanagan Lake and surrounded by 50 acres of vineyard and immaculately kept gardens, CedarCreek is the ideal destination for locals and those touring Wine Country. **Chef Judith's array of seasonal dishes and regional cuisine are sure to tempt your palate as she pairs award winning CedarCreek wines with taste-tempting delights at the Vineyard Terrace Restaurant**

Accommodation - The Cove Lakeside Resort

The Cove is a full-service luxury resort hotel in the Okanagan Valley; a playground for adults and children alike with a beachfront walkway, pools, hot tubs, a water slide, putting green and private marina. The tastefully appointed suites have splendid views of the lake and surrounding mountains and the landscaped gardens invite exploration. Tucked away in its own private cove, this premier Okanagan resort hotel is one with a difference... The Cove Lakeside Resort is located in Westbank, a 20 minute drive from Kelowna, B.C. and less than 10 minutes from Mission Hill Winery.



The Cove Lakeside Resort

Day 3: Westbank to Vancouver

Enjoy another delicious breakfast at the resort before packing up and heading for home. But not before another marvelous tour of a world-renowned facility:

Tour & Tasting at Mission Hill Family Estate Winery

Mission Hill Family Estate is world renowned for its award-winning wines, stunning setting and architecture, and its Cuisine de Terroir-based Terrace Restaurant. Honoured as one of the Top Five Winery Restaurants globally, the restaurant and epicurean program is led by the executive chef and culinary team. The winery's vineyards are located in five distinct growing regions of British

Columbia's Okanagan Valley. Reflective of the origin and unique character of the Valley and of the careful 'pruning to bottle' program, Oculus, our signature Bordeaux-inspired wine, represents the pinnacle in premium winemaking. Proprietor Anthony von Mandl and winemaker John Simes produce elegant internationally acclaimed wines with New World flavors and Old World refinement from this incomparable lakeside mountaintop winery.

Mission Hill Family Estate is pleased to offer a culinary event that will delight both the novice and the culinary connoisseur. The executive chef will share insider knowledge about the ingredients and techniques that are essential to the creation of great cuisine. This class for the group will take place in the state-of-the-kitchen Theatre before lunch.



Mission Hill Winery

Return home with pleasant memories of your British Columbia wine tour, hosted by Chef John Bishop!

Prices starting at \$1498.00 per person, based on double occupancy
Partial proceeds to the Heart & Stroke Foundation, BC & Yukon
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