

Wine Wisdom

Getting Away To Enjoy Wine

(NAPSA)—Millions of people tour wineries each year, with wine tasting now a popular attraction at destinations around the world. In fact, the state of California welcomed 19.7 million visitors to its wineries in one year alone, according to WineBusiness.com.

With wine tourism on the rise, connoisseurs have identified one of the best spots to experience the bouquet and flavors of award-winning wines, in an area that you might not expect: Canada. Having received numerous international awards, the Okanagan Valley in southern British Columbia is home to a number of acclaimed wineries, producing what are considered some of the best wines in the world.

A Taste of Elegance

In 2010, wine lovers can experience a unique and exclusive wine tasting-themed vacation with Rocky Mountaineer, known for its acclaimed two-day, all-day-light-rail journeys offering exceptional service, spectacular scenery and a gourmet culinary experience. Visitors to Western Canada can embark on an exclusive eight-day/seven-night journey with the new GoldLeaf Themed Experiences—Wine Tasting tour. Wine enthusiasts travel onboard the Rocky Mountaineer from Vancouver into British Columbia's Interior region, where they disembark and tour some of the Okanagan Valley's top wineries. Onboard the



Wine-tasting trips can take travelers through the Canadian Rockies aboard a luxury train.

train, guests have the opportunity to enjoy regionally sourced cuisine, expertly paired with local British Columbian wines—all as they enjoy panoramic views and the elegant surroundings of an exclusive GoldLeaf dome coach.

After experiencing the best of the wineries in the region, the train continues to Banff, Alberta, in the Rocky Mountains, where guests are treated to a separate but no less stunning region of Western Canada. During the trip, rail travelers have ample free time to relax, enjoy area shopping or play a few rounds of golf. Travelers can even take a helicopter tour of the Canadian Rockies. But for many, the getaway is mainly about experiencing an exclusive rail journey while discovering some of the world's finest wines straight from the wineries that produce them.

For more information, visit www.rockymountaineer.com.