

# Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

**CHAUTAUQUA WINE TRAIL**

**THURS AUG 2, 2018**

Departures, as applicable, from Elyria, North Olmsted, Middleburg Heights, Independence, Beachwood, Willoughby, Ashtabula.

Experience Lake Erie Wine Country, formerly known as the Chautauqua-Lake Erie Wine Trail, on the south shore of Lake Erie in New York State. Here we'll step back in time, with our local guide, to explore the wineries that are nestled among green rolling hills in the midst of 30,000 acres of fragrant grape vineyards. While we can't guarantee that this one-day tour will make you a "wine expert", it should make you a "little more knowledgeable" of a practice that dates back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century.

Besides learning about the history of grape-growing in this region, we will be seeing the vineyards, visiting the tank rooms, visiting a bottling line, learning the proper way to hold our glass for tasting as we check for color, clarity and "legs" and, of course, tasting a number of these great wines.



Our guide will be taking us to three of the more popular wineries where, at lunch time, we will be dining at Merritt Estate Winery, located in the largest Concord grape-growing region in the world. It has been claimed that the grapes and wines produced in this area rival the quality of premium vintages found throughout the world.

This winery was one of the first farm wineries organized in Chautauqua County in 1976; but the history of the Merritt Estate dates all the way back to the late 1800's . . . and it has been in Merritt Estate has been in the same family since the late 19th century.

But, of course, we have included a glass of wine with our lunch here along with a number of wines we will be tasting in their winetasting room.

Recently one wineries that was originally located in Mayville has expanded, this time in Westfield, New York. It boasts that it now to be a three-in-one is proud to introduce the new location of Mazza Chautauqua Cellars, now including an expanded distillery and a brewery, newly named "Five & 20 Spirits & Brewing." Be sure to use the selections we've arranged for you, enjoying their 40-year tradition of crafting fine wines.

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Our third winery today typically offers the opportunity to try several of their sweet and dry wines, along with a couple in-between. Vetter Vineyards Winery is a charming hillside family farm that grows 20 varieties of wine grapes on their estate, many of the grapes being included in their award-winning wines which are made in small batches.

**\$132 per person**

*Must be 21 years of age*

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