

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

LAKE COUNTY WINETASTING, FROM LAVENDER TO PRESIDENTS THURS JULY 30, 2020

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

Did you know that the favorite “adult beverage” of American Presidents has been wine? This includes James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, Millard Fillmore, James K. Polk, John Quincy Adams, James Buchanan, Ulysses S. Grant, Herbert Hoover, Calvin Coolidge, William Howard Taft, and Richard Nixon, as many of us Non-Presidents. Ohio has a long tradition of growing flavorful grapes, dating back to the early 1800s, that led to the production of quality wines. By 1859, Ohio had become the leading producer of wine.

By the late 1860s, German immigrants brought their traditions of winemaking to Northern Ohio with its climate and abundant water supply, ideal for growing grapes to produce wine. As production expanded along the southern shore of Lake Erie, it became known as the “*Lake Erie Grape Belt*.”

While we are not really sure of his preferences, we will be visiting the James A. Garfield home that he acquired in 1876 to accommodate his large family. During the 1880 presidential election, he conducted the first “front porch campaign” from his home, named “Lawnfield”. He needed more rooms and had 11 more rooms added to the home. Following his assassination in 1881, his widow added the Memorial Library wing, setting the precedent for presidential libraries.



For something new, we will be visiting a [Lavender Farm](#) that grows distinctive and unique varieties of [lavender](#), and, also turns them into various products and oils.

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All tour details are anticipated at the time that the Scheduled Tour Brochure was prepared and specific stops and/or other inclusions are subject to change or elimination without notice. Tours typically depart between 6 AM and 8 AM with the exact time shown on the itinerary you will receive approximately one to two weeks prior to the tour departure. Most tours return about 8 PM to 10 PM, although this may vary.

In keeping with the tradition of our winetasting tours, today's luncheon will keep "the flavor" of this new package at Ferrante Winery & Ristorante in Geneva. Of course, we've included a winetasting tour while we are here.

We will be visiting two other wineries in the Lake County Wine Region, Debonné Vineyards and Grand River Cellars Winery, two of the top producers in the area.



\$136 per person

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