

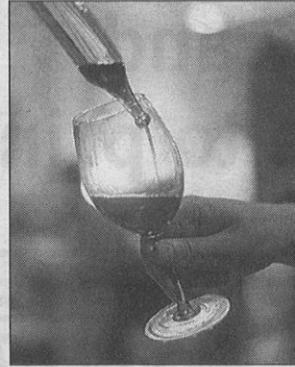


NW WEEKEND

TRAVEL NOTES

Yakima spring barrel tasting

Mark your calendar to visit the wineries and vineyards in the Yakima Valley April 15-17 for the annual spring barrel tasting and a chance to sample yet-unfinished wines from the barrel. Many of the 50 participating wineries plan to offer samples of cheeses, sauces, salsas and desserts to pair with the wines, plus special tastings and educational seminars. For details on participating wineries and info on purchasing tickets and passes, see wineyakimavalley.org.



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Wineries in the Yakima and Lake Chelan areas will host barrel tastings.

Washington

Land of Joy and Sorrow at Yakima Valley Museum, through Oct. 1, Yakima. 509-248-0747 or www.yakimavalleymuseum.org.

"Process and Presence: Selections from the Museum of Contemporary Craft," through July 4, Goldendale. 509-773-3733 or www.maryhillmuseum.org.

Terra Bianca Estate Vineyard Tour & Hike, Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 29, Benton City. 509-588-6082.

Chelan Nouveau, April 16-17 and April 23-24, Lake Chelan Valley. www.lakechelanwinevalley.com.

UnTapped Blues Festival, May 6-7, Kennewick. untappedblues.com.

Spring Wine tasting: On the Road to Paradise, May 14, Ashford. 360-569-0910.

Spring Barrel Tasting, May 21-22, Lake Chelan Valley. www.lakechelanwinevalley.com.

CruzIn Chelan, June 3-4, Lake Chelan. www.cruzinchelan.com.

Winthrop Rhythm and Blues Festival, July 15-17, Winthrop. www.winthropbluesfestival.org.

Washington state Capitol Tours, daily, Olympia. 360-586-8687 or ga.wa.gov/visitor/index.html.

Oregon

Zoo's Gone Wild, April 2-9, Portland. www.oregonzoo.org.

Hood River Valley Blossom Festival, April 16-17, Hood River. 800-366-3530 or www.hoodriver.org/events-festivals/chamber-events/blossom-fest.

Clatsop County Master Gardeners Spring Seminar's "Coastal Gardening," April 16, Astoria. 503-325-8573.

Oregon Garden Brewfest, April 29-30, Silverton. 503-874-8100 or www.oregongardenbrewfest.blogspot.com.

Columbia Gorge Arts & Culture Discovery Month, May 1-31, The Dalles. www.columbiagorgeartsandculture.com.

Gorge Winegrowers' Celebration for Hospice Gala and Auction, May 7, Hood River. 541-387-8907 or www.columbiagorgewine.com.

Bite of Bend, June 26-27, Bend. 541-323-0964 or www.thebiteofbend.com.

Balloons Over Bend, July 22, Bend. 541-323-0964 or www.balloonsoverbend.com.

Hood River Mountain Bike & Brew Weekend Tour, July 22-24 and Aug. 19-21, Bend. 541-385-7002 or www.cogwild.com/Multi-Day-Tours/Hood-Bike-Brew.

Little Woody Barrel Aged Brew and Whiskey Festival, Sept. 2-3, Bend. 541-323-0964 or www.thelittlewoody.com.

Idaho

Idaho Falls Earth Day Celebration, April 23, Idaho Falls. 208-520-8079 or www.ifearthday.com.

Depot Days, May 6-7, Wallace. 208-753-7151 or www.wallaceidahochamber.com.

Spring Anniversary Art Show, May 6-28, Troy. 208-835-4019 or www.greymakingallery.com.

Riggins Rodeo, May 7-8, Riggins. 208-628-3971 or rigginsrodeo.com.

Big Water Blowout River Festival, June 4, Riggins. 208-628-3484 or www.riverescape.com.

Trailing of the Sheep Festival, Oct. 7-9, Wood River Valley. 208-720-0585 or www.trailingofthesheep.org.

British Columbia

Vancouver Playhouse International Wine Festival, through Sunday, Vancouver. www.playhousewinefest.com.

Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival, June 2-Sept. 24, Vancouver. bardonthebeach.org.

Rio Tinto Alcan Dragon Boat Festival, June 10-12, Vancouver. www.dragonboatbc.ca.

Eat! Vancouver Food and Cooking Festival, June 10-12, Vancouver. www.eat-vancouver.com.

TD Vancouver International Jazz Festival, June 24-July 3, Vancouver. www.coastaljazz.ca.

Vancouver Folk Music Festival, July 15-17, Vancouver. 604-602-9798.

Celebration of Light, July 30, Aug. 3 and 6, Vancouver. www.vancouverfireworks.ca.

Vancouver Pride Parade & Festival, July 31, Vancouver. www.vancouverpride.ca.

EAT! Fraser Valley Food and Cooking Festival, Sept. 16-18, Vancouver. eat-fraservalley.com.

Tourism offices

Washington, 800-544-1800 or experiencewashington.com

Oregon, 800-547-7842 or traveloregon.com

Idaho, 800-635-7820 or visitid.org
British Columbia, 800-435-5622 or hellobc.com

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