



A WINE LOVER'S BUCKET LIST: GRAPE ESCAPES SAYS 'DON'T JUST DREAM IT, DO IT' IN 2018!

As the time for New Year's resolutions is drawing near, Grape Escapes have released a must-do bucket list for wine lovers, providing some inspiration for your 2018 travel, making this year the year that you turn your dreams into reality! Whether you fantasise about getting hands-on in the vineyards, delighting your taste buds with top cuisine, or staying in an opulent Château with friends, Grape Escapes have got it covered!

Taste the stars... 9 Michelin stars in 7 days!

Launched earlier this year, Grape Escapes' 9* Michelin extravaganza tops all gastronomy lovers' wish lists; on this luxurious six night break, guests will have the opportunity to experience the finest French hospitality in Champagne, Burgundy and the Rhône Valley. Three top hotels have been hand-picked for this package, ensuring the very best welcome for lovers of wine and gastronomy, and guests will dine in no less than THREE triple Michelin-starred restaurants!

Prices start at £3095 per person, based on four people travelling together.

Gather your friends and family for a unique party in a Champagne cellar!

For those who have always dreamed of throwing a truly exclusive, Instagram-worthy party that will have their friends talking for the rest of time, Grape Escapes have an exciting solution... they can arrange for guests to celebrate in style, in the cellars of a boutique Champagne House, with an extravagant dinner, DJ, and free-flowing Champagne! It's certainly an experience that will WOW all involved, and could be perfect for a special birthday or anniversary.

Prices (based on 20 people travelling) start from £340 per person, including an overnight stay in 4* accommodation, return transport between the hotel and Champagne House, and the tour with dinner, DJ, and open bar party!

Cycle through the UNESCO vineyards

Gone are the days that people solely searched for relaxation holidays, lying on the beach with nothing more than a cocktail in hand... Nowadays many are looking for active holidays, and the prospect of combining a period of

relaxation with some enjoyable exercise offers a great temptation! Grape Escapes can cater for those looking for a 'healthier' approach to a wine holiday, and instead of being chauffeured between tastings, guests can hop onto a bicycle and cycle through picturesque vineyards, delighting in some truly stunning scenery. The UNESCO classified vineyards of Piedmont are particularly popular with those searching for this style of holiday, with the promise of being rewarded with a glass (or three!) of hearty Barolo wine at each winery along their route!

Prices start at £350 per person for a three day/ two night cycling wine tour for two people.

Tread Grapes in the Douro Valley

Portugal is one of the only countries which still presses its grapes by foot treading, and this is a must do for wine lovers! Imagine climbing into the stone "lagaras" (treading tank) and gently pressing the grapes with your bare feet... it's certainly a unique activity, and one that many would love to try for the experience. Grape Escapes offers a four day/three night break, spending two nights in historic Porto, visiting several port lodges, before being welcomed for an overnight stay as the guests of a Douro Valley Quinta, where guests will tread grapes as part of their Quinta immersive experience!

Prices for a four day/three night break including grape treading experience start at £455 per person, based on two people travelling.

Stay in a Médoc Château

For those who have always dreamed of living in a castle, the opportunity to spend a few nights in a prestigious Médoc Château is one not to be missed! Grape Escapes can arrange for small groups to stay as the guests of some excellent estates including Châteaux Pichon Longueville, Léognan, Pape-Clément, and Giscours. As well as having a tour of the wine production, tasting the selection of wines produced at your chosen estate, guests will have the chance to relax in their opulent surroundings, enjoying a grand dining experience and staggering to bed in a room of the Château after copious wine!

Prices available on request, and are dependent on chosen Château.

For more information on these fantastic Grape Escapes experiences, call +44 (0) 1920 46 86 66, e-mail info@grapeescapes.net or visit www.grapeescapes.net.

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