Mmmh!
Wine at Lake Constance

Pinot Noir.
Müller-Thurgau.
Delightful experiences.
Winemakers with heart and soul.

Information
International wine tourism at Lake Constance
Wine Region
Lake Constance

Lake Constance and the Rhine don’t just connect four countries. The lake is also home to a wide variety of winegrowing areas and locations. Here you can find nine winegrowing areas, with very individual characteristics combine to the wine region Lake Constance.

Wine has been produced here for more than two thousand years: on the German shore, in the Rhine Valley area of the canton of St. Gallen, in Thurgau, in the Blauburgunderland around Schaffhausen, in Liechtenstein and in Vorarlberg.

The grape varieties of Müller-Thurgau and Pinot noir (Blauburgunder) can be found on the hillsides of the lake and along the shores of the river Rhine. What gives them an edge: they all grew under the same climate conditions, yet all have developed their particular flavor due to being grown in different soils and the special care of their winemakers.

Guided wine tours, vineyard tours, winetastings or sleeping in a wine barrel are just a few highlights, which can be experienced by guests around the lake.

Wine and culinary art

Delicious wines and fine cuisine in a year-round gourmet festival. Lake Constance is a paradise for wine lovers and gourmets: excursions go well with good food and wine. Be it on menus with several courses in an elegant hotel or a hearty snack in a winery – it tastes good everywhere. Most importantly, all around Lake Constance, great value is placed on fresh products, regional diversity and quality. It doesn’t take long to experience four countries together with their regional specialities and wines.

Culinary highlights

The whole lake is one big feast – wine and delicious food go hand in hand. For example, the “Genussfestival” always takes place in spring in the Schaffhausen pinot noir area. And twice a year, Thurgau holds a gourmet week while visitors can enjoy the “Lindauer Genussherbst” at harvest time on the Bavarian shore of the lake...
Taste and be amazed
The wine makers look forward to welcoming visitors who want to understand the lake wines. Every year in April, the Lake Constance wine fair is held in Friedrichshafen. On 1st May, the wine makers in eastern Switzerland open all their cellar doors while more than 20 producers present their wines at the “Schafuuser Wiiprob” held at the end of August...

Wine and knowledge
Learn more about the Lake Constance wine scene. Wine is an individual drink that has been produced for millennia. So it is even better to learn more about this drink! In wine workshops, sensory seminars and guided wine tours, you can find enlightenment with regard to the fascinating world of wine aromas, learn more about wine growing and grape varieties or discover some fascinating stories.

Wine knowledge
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Wine guides for guests
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Enjoy
// Gourmetfestival
Several restaurants serve special menus and regional wines. May; Schaffhauser Blauburgunderland (CH)

// Thurgauer Gourmetwochen
Several restaurants serve special menus and regional wines. Spring and autumn; Thurgau (CH)

// Lindauer Genussherbst
Manifold program: cooking workshops, wine and dine, wine and music, guided tours…
October; Lindau, Wasserburg, Nonnenhorn (D)

// St. Galler Genusstag
At one day in autumn you can stroll around on a market with regional products in the inner old town of St. Gallen
September; St. Gallen (CH)

Taste and degust
// Tag der offen Weinkeller
All wineries of Eastern Switzerland open their doors for guests and wine ambitionists.
1. May every year; Rheintal, Thurgau, Schaffhausen (CH)

// BodenseeWein-Messe
Biggest regional wine fair at Lake Constance.
April; Friedrichshafen (D)

// Schaffuuser Wiiprob – Winetasting in Schaffhausen
Legendary wine tasting event.
August; Schaffhausen (CH)

// Schlaraffia
Gourmet exhibition with delicacies and farm products.
March, Weinfelden (CH)

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Wine and activity
Active and pleasurable travel. The wine region around Lake Constance is an ideal destination for wine aficionados who enjoy sport. The wine region can be explored on foot or by bike, offering stunning views over Lake Constance, the Rhine and the Alps. There are wine hiking trails and a plethora of cycle paths and public footpaths. And for boating fans, there is of course the lake.

Wine hiking trails
Anyone wanting to climb the highest vineyard in Germany should visit the Olgaberg on the Hohentwiel. The most appealing wine view in Baden can be enjoyed on a cycle trip to the Lerchenberg memorial in Meersburg. Naturally, you can also set off on the wine hiking trails, such as the “Reb wanderweg” in Au or the “Panoramaweg” in the Blauburgunderland...

By water to wine
Motor boat or sailing boat owners have a very good time here. After a trip over the lake, you can moor the boat in the harbour and walk to the wineries. Boats will take hikers, cyclists or anyone who enjoys the sea breeze with them on a tour. Taking the boat from Stein am Rhein to Schaffhausen, you can even be served a glass of pinot noir...

Hike
// Meersburger Weinwanderweg
6 km – through vineyards with beautiful look-outs over the lake. Meersburg (D)

// Panoramaweg Blauburgunderland
12 km – from Siblingen to Trasadingen by foot or by bike. Klettgau, Schaffhausen (CH)

// Weinweg Weinfelden
2016 will open the new, modernized, artful wine hiking trail. Weinfelden, Thurgau (CH)

// Rebwanderweg Au
3,5 km – along transverse built vineyards
Au, St. Galler Rheintal (CH)

Celebrate
// Reichenauer Wein und Fischerfest
Famous festival with fish, salads, wine and music on the famous vegetable island
First weekend in August, Reichenau (D)

// Herbstsonntage im Blauburgunderland
Every sunday during grape harvesting, people celebrate the beginning of autumn
September - October, Schaffhauser Blauburgunderland (CH)

// Komm und See Festival
Each Summer 11 wineries from the Bavarian shore invite to the big wine party
Nonnenhorn (D)

Offers
An enjoyable stay in a hotel. Several autumn festivals in Schaffhausen. Excursions with a private driver in the Rheintal.
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Winemakers, dates, worth knowing ...
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Magazin
"With the Müller-Thurgau across the lake: a smugglers story."
Wine and culture

Music, art and culture – an ideal combination with lake wine. All year round, there is so much to discover here, combining perfectly with a wine excursion. It doesn’t matter if you enjoy visiting museums, listening to music, exploring castles or discovering interesting architecture. There are cultural sights almost everywhere as culture and pleasure go hand in hand at Lake Constance!

Cultural delights

A host of tourist attractions are strung together like a string of pearls along the lake shore. After hours of leisure, there is nothing better than sitting on the shore and drinking a glass of wine from the Lake Constance region. Numerous events are also devoted to combining culture and pleasure...

Wine festivals

Convivial wine festivals are held everywhere where people are passionate about showing guests hospitality. At the “Komm und See” Festival on the Bavarian shore of Lake Constance, visitors can make a pilgrimage from one winery to another. At the wine festival in Meersburg, locals and visitors come together to drink a toast or two while the wine and fishing festival on Reichenau Island is also on the calendar of a Lake Constance wine aficionado.

For further information

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