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Best Theme Cruises for Wine Lovers

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With so many well-regarded wine-growing regions around the world, wine tourism seems to be gaining popularity each year. A cruise is a wonderful way to sail to some of the top wine destinations around the world, on river cruises in Germany, France and Portugal or on ocean voyages to Australia, New Zealand, Spain, Croatia, Latin America and the California coast, for examples.

A theme cruise that focuses on wine and food is a fabulous way for wine lovers (oenophiles) to savor the unique flavors of the world, while onboard and ashore. These sailings marry exceptional cuisine and the wines created in the regions to which you are sailing. The best part: The experience is fully immersive, with experts leading the way on tastings and tours.

Here are Cruise Addicts' top theme cruises to tempt wine aficionados.

Oceania Cruises

This luxury line features a series of wine-oriented sailings, including its Food and Wine Trails voyages on Oceania Sirena throughout 2019 visiting Mediterranean destinations like Italy, Portugal, Spain and Morocco.

In 2020, Oceania Riviera is home to the "Passport to the Mediterranean," a 10-day cruise sailing June 29 to July 9. The theme cruise highlights four wineries from the Dry Creek Valley AVA in Sonoma Wine Country: Comstock Wines, Seghesio Family Vineyards, Sbragia Family Vineyards and Trattore Farms.

The varieties are paired with culinary creations from Executive Culinary Director Jacques Pepin as cruisers enjoy tastings and visit spots like Venice, Montenegro, Croatia and Greece.

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