



The Willamette Valley & Wine Country

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Best Places to Stay

- ➔ Allison Inn & Spa (p247)
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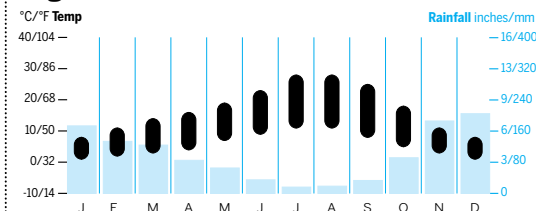
Why Go?

The Willamette Valley is world famous for its fabulous and plentiful wineries, which could easily take several days to explore. However, they're not the region's only highlight. Visit humble Salem, Oregon's capital city, for its museums and stately buildings. Nearby is an amazing waterfall-filled state park, along with a lovely abbey that's home to a 2.5lb hairball (no joke). Pause in dynamic and liberal Eugene, full of energetic college students, pretty riverside parks and fine restaurants. And don't forget historic Oregon City, the lovely McKenzie River area and the region's wealth of festivals.

The Willamette Valley is well located: head east to the Columbia River Gorge, north to Washington and west to the coast. Everything is so close by you'll want to linger for longer than you planned, so stretch that schedule and put on your explorer's hat – you'll need it.

When to Go

Eugene



Dec–Mar Hot-spring heaven at Bagby, Beiten-bush or the Belknap Hot Springs Lodge.

Jun–Sep Wine tasting, river rafting, and walking behind waterfalls at Silver Falls State Park.

Sep The Elizabethan Shrewsbury Renaissance Faire and the artsy Fall Festival.

The Willamette Valley & Wine Country Highlights

- 1 Wine tasting** around Newberg (p247), McMinnville (p248) and Salem (p250).
- 2 Sampling gourmet restaurants** from Dundee (p247) to McMinnville (p248) to Eugene (p255).
- 3 Exploring, rafting, hiking and fishing in the McKenzie Region** (p259).
- 4 Hiking the sublime Trail of Ten Falls Loop** (p253) – and walking behind waterfalls.
- 5 Experiencing Eugene's hippie counterculture during July's Oregon Country Fair** (p257).
- 6 Visiting Salem's Willamette Heritage**

