

GrapeFest® – A Texas Wine Experience

Grapevine, Texas

Typically takes place the 2nd weekend of September (Thursday – Sunday)

GrapeFest.com

Group Tour Package includes:

- \$20 weekend pass – includes souvenir pin
- \$25 Liberty Park Plaza International Wine Experience – sample wines from around the world
- \$55 People’s Choice VIP Wine Tasting Classic – 1.5 hour limited session to taste and vote on your favorite Texas wines
- \$5 GrapeStomp (per person) – Teams of two squish and stomp grapes in this popular competition
- \$25 Festcard – good for food and beverages with GrapeFest vendors

Total Package cost: \$130 per person *(Or choose a la carte from above options)*

- *Tour guide & driver \$110 each, or purchase a la carte – Free souvenir pin for each*
- *Complimentary Hospitality room tickets provided for tour guide and driver*
 - *Hospitality room offers free food and beverages in an air-conditioned space*
- *Complimentary bus parking and shuttle provided for bus driver*

Suggested Itinerary

Note that exact timing of GrapeFest events may change – please coordinate itinerary and activities with Heather Egan, Grapevine CVB, hegan@grapevinetexasusa.com / 817.410.3561

Thursday

- Arrive in Grapevine
- Dinner can be arranged at a variety of steakhouses and group-friendly restaurants

Friday

- Start your tour with a visit to **Historic Nash Farm** to learn how the early Grapevine settlers lived.
 - *\$15/pp includes tour of home, property and hands-on activity*
 - *Estimated time-frame: 1 ½-hour tour*
 - *Contact Kimberly Hodges-Hale at KHale@GrapevineTexasUSA.com*
- Experience the **Grapevine Observation Tower Tour**, offering 360-degree views of the surrounding Grapevine area from 150-feet above. Located just outside of the festival grounds, this is the perfect place to kick-off your day.
 - *Tour is complimentary when staying in a Grapevine hotel. Otherwise, it's \$3/pp.*
 - *Estimated time-frame: 45-minutes for tour*
 - *Contact Heather Egan to set-up tour*

- Enjoy lunch at **Harvest Hall**, a European-Style Food Hall offering multiple culinary kitchens.
 - *The Grapevine Observation Tower is located in the same location at Harvest Hall.*
 - *Meal cards can be pre-purchased if packaged in the tour or guests can use their credit card.*

- **GrapeFest** celebrates Texas wines and wines from around the world. Explore the arts and crafts vendors along Historic Main Street, enjoy festival foods and plenty of wine!
 - *Wines and festival foods can be purchased using your pre-purchased \$25 Festcard or credit card.*

- Let the Grapevine CVB schedule a special **GrapeStomp** competition for your group. Teams of two can create their own special “I Love Lucy” moment and take turns stomping approximately 18 pounds of grapes for two minutes.
 - *This needs to be scheduled Thursday before 4 p.m., Friday before 3 p.m., Saturday before 2 p.m. or Sunday before 1:30 p.m. Timing based on CVB availability – most likely late morning / early afternoon on preferred day.*

- Make time for the **Liberty Park Plaza International Wine Experience** sponsored by Gaylord Texan Hotel & Resort. Taste wines from pre-selected International regions while listening to live music.
 - *Ticket includes a souvenir wine glass*
 - *Six one-ounce pours*
 - *Must purchase International Wine Experience to enter this area of the festival*

- Discover delicious Texas varietals at the **People’s Choice Wine Tasting Classic** presented by Audi Grapevine, the Largest Consumer-Judged Wine Competition in the United States. Sample a variety of wines from Texas wineries in 10 categories (white: dry, semi-sweet, sweet, blends, blush/rosé, red: light, medium, bold, sweet and red blends.)
 - *VIP sessions are held in a limited-capacity private tent with live music and gourmet charcuterie.*
 - *Sessions are 90-minutes in length and available during scheduled times*
 - *Contact Heather Egan, HEgan@GrapevineTexasUSA.com to confirm schedule and book tickets.*

Saturday

- Experience the **Grapevine Vintage Railroad** with two options for your guests:
 1. Grapevine Bear Creek Short Line – a 1 ½-hour round-trip excursion starting and ending in Grapevine.
 - Boards at 10:20 a.m.
 - Departs at 10:40 a.m.
 - Returns at 12:10 p.m.
 - *Pricing ranges from \$12 - \$14/pp depending on coach*
 2. Cotton Belt Route – round-trip excursion to the Historic Stockyards, includes live entertainment onboard the train and free time in the Historic Stockyards, including time to experience the live cattle drive at 4 p.m.
 - Boards at 12:20 p.m.
 - Departs at 12:40 p.m.
 - Enjoy approximately 2-hours exploring the Historic Stockyards
 - Re-board at 4:35 p.m.
 - Depart Stockyards at 4:45 p.m.
 - Arrival in Grapevine estimated at 7:15 p.m.
 - *Pricing ranges from \$22 - \$26 pp or \$72 (per two people) in Ambassador Class*
 - *visit <https://www.gvrr.com/schedule-and-pricing/cotton-belt-route/>*
 - *Group discounts available*
 - *Contact is Kendyl Dearman, KDearman@GrapevineTexasUSA.com*

7:30 p.m. Enjoy a hilarious “who-dunnit” murder mystery dinner theater with the **Texas Star Dinner Theater**. Located across the street from the Cotton Belt Train Depot in Grapevine (or just outside of the festival gates), this dinner theater includes a three-course meal and entertainment, which takes place among the guests.

- *Group discounts are available*
- *Contact is Alex Swanson, Alex@LagniappeProductions.com*
- *Available Friday & Saturday night during GrapeFest*

Sunday

- Depart Grapevine Sunday morning or return to the Festival at 11 a.m., for those last minute purchases and simply enjoy the festival before returning home.