



Heart of Missouri – Winetinerary



Discover unique small towns and the hidden treasures they offer on this tour through the heart of Missouri. A journey through the area's wine country is worth making. The [Missouri River Wine Trail](#), featuring eight wineries and special events, passes through quaint Mid-Missouri towns across the state's central section of the river. Many of Missouri's greatest towns and historical sites are located along the route.

Make Columbia, the state's fifth largest city, your first stop on this journey. Located in the middle of the state on Interstate 70, Columbia is only two hours from Kansas City or St. Louis. This city with small town flair is home to the [University of Missouri](#), shopping and dining in [The District](#) of historic downtown, scenic parks, exciting concerts and an easily accessible section of the [Missouri Katy Trail](#). Make your way through all Columbia has to offer and be sure to visit their local wineries. [Les Bourgeois Vineyards](#), only ten minutes outside of the city in Rocheport is known for its spectacular bluff top view overlooking the Missouri River. If you feel like exploring the central Missouri countryside, drive 30 minutes northwest of Rocheport to overlook the river from [Bushwhacker Bend Winery](#) in Glasgow, or trek 40 minutes north to visit [Cooper's Oak Winery](#) in the small town of Higbee.

Once you have made your way through all of the fun activities and great Missouri wine the Columbia area has to offer, head only thirty minutes east to the charming town of Fulton. This small town features 67 buildings on the historic register, elegant architecture and enchanting brick streets. While in Fulton, see where Winston Churchill gave his Iron Curtain speech at the [National Churchill Museum](#), marvel at the collection of antique automobiles from every decade of the 20th century at [Backer Auto World Museum](#) and shop and dine in the historic downtown [Brick District](#). Take a moment to relax at Fulton's [Serenity Valley Winery](#). Enjoy a glass of wine while overlooking a gorgeous lake landscape at Serenity Valley. After a fun day in Fulton, retire at [Loganberry Inn](#), one of Missouri's top 10 Inns and a place where Margaret Thatcher once stayed.

Only 25 minutes south of Fulton on Missouri Highway 54 (MO-54), is the state capitol of Jefferson City. On your way into Jefferson City, detour to the rock bluff of [Canterbury Hill Winery & Restaurant](#). Referred to fondly as "The Hill," this winery and restaurant is the perfect place to enjoy a meal and wine while overlooking the Missouri State Capitol. While in Jefferson City, [tour the](#)



[capitol building](#) and [Governor's Mansion](#) and explore the suspected paranormal activity at the historic [Missouri State Penitentiary](#). Before you leave, indulge in ice cream from the famous [Central Dairy](#) counter.



While meandering through the countryside of central Missouri you will find unexpected treasures down any back road. Just 20 minutes outside of Jefferson City, [Westphalia Vineyards](#) produces wines with no added sulfites and ages them in Missouri oak barrels. You can also make your way just 35 miles south of Jefferson City on Highway 54 where you are sure to find delicious wine, great food, music and fun at any of the five wineries on the [Lake of the Ozarks Wine Trail](#).

Mid-Missouri offers a one of a kind blend of big city and small town America. Feel at home among the history, people and wine that make the Show-Me state so unique.