



Learning Vacations in and around Paso Robles

'I wanna touch the earth, I want to break it in my hands. I wanna grow something wild and unruly". ~The Dixie Chicks, *Cowboy Take Me Away*

Go ahead, get your hands dirty, it's fun. Here is the best Paso Robles has to offer for truly unique and hands-on experiences. Try one during your next visit and you'll go home with great stories and memories that will last a lifetime.

First Crush Winemaking

Location: Various Paso Robles vineyards

Price: From \$50

Contact: Becky Zelinski (805) 434-2772, becky@firstcrushwinemaking.com

First Crush is the only hands-on winemaking experience of its kind in the area. You can make your very own wine starting from picking the grapes, to crush, to fermenting to blending to designing the labels. Yes, you get dirty and no, you will never forget your First Crush. The Grape Escape Harvest Weekends sell out quickly, so plan ahead if you would like to come to Paso Robles in September or October. There are numerous opportunities to learn about wine throughout the year, so visit the website calendar. www.firstcrushwinemaking.com

Dining with Andre

Location: 1032 Pine Street, Paso Robles

Price: \$40 - \$65 per person

Contact: Cristina Averseng, (805) 227-4100, crespeou@aol.com

Beloved and eminently talented Paso Robles chef Andre Averseng brings you straight into his very own kitchen to teach you traditional French cooking techniques, his own tricks of the trade and how to pair our powerful Paso Robles wines with food that you will be whipping up with ease in your own home after a memorable cooking class with Chef Andre. For more information visit www.diningwithandre.com.

Harris Stage Lines

Location: 5995 North River Road, Paso Robles

Price: \$45 per hour or \$240 for three 2-hour sessions

Contact: Tom or Debby Harris, (805) 237-1860, info@harrisstagelines.com

If ever there was an activity that just screamed "Bragging Rights" or "Conversation Starter" this has to be it. Come to Paso Robles and immerse yourself in the old west while you learn basic horse safety and how to drive and actual, honest to goodness STAGECOACH. Wild West shows and cook-your-own-steak barbeques upon request. Yee haw! For more information, go to www.harrisstagelines.com.

Steinbeck Vineyards "Crash Course"

Location: 5940 Union Road Paso Robles, CA 93446

Price: \$40.00/person for first 3 guests; \$20.00/person each additional guest



Contact: Cindy Steinbeck Newkirk, (805) 238-1854

Wine enthusiasts are invited behind the scenes with the Steinbeck's, Paso Robles wine country educational specialists and 5th generation Paso Robles farmers. Choose one of our three modules, led by family members, for a spectacular outdoor central coast wine country experience that will teach you how to turn grapes into a glass of wine. www.steinbeckvineyards.com

Work Family Ranch

Location: 75903 Ranchita Canyon Road, San Miguel

Price: \$225.00 per room, double occupancy. Includes two home cooked meals, breakfast & dinner.

Contact: Kelly Work , (805) 467-3233, info@workranch.com

Get up with the chickens, feed the livestock, take a trail ride on horseback, eat like a cowboy. You can learn all about farm life on an historic California ranch known for its environmental stewardship and farm breakfasts. You will meet the family that keeps the ranch going and learn how to walk in their boots. For more information, go to www.workfamilyranch.com

V6 Ranch

Location: Parkfield, California, Population 18, Central California

Price: \$750

Contact: John or Barbara Varian at (805)463-2493 or (805)441-3507, barbara@parkfield.com

Want to win your first authentic trophy buckle? Cowboy Academy, held twice a year, is a 5 day intensive ranch cowboy learning experience. Soon to be full-fledged cowboys & cowgirls learn from top notch wranglers to ride, rope, and work cattle on the 20,000 acre V6 Ranch. Being a cowboy will not be the only memorable part; the trail riding to beautiful vistas chiseled by the San Andreas Fault, meals freshly prepared by the family, campfire conversation and education in 21st century sustainable ranch management round out the western experience. The cost for a 5 day Cowboy Academy Ride is \$750. This includes all meals, a V6 Ranch raised and trained quarter horse, camping facility, and event. www.parkfield.com