

PRE-FAM TOUR

Sunday September 7th 3pm through Wednesday September 10th 2pm

Participants will receive one complimentary alcoholic beverage per meal.

This tour is designated an overall activity level of 1 with the exception of two portions:

- Canatara Beach: 30 minute kayak excursion. Activity level of 3
- Malden Park Observation Area will include a 10 to 15 minute to the top. Dirt travel, steady incline. Activity level of 3.

Get ready to raise a glass and hit the road! We're inviting you on a three-day adventure from Sarnia to Windsor, Ontario, where craft beverage lovers and storytellers alike will discover the heart and soul of our region's wineries, breweries, and distilleries. This exclusive tour is designed with travel writers in mind—offering not only exceptional tastings but also the rich stories behind each pour, straight from the passionate people who craft them.

PLEASE NOTE: This tour includes an international border crossing and a valid passport is required.

From the moment you depart, you'll be treated to a scenic journey through some of Southern Ontario's most picturesque landscapes - where vibrant arts scenes, stunning waterfronts, and award-winning craft producers come together to offer something truly special. Along the way, you'll stop at charming, off-the-beaten-path beverage producers, each offering something unique - from crisp local wines to bold small-batch spirits and innovative brews. Your evenings will be just as inspiring, with a stay at Caesars Windsor on the waterfront in the heart of Windsor, providing the perfect place to unwind, reflect, and recharge.

But this tour isn't just about what's in your glass—it's about the full experience. You'll enjoy curated visits to cultural attractions, immersive tastings, and the chance to explore the vibrant communities that bring these beverages to life. Whether you're hunting for your next big feature or simply seeking fresh inspiration, this journey through Ontario Southwest's craft beverage scene is the perfect blend of story, flavor, and discovery.

This tour requires a minimum of 6 participants (excluding guests) and a maximum number of 18 (including guests).

Transportation will be provided for guests with a pickup at Detroit Metro Airport at 2pm on Sunday September 7th. For those travelling by car, the tour will begin with a departure from Caesars Windsor (free parking in onsite garage) at 4pm on Sunday September 7th.

PLEASE NOTE: if driving and crossing at the Ambassador Bridge the current toll cost is \$9 USD or \$12 CDN. If driving and crossing at the Windsor Detroit Tunnel the current toll cost is \$8.25 USD. Valid Passport is required.

Sites include:

- Waterfront tour along the St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair the Detroit River and Lake Erie including a stop at [Canatara Beach](#)
- Craft breweries including [Walkerville Brewery](#), [Refined Fool Brewing Co.](#), [Imperial City Brew House](#) and [Point Brewing Co.](#)
- Wineries including [Oxley Estate Winery](#) and [Pelee Island Winery](#)
- Canada's southernmost distillery, [Wolfhead Distillery](#), and North America's largest distillery, [Hiram Walker & Sons](#)
- A slice of Windsor-style pizza, voted Canada and the world's best!
- Accommodation at Canada's largest casino resort, [Caesars Windsor](#)

Detailed Itinerary:

- **Sunday, September 7th**
 - **2pm** - Depart from Detroit Metro Airport and travel to Windsor
 - **4pm** – Check in to [Caesars Windsor](#) - Caesars Windsor defines modern luxury in the midst of timeless elegance. Rooms are beautifully appointed with modern furnishings, décor, marble accents and all the amenities of a Four Diamond resort. **Activity Level: 1**
 - **5:30pm** – Welcome reception at [Walkerville Brewery](#) - A local microbrewery handcrafting unique beer styles in small batches using quality ingredients. Housed in “Surge Plant 16”, an overflow storage facility for the production of Canadian Club whisky. **Activity Level: 1**
 - **6:30pm** – Dinner at [JP Wiser’s Brand Centre](#) - Step into the world of JP Wiser’s, where a man with a bold vision embarked on a journey to put Canadian whisky on the global stage. The Hiram Walker & Sons Distillery in Windsor, Ontario is the home of Canadian whisky and one of North America’s largest distilleries. Located on the banks of the Detroit River, extreme temperature changes contribute to the quality and distinct flavour of J.P. Wiser’s family of whiskies. For over 160 years, our historic facility produces some of the best whiskies in Canada. **Activity Level: 1**
 - Return to Caesars Windsor. **Activity Level: 1**
- **Monday, September 8th**
 - **8:30am** – Breakfast at [Thyme Kitchen](#) - Thyme Kitchen where the menu is chef-driven, locally inspired and proud to be in the heart of Windsor. They are proud to offer gluten-free, vegetarian, and vegan options, a variety of local and organic beverages. **Activity Level: 1**
 - **10am** – Viewing platform at Malden Park - Located at the highest elevation point in Malden Park, the observation area includes railings, benches, binoculars, landscaping and wayfinding signage. The area provides a clear vantage of the Gordie Howe International Bridge. **Activity Level: 3**
 - **11am** – tasting at [Wolfhead Distillery](#) - Established in 2016, Wolfhead Distillery is proud to be the first premium craft distillery in Essex County. Nestled in Amherstburg, specializing in handcrafted, small-batch Vodka, Whisky, and

Gin—pushing the boundaries of Canadian spirits with bold flavour and local flair.

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- **12:30pm** – lunch at [Oxley Estate Winery](#) - located in the heart of the wine route on charming County Road 50, makes small batch award winning wines. **Activity Level: 1**
- **2:30pm** – [John R Park Homestead](#) - The house and farm buildings of John and Amelia Park are restored to bring the nineteenth century to life. Explore the Parks' magnificent Classical Revival home, built in 1842, taste baking from the kitchen fireplace or play with a wooden toy in the children's bedrooms. See the workings of an 1885 steam engine-powered sawmill and stop by the blacksmith shop to witness the making of small hardware and repairing of farm tools at the coal-fired forge. **Activity Level: 1**
- **3:30pm** – tasting at [Peelee Island Winery](#) - With a winegrowing history dating back more than 170 years, Pelee Island is regarded as the birthplace of winemaking in Canada. **Activity Level: 1**
- **6:30pm** – dinner at [Spago](#) - Known for their authentic Italian dishes, impeccable service and relaxed atmosphere, Spago is a family owned and operated, Erie Street (Little Italy) original. **Activity Level: 1**
- Return to Caesars Windsor. **Activity Level: 1**
- **Tuesday, September 9th**
 - Depart from Windsor and travel to Sarnia
 - **10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** - [Judith and Norman Alix Art Gallery](#) - permanent collection comprises 1,200 Canadian historical and contemporary works, including work from the Group of Seven. **Activity Level: 1**
 - **12:15 - 2:15 p.m.** - Lunch - [Refined Fool Brewing Co](#) - Bocce ball, cornhole, darts, pool, foosball, shuffleboard, and more. **Activity Level: 1**
 - **2:30 - 3:30 p.m.** - [Imperial City Brew House](#) - Goodbye Gravity Cream Ale, which celebrates Sarnia's hometown hero, Chris Hadfield, is a must-try! **Activity Level: 1**
 - **3:45 - 4:45 p.m.** - [Canatara Beach](#) - stretches nearly a kilometer along the shore of Lake Huron near the mouth of the St. Clair River. One of only 22 in Canada to have earned official Blue Flag status for its commitment to strict water quality and safety criteria. Whether you dip your toes in the sand, take in the lake views, or opt for a quick kayak ride, the water adds an unforgettable dimension to your day of exploration. May work with Boarderpass Wakerboard to allow for a 30-minute kayaking trip with kayaks being delivered to beach. **Activity Level: 3**
 - **5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** - Dinner – [Tin Fiddler](#) – A brewpub in the heart of Downtown Sarnia with vintage vibes and also home to River Run Brew Co. **Activity Level: 1**
 - **7:05 - 8:00 p.m.** - [Point Brewing Co.](#), in Point Edward, is owned by three friends with a shared vision of making consistently good beer. The brewers love talking beer & will gladly educate anyone who wants to learn. **Activity Level: 1**
 - Drive to Windsor
 - Arrive at Caesars Windsor at 10 p.m.
- **Wednesday, September 10th**
 - **9am** – Breakfast at [The Twisted Apron](#) - serves up comfort food with a twist – a twist on the classics that remind you of Mom's cooking...if your mom was a gourmet chef. **Activity Level: 1**
 - **10:30am** - [Willistead Manor](#) - a 36-room mansion nestled within a 15-acre park built in 1906 for Edward Chandler Walker, the second son of Hiram Walker, founder of the world-renowned distillery. **Activity Level: 1**

- **12pm** - Lunch from [OG Pizza](#) – Voted #1 pizza in the Best of Windsor Essex Awards. The Original Guys have been in the pizza biz for over 25 years. Their pizza is made Windsor style with shredded pepperoni, local ingredients, thin crust and baked on stone ovens. **Activity Level: 1**
- **2pm** - Return to Westin Book Cadillac Hotel in Downtown Detroit. Transportation provided. Those who have vehicles at Caesars Windsor, a stop will be provided to return you to your vehicle.