

Wine Divas

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It is not hard to guess the four-letter word synonymous with relaxation, great memories, and fabulous girlfriend company - WINE! Nothing tops a weekend off better than the swirling notes of black cherry from a rich glass of Merlot - except perhaps a bite of creamy chocolate to enhance the flavor of the wine of course! Most gals manage to fit quick wine escapes into their schedule at a favorite local lounge, but sometimes a girl needs a little more time to unwind, bond with her girlfriends, and escape the pressures of life. Why not expand that quick wine tasting into a girls winery weekend? The rolling hills of the Fraser Valley are dotted with over 10 wineries, all located within a 30 - 40 minute drive from Vancouver, offering varietals ranging from crisp Sauvignon Blancs to ruby Pinot Noirs to refreshing fruit wines. Practice defining your palate (practice makes perfect!), learn how to plant fruit and run a vineyard, dine at a luxurious French bistro, and overnight in a cozy inn with your best friends... what could possibly make this trip any better? Well, perhaps an abundance of chocolate, but you can certainly find plenty of that too, getting away with your girlfriends to Vancouver, Coast & Mountains.