

LEARNING TO LOVE STALIN'S 'GIFT'

Built at the dictator's behest, Poland's tallest building turns 60, T2

TRAVEL



> PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY



KARLO ESTATES

At Karlo Estates winery, new wines are made with Hockey Hall of Famer Doug Gilmour. North America's largest dry stone bridge is at the far end of the vineyard.

Wine lovers' escape

World-class vintages pair nicely with surroundings

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SPECIAL TO THE STAR

If you haven't been to Prince Edward County, drive the two and a half hours or so from Toronto or Ottawa and enjoy this oasis. You'll discover world-class wines with complexity, concentration and length; refined comfort food (yes, toasted marshmallow ice cream really is sub-

lime); and digs that make designs on houzz.com look drab. Think exposed beams, hardwood floors, deluxe linens, up-to-your-chin soaker tubs, rain shower heads and state-of-the-art coffee makers. Beware, the trip might actually make you forget to check your email.

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GRANGE OF PRINCE EDWARD WINERY

At Grange of Prince Edward Winery and Estate, try several sterling wines and then enjoy a farm-packed picnic.



EVAN NASH

Angeline's Inn features a Victorian mansion of suites, a retro-chic motor inn and three cottages.



DRAKE DEVONSHIRE

The Drake Devonshire is a lakeside, rural-hip interpretation of farmhouse.



NORMAN HARDIE

Norman Hardie Winery features fabulous wines and a wood-fired pizza stove on the patio.



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At Norman Hardie Winery, try the 2014 Calcaire, a thrilling white wine.



SLICKERS

The toasted marshmallow ice cream at Slickers is delicious.

Enjoy some wine and a farm-packed picnic

PRINCE EDWARD from T1

The best part is that the prices are reasonable.

Day 1

If you arrive midday, you can start with a visit to the Grange of Prince Edward Vineyards and Estate. Taste several sterling wines in the barn (\$5/four samples), including the dangerously delicious 2011 Gamay Noir (\$20.95/bottle) and lime-sorbet-scented 2012 Estate riesling (\$15.95/bottle). Then, enjoy a farm-packed picnic and saunter toward the vineyards, glass in hand.

Carry on to Closson Chase for some terroir-driven expressions of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir in the garden (\$10 for three samples).

Next, head to the Old Third to toast the afternoon with the 2011 Pinot Noir Sparkling À la Volée (\$3/sample, \$59/bottle). It tastes like fine French vintage Champagne and is one of Canada's finest wines. If you're peckish, stay for a crepe.

Twenty minutes east, you'll find Angeline's. A Victorian mansion of suites, a retro-chic motor inn and three cottages dot the property. Book early for the Babylon, a refurbished log cabin from the 1860s (\$119 to \$349/night).

For dinner, head to the Drake Devonshire and dine on the deck of this lakeside, rural-hip interpretation of farmhouse. Dinner for two with wine is about \$200.

Day 2

Begin at the Tall Poppy Café for a better-than-Starbucks coffee and legendary egg-cheddar-peameal-tomato sandwich called the Bob.

Then, it's off to Huff Estates, where winemaker Frédéric Picard makes stellar juice — tasting room opens at 10 a.m. Don't miss the 2013 Rosé Cabernet Franc (\$19/bottle) and 2012 South Bay Vineyard Unfiltered Merlot (\$40/bottle). Amble through the art gallery and sculpture garden.

Next stop: Norman Hardie Winery. Norman's wines are flat-out fabulous, so head to the tasting bar and begin with the 2014 Calcaire, a thrilling white (\$23/bottle). Afterward, try the wood-fired pizza on the patio.

Nip over to Karlo Estates winery to try new wines made with Hockey Hall of Famer Doug Gilmour. Then, work on your 10,000 steps, walking to North America's largest dry stone bridge at the far end of the vineyard.

Before heading home, refresh with an ice cream treat from Slickers — the toasted marshmallow is nostalgically delicious.

Or saddle up to the bar at Pomodoro for killer meatballs (\$2 each) and a refreshing glass of Sandbanks 2014 Pinot Noir Rosé (\$7).

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