

# **ELKIN, NORTH CAROLINA**

Trip: Sept. 18 - Sept. 21

Deposit Deadline: April 22

Final Payment: July 30

Embark on a captivating 4-day journey through North Carolina's wine country, where historic vineyards and scenic landscapes await at every turn. From exclusive tastings at award-winning wineries to exploring the charming inspirations behind Mayberry, this adventure promises unforgettable experiences and flavors that linger long after the journey ends. Join us on this all inclusive journey for just \$1490. Institute Members receive a 5% discount.



#### Sept. 18 - Departure to Elkin

 Begin your adventure at Flagler College, where you will board the motorcoach destined for Elkin, NC. Enjoy a comfortable day's travel, with ample rest stops and a lunch break at your leisure. Upon arrival, settle into the Hampton Inn for the next three nights. The evening will commence with a welcome dinner, thoughtfully included to celebrate the start of our journey together.



#### Sept. 19 - Vineyard Adventures

- Our journey begins at Shelton Vineyards, the largest family-owned estate winery in North Carolina. Enjoy a guided tour of their 33,000-square-foot facility, learn about their winemaking process, and savor a selection of five wines. Lunch awaits at the winery's Harvest Grill.
- Next, visit Raffaldini Vineyard, renowned for its dry Appassimento Wines. Discover the unique characteristics of Raffaldini through a vineyard tour, uncovering the history, soil, and innovative winemaking techniques. Experience an outdoor tasting of 9 wines. We will conclude the day at Piccione Winery with a private tasting session of their exquisite wines.



### Sept. 20 - Pilot Mountain, Wineries, and Mt. Airy

- Our exploration begins with a visit to Pilot Mountain's esteemed JoLo Winery, where we'll indulge in a tasting of seven award-winning wines, including a diverse selection from red, sparkling, to dessert wines. Our journey continues to Mt. Airy, where lunch awaits at the Old North State Winery, complemented by a tour of their facilities and a wine flight tasting of three distinct wines.
- Afterwards, enjoy leisure time in Mt. Airy, famously known as the birthplace of Andy Griffith and the inspiration behind the idyllic town of Mayberry from the "Andy Griffith Show." The day culminates with a farewell dinner at the renowned 13 Bones Restaurant, before we retire to our hotel, enriched by the day's experiences.





## Sept. 21 - Departure to St. Augustine

• Bid farewell to North Carolina Wine Country after breakfast and drive back to St. Augustine.

