



Truffle adventure with Truffle Lunch and Wine Pairing

December-February, weather dependent

9:15am to Noon

Thank you for enquiring about our current truffle adventures. Below is some important information regarding our adventures, what you can expect and what will be required. As part of the booking process you will be asked to confirm that you have read and accepted this in order to attend.

On to the truffle adventure!

WHAT TO EXPECT:

We ask guests to arrive 15 minutes prior to starting.

9:30am: Meeting on the farmhouse deck for light refreshments (coffee, tea, mimosa, orange juice etc.) and a discussion on the history of truffle production in Oregon as well as an introduction to the farm.

9:45-10am (depending on questions): The exciting part. Let's go hunting. You and your band of adventurers will team up with one of our four-legged associates and head out into the truffière. Will we find truffle? What do they feel like? Do they have different aromas? Will we find an icon? So many questions. Hannah (our Rhodesian Ridgeback) or Perry (our Brittany) are ready to help you answer them. You will have a ring-side position watching our team operate in partnership to locate ripe truffle. And when they do, you will have a hands-on opportunity to smell truffle in the soil and perhaps even dig them out for yourself. So please wear clothes that can stand a bit of mud.

11-11:15am (depending on truffle): The next exciting part. Back to the farmhouse where one of our incredible local wineries will be providing a paired wine tasting along with a homestyle truffle lunch, put together at the whimsy of our guest chef. While enjoying your lunch plenty of tips and tricks to using truffle will be shared.

Any truffles that are available will be available for purchase at a special rate not normally offered to retail customers.

Noon on: Depart, swag in hand, ready to explore what the Southern Willamette has to offer.





IMPORTANT INFORMATION (what you need to read and agree to when booking)

Cartwright Truffière is located just south of Cottage Grove Oregon about 2.5 miles off the I-5. We will send you full directions once you have booked your encounter. We are a small farm, and this won't be the run of the mill "tasting room" type experience. We are all about getting you involved and having a true truffière experience, interacting with the dogs at the farmhouse, digging for truffles and relaxing on our deck while enjoying some truffle nibbles matched with some excellent local wine. We want you to have the best experience possible and so we need to make sure that we all agree to a few things.

The farmhouse: This is our residence on the property, and we invite you to enjoy the deck along with the areas we make public. We ask simply that you respect that the private living areas are not accessible. It also means you will be in our wonderful truffle dogs' home and they won't understand if we need to separate them from interacting with you. They are incredibly friendly but even so, if you are dog averse this probably won't be the encounter you are after. If you would like to have a wine pairing with our truffle or a truffle dinner without the dog interaction, we can organize one for you at one of our winery or restaurant partners in the Eugene area.

The encounter: In order to participate you will be required to use steps with a handrail and there will be approximately a $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of walking (round trip) in an uneven, wet grass and mud environment. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate wheelchair or walker access, etc. As we will be outside in the Oregon winter during most of the encounter, please dress accordingly keeping in mind that you may get mud on you and your clothes and a waterproof coat is likely a necessity. Heating areas on the deck will be provided along with fireside access in the lounge area.



Biosecurity: In other parts of the world, competing fungus has damaged orchards by entering via visitors clothing and shoes. We ask that all clothing worn at other truffle or hiking sites is freshly laundered, and boots or shoes are dirt-free. We may ask that you walk your shoes through a disinfection bath prior to entering the orchard. Alternatively, boot covers are available if you prefer. Any damage to footwear or clothing is not the responsibility of Cartwright Truffière or the Willamette Truffle Company.

We think you will find it most convenient to bring a separate pair of outdoor shoes (rubber boots are recommended) to use for the orchard component and then back into comfy shoes for the lunch. If you only bring one pair of shoes, we have boot covers for use in the orchard or we may ask you to take your shoes off before entering the farmhouse. If any other specific equipment for digging up truffle is required, we will provide it.



Food and drink: Please do not bring any food or drink out of your vehicle. We will have food and plenty of refreshments available. As this is a wine-pairing encounter, only those over 21 will be allowed to register. Please let us know if you have any food allergies or special dietary requirements; we will do our best accommodate them or let you know if we cannot. Those with nut allergies should be aware that we will be walking among oak and hazelnut trees.

Truffle Hunting: Our four-legged associates will find truffles in various states of ripeness. Our responsibility as the two-legged associate is to determine if a truffle is ripe and ready to be removed. Just like buck fever you can suffer truffle fever causing premature digging. Don't worry, we're going to be there for you and talk you down. Please don't remove a truffle until one of us tells you it's OK, even if you think you've disturbed one. Removing a truffle without permission falls under the "you pick it without permission, you've bought it" imperative and the credit card on file will be charged for it. Please note that as much as we'd like to, we don't have any control over the ripening process. We don't want to disappoint folk, but we also don't pull underripe truffle out of the ground. It just isn't as good!

Weather: Well, it's Oregon and the season is winter. Although most Oregon winter weather is great for truffle hunting, when it hits extremes it becomes hard for the dogs, the handlers and more especially, you. Thanks to the BOM we can be fairly certain of weather extremes 3-4 days before your encounter and will let you know if we need to refund what we've charged you or give you a raincheck (per your preference).

Refunds: Speaking of that, as the whimsical chef will be infusing stuff (we don't know what they do to make your bites, we just think it's awesome) we require any cancelations to happen 4 days in advance.

Social Media: Let's face it, someone, if not you, will be Facebooking, Instagramming or live streaming at some point during the adventure. By joining the adventure you acknowledge that you will probably be filmed or photographed by a third party and have your beautiful face out in the land of social media. On the other side of that, please be considerate of others as you would want them to be of you.

Ok, so we agree this is a lot of information. If you have any questions that aren't covered, or if you have a special request, private booking, etc., please contact simon@cartwrighttruffles.com. We are more than happy to try to meet unthought-of needs or requests.

