

LODGING

Adelaide Inn Best Western Black Oak Motor Lodge Melody Ranch Motel Paso Robles Inn

DINING

Basil Cowgirl Café Good Ol' Burger Los Robles Café The Crooked Kilt

PASO ROBLES SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

BANG for the BUCK

Just because Paso Robles has been repeatedly referred to as "The Next Napa" (Forbes, Sunset, NY Times), it doesn't mean you have to break the bank to have a great time here.

LODGING

Like most cities, the local hotels will raise prices on big travel days and special events like Hospice du Rhone, Wine Festival, and the County Fair. But, there are still a number of nice accommodations that will leave plenty of money left to spend on wine. For starters, the Paso Robles Inn, located right across the street from the town square can be as low as \$99/night. You might spend a few more dollars there, but the convenience to the square and its shops and restaurants is worth it. A little farther out on the edge of town is the Best Western Black Oak Motor Lodge and the Adelaide Inn. If you just need a place to sleep and basic amenities are all that's required, the old Melody Ranch Motel (939 Spring St., 805 238 3911) on Spring Street will do just fine.

DINING

Breakfast is very reasonable throughout Paso Robles. From the diner at the Paso Robles Inn to the Cowgirl Café, we're sure the home town cooking will fill you up – portions are large around here! Lunch perhaps offers the biggest bang for the buck opportunity in all of the north county (Paso Robles, Atascadero, Templeton). If you like Mexican food, then you are in luck. There is a place on Spring Street called Los Robles Café (1420 Spring St., 805 239 8525) that has al pastor tacos to die for – and they're dirt cheap (I promise, you won't be disappointed). The only problem is they are only served Thursday through Sunday. In case you missed them or Mexican is not your thing, Good Ol' Burger (1145 24th St., 805 238 0655) at the north end of town is a destination point for numerous people travelling on the 101. Their burgers are big, fat, juicy and unforgettable. For dinner there is a great Irish pub aptly called The Crooked Kilt. Earlier in the evening the place gets more of a food crowd craving their traditional Irish meals. Later though, the "pint crowd" moves in and yes, the servers wear crooked kilts! Another option to consider is Basil (828 11th St., 805 238 9945), a Thai food place right on the downtown square.