



Palisade is home to award-winning wineries and strollable galleries, above.

## HOW TO GET THERE

**GETTING THERE**  
Palisade, Colo., is just about as far from SLC as Moab. Instead of jumping off I-70 to head south for Moab, keep on going into the Mile High State. The third town past the border is quaint Palisade.

**WHY GO NOW**  
Wine. Palisade is the epicenter of a booming and increasingly legitimate Colorado wine industry. The area around Palisade is dotted with vineyards that are a pleasant bike ride apart and are abundant enough for a full day of tastings. (The area is also home to Moab-rivalling mountain biking.)

**DON'T MISS**  
*The Colorado Wine Fest* fills the town with wines (kidding), who enjoy tastings, food demonstrations and music from Sept. 15 to 18.

**WHERE TO STAY:**  
*A Divine Tyme* is a picture-perfect B&B located on the edge of downtown Palisade. 406 W. 1st St., Palisade, Colo., 970-464-9144, [adivinebandb.com](mailto:adivinebandb.com)

**FULL SERVICE** *The Wine Country Inn*, nestled into a vineyard on the edge of town, features great food, top-drawer service and one of the town's only swimming pools.

DESTINATION **SOUTHEAST**

# PALISADE, COLO.

Forget Napa, there's some great wine country right in our own backyard

## Wine and ride

No bike? No problem. *Rapid Creek Cycles* rents comfy cruisers (with attached baskets for your purchases), perfect for self-guided tours to the area's wineries. If you chose to ride up the east Mesa, one of the most scenic cycling spots, you will want to opt to rent a bike with gears for the climb up. It's a long ride if you do it from town, a 30-mile loop worth the huffing and puffing. 317 Main St., 970-464-9266, [rapidcreekcycles.com](http://rapidcreekcycles.com)

## Twisted Brick Studios

Meet the "Twisted Sisters"—an eclectic bunch of women runs this studio and gallery space in downtown Palisade. The galleries' building itself is a work of art, an old brick foundry. Meet the artists and enjoy some of the most daring and original artwork we've seen in a tourist town gallery. (Let's just say the nickname "twisted" isn't taken lightly). 128 E. 3rd St., 970-464-4653, [twistedbrickstudios.blogspot.com](http://twistedbrickstudios.blogspot.com)

## TIP

Our favorite tasting room: **CANYON WIND CELLARS**. Just outside the doors is a lovely, shady area overlooking the vineyards—perfect for a mid-tour picnic. [canyonwindcellars.com](http://canyonwindcellars.com)

## Peach Street Distillers

Wine, Wine, Wine. Sometimes only a cocktail will do, so saunter over *Palisade's distillery*. The spirits created here rely heavily on locally grown fruit. And remember this is Colorado—you can get a decent pour. You might even ask them to hold back. 144 S. Kluge Ave., 970-464-1128, [peachstreetdistillers.com](http://peachstreetdistillers.com)

## Inari's Bistro

*Inari's* is an elegantly appointed boite right on Main and open only for dinner. Local and fresh ingredients from area growers make the menu, and the casual but excellent service keep the evening going. Your company, wit and wine purchases from the day's touring can take care of the rest. 336 S. Main St., 970-464-4911



## Stay another day

### ORCHARD DELIGHTS

Palisade's reputation as wine country is still a baby compared to its bona fide position as producer of fruit. Known primarily for the famed Palisade Peach, the area is laden with orchards. Nearly all growers offer tours through the fields. Our favorite: *Z's Orchard*. 315 33 3/4 Rd., Palisade, Colo., 970-434-6267, [zsorchard.com](http://zsorchard.com)

### FLOAT THE COLORADO

These aren't the raucous waters of Cataract Canyon. As it flows through Palisade, the Colorado is placid and beautiful. *Palisade River Trips* (based out of Rapid Creek Cycles) offers guided half-day trips by wooden Dorry boat and rentals of inflatable canoes, kayaks and tubes. 317 Main St., Palisade, Colo., 970-464-9266, [rapidcreekcycles.com](http://rapidcreekcycles.com)