



**AUCTION ITEM**

## **A GRAND AND MAGICAL CELEBRATION OF SOUTHERN ITALY: Featuring Matera, the 10,000 year old ‘City of Stone’, Europe’s Cultural Capital for 2019 and number one destination!**

Featuring Alan Doyle (Canadian music legend, multi Juno Award winner, actor, producer, best-selling author and best known as lead singer for Newfoundland’s beloved Great Big Sea), Tom Cochrane (multi-Juno award winner, Queen’s Diamond Jubilee, Canadian Music Hall of Fame and Order of Canada Recipient), Neil Osborne (Canadian Hall of Fame recipient and lead singer of Iconic Rock Band 54-40), Cory Tetford (singer/songwriter and producer), and fiddler Kendel Carson. In addition, Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir (Canada’s most decorated Ice Dance skaters) and Canada’s Premier Wine Expert David Lawrason will be there!

**TRAVEL DATES: MAY 20 – 27, 2021**

“ This City is like nowhere else on Earth’ — by day, it is breathtaking; lit up at dusk, it can bring you to tears.

— THE GUARDIAN - INTERNATIONAL EDITION

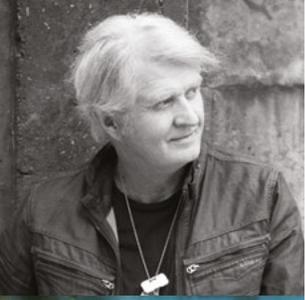
Matera, Basilicata’s jewel in beautiful Southern Italy, may be the third-longest continuously inhabited human settlement in the world! Natural caves in the tufa limestone, exposed as the Gravina cut its gorge, attracted the first inhabitants perhaps 7000 years ago! Today, looking across the gorge to Matera’s ancient neighbourhoods known as *sassi*, teetering on the edge of the ravine, it seems you’ve been transported back to an ancient holy land. This UNESCO World Heritage site, awarded THE Cultural Capital of Europe for 2019, will be your magical setting for seven glorious nights.

You will be charmed by the breathtaking setting, which we guarantee will be one of the most unique and awe-inspiring places you will ever visit! There will be seven nights at either the 5 star Aquatio Cave Luxury Hotel and Spa or the 5 star Sant’Angelo Luxury Resort. The limestone caves are magnificent – you will sleep in a stylish room cave, eat in a cave, drink an *aperitivo* in a cave, and even view modern sculpture in a cave.

The neighbourhoods of Sasso Barisano and Sasso Caveoso will be yours to explore on foot: roaming through the labyrinth of narrow alleyways, up and down uneven stone staircases, discovering dead ends and tiny courtyards adorned with flower pots, cave churches and expansive views of the *Sassi*. You can learn all about the amazing history of Matera and the *Sassi* by foot or on a tuk tuk!

There is magic to be discovered at this UNESCO World Heritage site and along the way, you will enjoy special tastings of southern Italy’s wines with Canada’s premier





wine expert, David Lawrason and experience ultimate Italian gastronomic experiences on our customized wine tapas tours. Discover the rock churches in the gorge on an amazing hike, delve deep into caves to taste delicious local delicacies and perch on terraces overlooking the gorge as you sip wines of the region and listen to unplugged performances by some of Canada's most iconic and beloved music stars – Alan Doyle of Great Big Sea, Tom Cochrane, Neil Osborne of 54-40 and Kendel Carson and Cory Tetford!

By bike or foot, you will also venture outside Matera to the hills of Masseria to explore the golden wheat fields and olive groves and then we will all come together for a fantastic lunch at Fontana di Vite - where you will hear the incredible come-back journey of Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir! David Lawrason will be offering epic wine tours to the Vulture region. With Mount Vulture, an extinct volcano, as the prominent landmark, it is the most significant viticultural zone in Basilicata growing the DOC wine Aglianico del Vulture, full of history and strength!

“Vicinato in Festa” is a tradition in Matera – a party between friends and good neighbors where guests can breathe the love of the city and all its traditions. Join us in this magical world as Canada's Great Kitchen Party creates our very own “Vicinato in Festa”!

**YOUR EIGHT-DAY, SEVEN-NIGHT ADVENTURE FOR TWO INCLUDES:**

- Seven nights' accommodation including breakfast in either the charming 5 star Aquatico Cave Luxury Hotel and Spa or the charming 5 star Sant'Angelo Luxury Resort both set into a tufa

ridge in the city's Sasso Caveoso district located in the heart of UNESCO's *Sassi* World Heritage site.

- Welcome reception on the rooftop terrace of Baccanti Restaurant featuring exquisite wines from the region
- Private wine tasting with Canada's premier wine expert, David Lawrason, highlighting the very best wines of each of the regions followed by a wonderful dinner.
- A gastronomic experience at Area 8, the hyper creative space in the heart of the *Sassi*
- A fantastic lunch at Fontana di Vite where you will hear the incredible come-back journey of Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir
- A special wine reception and unplugged performance by Alan, Tom, Neil, Cory and Kendel at Casa Cava!
- Amazing unplugged performances in unique natural settings
- Dinner Kitchen Party style at the very hip “The Loft” followed by a private concert with our Canadian iconic rock stars!
- Time to roam though the labyrinth of this UNESCO World Heritage site and discover its magic and why it has been chosen as THE cultural capital of Europe for 2019!

**Optional add-ons (at additional cost):**

- Guided historical walking or tuk tuk tour of the *Sassi*
- Guided biking in the area
- Guided rock church hike through the gorge
- Super premium wine tasting with David Lawrason
- Cooking Classes
- The Ultimate Italian Gastronomic Experience on our customized wine tapas tours

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