



AUCTION ITEM

STUNNING AND MAGICAL PROVENCE! AT THE 5 STAR LUXURY HOTEL LE COUVENT DES MINIMES L'OCCITANE SPA IN THE HEART OF THE LUBERON!

Featuring Jim Cuddy (multi-Juno award winner, Canadian Music Hall of Fame and Order of Canada recipient), Barney Bentall (Juno award winner), Tom Cochrane (multi-Juno award winner, Queen's Diamond Jubilee and Canadian Music Hall of Fame and Order of Canada Recipient), Anne Lindsay, Devin Cuddy and Sam Polley, along with Curt Harnett (multi-medalist in cycling and Order of Canada recipient) and David Lawrason (Canada's Premier Wine Expert)!

TRAVEL DATES: MAY 2 – 9, 2021

Welcome to the authentic inner Provence! Off the well-trodden paths of Provence, this adventure will take you to the inner lands where medieval towns, local producers, authentic markets and church bells still mark the passing of time. Five star luxuries meet traditional Provençal lifestyle, where farm to table has always been the way of life. Day by day we will discover this land through its people, food, artisans and hidden villages. Surrounded by the mountain range of the Alpes-de-Haute Provence, you will discover the South of France and the Alpes-Côte d'Azur region in its full glory. An enchanting setting in the heart of the Luberon, a former convent cradled with serenity, the 5-star, Relais & Châteaux Couvent des Minimes Hotel & Spa – L'Occitane will be your home for seven glorious nights!

We will climb its hills by foot and bicycle, explore its plateaus and hike its canyons, enjoying the diversity of landscapes ranging from the Valensole Plateau to stunning vistas of the distant snow-capped Alps. You will come for the cycling, the hiking, the culture, the food, the beauty of the countryside, the music, the adventure, the laughs and of course the wine! For over 1,000 years, the south of France has produced world renowned wines like Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Gigondas and Vacqueyras. There are wonderfully fresh country reds and whites from the Cotes du Rhone and Ventoux. And of course the best rosés on the planet from Provence and Tavel. David Lawrason, Canada's Premier Wine Expert, will make sure you will have access to taste many of the best, and will offer an option to visit the nearby vineyards of the tiny appellation of Coteaux de Pierrevert on one his famous Wine Keepers tours!

The small, charming, medieval town of Forcalquier, with the distinction of having the purest sky and air of France, if not of Europe, is located minutes from the hotel. It is also home to what is widely considered to be the most important market in all of

“ These trips are truly unique and can't be compared to any other type of travel.

— PAUL STAUCH AND JODY SHAPIRO,
MONTREAL

the Alpes-de-Haute-Provence region! You will get to experience this lively and beautiful Monday morning weekly market in Forcalquier, dating back centuries, as you stroll between the stalls that wind through the narrow streets showcasing their diverse wares from local artisanal products, linens, pottery, olives, cheeses, charcuteries and so much more! We will descend into the market on Monday morning to shop and gather delicious products to enjoy a spectacular picnic together on the grounds of the hotel overlooking the lavender fields!

For those of you who come to cycle, you will enjoy some of the best cycling in the world led by highly qualified local guides on the routes of the Tour de France through this spectacular, somewhat undiscovered countryside surrounded by lavender fields, wheat fields and hills subtly perfumed by local aromatic herbs. You can choose to take the epic challenge to climb Montagne de Lure known as Little Ventoux with 1736 M of climbing!

Or you can choose to explore this picturesque area of Southern France by enjoying guided hikes followed by wonderful lunches at the goat cheese farmers, almond farmers or lamb farmers homes in what will be a fantastically, authentic gastronomic experience!

In addition to numerous unplugged performances, a songwriters circle, a once-in-a-lifetime private outdoor concert in the shadows of the Alpes-de-Haute mountain range with Canadian iconic rock stars,



Jim Cuddy, Barney Bentall and Tom Cochrane along with Anne Lindsay, Devin Cuddy and Sam Polley, you will laugh, drink and share stories with Olympian and Chef de Mission for Rio 2016, Curt Harnett! Other highlights will include a special grand Rosé wine tasting and dinner, an optional ultra-premium red wine tasting with David Lawrason, exploring the spectacular Gorges de la Nesque by bike or by foot and enjoying a wine tasting with wine enthusiast Jim Cuddy!

From exploring quaint Provençal villages, to tasting the goat cheese of Banon, to exploring the diverse landscapes by foot and by bike, to shopping at the famous cosmetics brand L'Occitane en Provence at their historic factory, to relaxing in the exquisite property, your week in Provence will be filled with magic and music as you make new friends from across Canada!

You will not be mere passersby, but guests, welcome to join in the true Provençal way of life.

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

- Seven nights' accommodation including gourmet breakfast in the superb, relaxed refuge of the 5-star, Relais & Châteaux Couvent des Minimes Hotel & Spa – L'Occitane located in the heart of the Luberon, Provence, a 90 minute drive from Marseille. The property boasts an amazing setting, protected by the mountain range of the Alpes de Haute Provence, with stunning views of lavender fields, vineyards and olive groves. Beautiful luxury accommodations, a heated pool, exquisite restaurant, spa and an impressive wine cellar
- Welcome reception featuring exquisite wines from the region
- Memorable wine tasting with wine enthusiast, Jim Cuddy followed by a lavender infused dinner

created by the Michelin star chef Jérôme Roy of Couvent des Minimes Hotel

- Explore the breathtaking Gorges de la Nesque by bike or by foot and we will all meet up for a traditional Provençal lunch in a spectacular setting. You can also choose to be taken by coach and enjoy time to shop in a quaint village in Provence before lunch!
- Private wine tasting with Canada's premier wine expert, David Lawrason, highlighting the very best of each of the regions including a Grand Rosé wine tasting and dinner.
- Unplugged musical performances and wonderful stories from Olympian Curt Harnett
- Private concert under the stars with Canadian iconic rock stars, Jim Cuddy, Barney Bentall and Tom Cochrane along with Anne Lindsay, Devin Cuddy and Sam Polley
- Cycling led by wonderful local guides alongside your special guests where you will ride some of the most famous and coveted routes of the Tour de France, including a ride up Montagne de Lure, if you choose! (bike rental not included)
- Time to explore the enchanting region of Provence steeped in history and art, the exquisite markets loved the world over for their wonderful foods, wines, antiques and collectibles

Optional add-ons (at additional cost):

- Guided hikes through the vineyards, wine tastings and lunches in Provence
- Wine Keeners day exploring the wineries in Coteaux de Piervert
- Golfing with scratch golfer Tom Cochrane
- Hot air balloon riding over the vineyards and countryside of Southern France
- Authentic Luberon Gastronomic Experiences

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