

Auction Item



Exploring Lisbon and the Douro Valley in Portugal (New!)

Featuring Canadian Music Legend and Actor Alan Doyle, Multiple MMVA and Juno Award winner Sam Roberts of the Sam Roberts Band, Juno Nominee Danny Michel, Canada's Premier Wine Expert David Lawrason and Four-Time Olympic Gold Medalist Caroline Ouellette!

Dates: May 17 – 24 OR May 25 – June 1, 2016



Indulge your passion for history, food, wine and the region's most celebrated beverage, Port as you discover the warmth of Portugal!

Your journey will begin in Portugal's star attraction, the radiant seaside city of Lisbon. This coastal city known for its café culture and soulful Fado music, Lisbon is spread across the steep hillsides that overlook the Rio Tejo. You will be staying for three nights at the newly opened Pousada de Lisboa Small Luxury Hotels of the World Hotel. With a prime position on the corner of Terreiro do Paço – the Palace Square – Pousada de Lisboa has watched over Lisbon's comings and goings for centuries as a former palace. Now, beautifully restored and transformed into a luxury, boutique hotel, it's an elegant hideaway in the heart of the city with its Gothic cathedrals, majestic monasteries and quaint museums only steps away along with the narrow lanes of Lisbon's lovely backstreets where you will discover Lisbon's thriving art scene, culture and cutting-edge cuisine.

During our time in Lisbon you will have the opportunity to take a historical tour of the city on a 'tuk tuk', enjoy wine and port tastings hosted by Canada's

premier wine expert, David Lawrason and we will enjoy an afternoon and evening in the spectacular area of Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Not to be missed! With its rippling mountains, dewy forests thick with ferns and lichen, exotic gardens and glittering palaces, Sintra is like a page torn from a fairy tale; dotted with pastel-hued manors folded into luxurious hills that roll down to the blue Atlantic. You will have the option to cycle the Sintra mountain range on road bikes along the Atlantic led by local guides or take a guided tour of one of Sintra's many 19th century Romantic architectural palaces. The day will end with a spectacular dinner and wine tasting at a 19th century winery where we will hear tales from four-time Olympic Gold Medalist in hockey, Caroline Ouellette!

We will then make a pilgrimage to the UNESCO-designated Douro Valley in northern Portugal, with its spellbinding natural beauty and cultural heritage and where vines cling to precipitous hillsides. It is the oldest (1790) demarcated wine region in the world, famous for its port wines but now also modern reds and whites. We will visit exclusive, charming quintas arranged by our wine expert, David Lawrason and meet the winemakers who run them. We will stay four nights at the magnificent 5 Star 18th century Vintage House Hotel located right on the Douro River.

You will be able to explore the striking scenery of the serene Douro River Valley on mountain bikes, kayaks or hike through the spectacular hillsides of this awe inspiring wine region. We will take a luxurious ride down the river on a traditional Rabelo Boat and along the way enjoy wine and port tastings and a fantastic traditional Portuguese dinner!



There will be unplugged performances by the charming and charismatic Alan Doyle of Great Big Sea and the movie Robin Hood fame the incredibly talented singer, songwriter and multi award winner, Sam Roberts, and the charismatic, multiple Juno nominated singer-songwriter, Danny Michel who has his own traveling TV show called “Dan’s Space Van”! And the grand finale will be an amazing dinner and concert by Alan, Danny and Sam at Senhora do Convento property in the Douro Valley, an impressive 12th century monastery where the grapes for their fine wines were originally grown by Cistercian monks!

Your eight-day, seven-night adventure for two includes:

- Three night’s accommodation, including breakfast, at the luxurious five star Pousada de Lisboa Hotel in the heart of Lisbon
- Welcome reception, featuring fantastic wines and ports of Portugal
- An introduction to the wines and ports of Portugal by Canadian wine expert, David Lawrason
- A day trip to the area of Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where you have the option to cycle the along the coastline in the Sintra mountain range on road bikes led by local guides (bike rental not included) or take a guided tour of one of Sintra’s many 19th century Romantic architectural palaces. The day will end with a spectacular dinner and wine tasting at a 19th century winery where we will hear tales from four-time Olympic Gold Medalist in hockey, Caroline Ouellette!
- A fantastic picnic lunch at Quintas das Lagrimas Palace (Estate of Tears) on our journey to Douro Valley. Here we will discover the love legend of Prince Pedro and Inês de Castro

- Four night’s accommodation, including breakfast, at the luxurious five star Vintage House Hotel in the Douro Valley
- A luxurious ride down the river on a traditional Rabelo Boat with wine and port tastings and a traditional Portuguese dinner!
- Exclusive wine and port tastings in charming quintas arranged by our wine expert, David Lawrason
- Unplugged performances by Canadian Music Legend and Actor Alan Doyle, Multiple MMVA and Juno Award Winner, Singer Songwriter, Sam Roberts and Singer Songwriter, multiple Juno Nominee Danny Michel
- Amazing dinner and concert by Alan Doyle, Danny Michel and Sam Roberts at Senhora do Convento property in the Douro Valley, an impressive 12th century monastery
- Comfortable coach transportation from Lisbon to the Douro Valley and from Douro Valley to either Oporto or Lisbon

Optional add-ons (at additional cost):

- A historical tour of Lisbon on a traditional “Tuk Tuk”
- Cycling along the coastline in the sintra mountain range
- Exclusive off property wine tours hosted by Canada’s premier wine expert, David Lawrason
- Mountain-biking, kayaking or hiking in the Douro Valley

Optional Add On: You will have the option to end your seven night Portugal adventure in Portugal’s romantic coastal city of Oporto, the birthplace of port. David Lawrason will stay on an extra day and will be arranging an exclusive tour and tasting of Taylor’s Port located in the historic Ribeira district. For many, Taylor’s is the quintessential Port House, established over three centuries ago in 1692. Above all, Taylor’s is regarded as the benchmark for Vintage Port.



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