



AUCTION ITEM

STUNNING AND MAGICAL PROVENCE! AT THE 5-STAR RELAIS & CHATEAU LE CHATEAU DE FONSCOLOMBE 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), 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: APRIL 27 – MAY 4, 2022

The stunning Luberon is a Provençal patchwork of hilltop villages, vineyards, ancient abbeys and mile after mile of fragrant lavender fields. It's a rural, traditional region that still makes time for the good things in life – particularly fine food and even finer wine.

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, the 5-star, 18th century Relais & Châteaux *Château de Fonscolombe* with its chic and rustic charm, will be your home for seven glorious nights! Surrounded by exquisite grounds and a park with over 180 species of trees and plants and the vineyards of Fonscolombe's award-winning wines, Château de Fonscolombe will be a place to reacquaint with old friends, meet new people, enjoy great wines and experience the magic of a *Canada's Great Kitchen Party* trip!

We will climb the Luberon's hills exploring the plateaus and the canyons, enjoying magnificent views and the inspiration behind such artistic greats as Cézanne, Van Gogh and Picasso! You will revel in the culture, the food, the beauty, the music, 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 participate in one of his famous Wine Keepers tours!

“ We are totally addicted to Canada's Great Kitchen Party. Five trips completed! New friends, outdoor exercise/events and great parties. What else is there!”

— DEAN AND LYDIA CHUDLEIGH, TORONTO

Located only 20 minutes from Château de Fonscolombe, you will find the chic and historical 'city of fountains': Aix-en-Provence, a city of refined elegance. Aix (pronounced like the letter X) is all class: its leafy boulevards and public squares are lined with 17th and 18th century mansions and punctuated by gurgling moss-covered fountains. Haughty stone lions guard its grandest avenue, cafe-laced Cours Mirabeau, where fashionable Aixois pose on polished pavement terraces, sipping espresso. You will have the option to participate in a delicious culinary experience and be guided to the best and hidden “bar à vin” and “bistrot” for an unforgettable gastronomic and fun-filled night!

For those of you who come to cycle, you will enjoy some of the best cycling in the world! You will be led by highly qualified local guides on the routes of the Tour de France through the spectacular countryside surrounded by lavender fields, wheat fields and hills subtly perfumed by local aromatic herbs.

Or you can choose to explore this picturesque area of Southern France by enjoying guided hikes paired with wonderful lunches and wine tastings. There will be opportunities to meet local producers and artisans for an authentic and amazing gastronomic experience!

In addition to numerous unplugged performances, a songwriters circle and a once-in-a-lifetime private outdoor concert in the shadows of the Alpes-de-Haute mountain range with Jim Cuddy and Barney Bentall along with Anne Lindsay, Devin Cuddy and



Sam Polley, you will laugh, drink and share stories with Olympian and former Chef de Mission, Curt Harnett! Other highlights will include a special grand Rosé wine tasting and dinner, an optional ultra-premium red wine tasting with David Lawrason and a wine tasting with wine enthusiast Jim Cuddy!

One of the highlights of a trip to Provence is the rich array of open-air markets, held in every town and just about every village of Provence! The market is the link between two of France's identifying traits – the glory of the countryside and the importance of food. The market embodies the deep-rooted French belief that the best food goes from field to plate in the shortest amount of time. You will experience an explosion of colours, scents and sounds as you stroll between the stalls in the narrow streets. There will be local artisanal products like linens and pottery, olives, cheeses, charcuteries and so much more!

From exploring quaint Provencal villages, to exploring the diverse landscapes by foot and by bike, to shopping and gastronomic experiences in Aix-en-Provence or simply relaxing on the exquisite property, your week in Provence will be filled with magic and music as you make new friends from across Canada!

This trip is an invitation to join in the true Provencal way of life!

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

- Seven nights' accommodation including gourmet breakfast in the 18th century, Relais & Châteaux castle estate, Château de Fonscolombe with its chic, rustic and Provencal charm located in the heart of the Luberon, Provence (20 minute drive from Aix-en-Provence). The property boasts an amazing setting, with expansive, lush grounds

and stunning views of the vineyard. Beautiful luxury accommodations, a heated pool, exquisite restaurant and an impressive wine cellar

- Welcome reception featuring exquisite wines from the Fonscolombe cellar and the region
- Memorable wine tasting with wine enthusiast, Jim Cuddy followed by a lavender-infused dinner created by Chef Quentin Durand of Chateau Fonscolombe
- Exploring the breathtaking area by bike or by foot and we will all meet up for a traditional Provencal lunch in a spectacular setting. Or you can 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 performances by the musicians and wonderful stories from Olympian Curt Harnett
- Private concert under the stars with Canadian rock stars, Jim Cuddy and Barney Bentall along with Anne Lindsay, Devin Cuddy and Sam Polley
- Cycling led by local guides. You will ride some of the most famous and coveted routes of the Tour de France (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 collectables

Optional add-ons (at additional cost):

- Guided hikes through the vineyards, wine tastings and lunches in Provence
- Wine Keeners day exploring the wineries with Canada's Premier wine expert, David Lawrason
- Gastronomic Experiences in Aix-en-Provence

COVID Terms and Conditions: If the trip is unable to proceed because of COVID restrictions or guidelines, you will have the option of a full refund less an administration fee of \$125 per person up to December 1, 2021. From December 2, 2021 onwards your option will be to take the trip on the postponed date. No refunds are provided following this date. If the trip proceeds and you are unable to attend the trip, your option will be to sell or transfer to another buyer (based on double occupancy) over the age of 18.

FLIGHT NOT INCLUDED. Transportation to and from the property is not included. Meals only as specified in the written description will be included. These prizes are non-negotiable and not convertible to cash. The prize must be redeemed on the dates specified – no exceptions. The recipient agrees to accept the prize as is, fully aware of any and all restrictions. The redemption process of this item is the sole responsibility of the buyer. The recipient will be required to sign a waiver of liability regarding FWP Inc., Canada's Great Kitchen Party and their respective employees and volunteers' involvement in offering, sponsoring, hosting or arranging the events or activities described as part of the above package. The recipients agree to these terms and conditions. Please note: Trips are suitable for those eighteen years of age and older. Canada's Great Kitchen Party and the Canadian Culinary Championships are initiatives of FWP Inc., a social enterprise that contributes to Canadian charities.

TAX RECEIPTS: According to CCRA guidelines, items deemed priceless (value cannot be determined because of individuals considered celebrities) are not eligible for tax receipts. No tax receipts will be issued in lieu of your purchase price if you cannot attend.