

A Culinary Expedition in Fair and Wonderful Verona, Italy

WEEK 1: Featuring Jim Cuddy (multi-Juno award winner and Music Hall of Fame and Order of Canada recipient), Barney Bentall (Juno award winner), Anne Lindsay (fiddler extraordinaire), Devin Cuddy (Juno nominee), Sam Polley (singer, songwriter), Terra Lightfoot (multi-Juno nominee), Geoffrey Kelly, lead musician of Spirit of the West (also plays with the Paperboys and Irish Rovers, multi-Juno award nominee and Canadian Music Hall of Fame recipient) along with Jamie Kennedy (one of Canada's greatest chefs and an Order of Canada recipient), Curt Harnett (Olympic multi-medalist in cycling and Order of Canada recipient), and David Lawrason (Canada's Premier Wine Expert)!

TRAVEL DATES: MAY 12 - 19, 2023

WEEK 2: Featuring **Tom Cochrane** (multi-Juno award winner, Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Order of Canada Recipient and Music Hall of Fame recipient), **Steven Page** (multi-Juno award winner and Canadian Music Hall of Fame recipient with Barenaked Ladies), **Neil Osborne** (lead singer of 54-40, multi-Juno award winner and Canadian Music Hall of Fame recipient), **Geoffrey Kelly**, lead musician of Spirit of the West (also plays with the Paperboys and Irish Rovers, multi-Juno award nominee and Canadian Music Hall of Fame recipient), **Kevin Fox** (revered multi-instrumentalist) and **Kandle Osborne** (singer, songwriter), **Heather Moyse** (Four-time Olympian and 2x Olympic gold medalist), **Jamie Kennedy** (One of Canada's greatest chefs and an Order of Canada recipient) and **David Lawrason** (Canada's Premier Wine Expert)!

TRAVEL DATES: MAY 21 - 28, 2023

Fair Verona, once the residence of the Kings of Italy and the setting of the world's greatest love story, is situated in the affluent and culturally rich Veneto region of north eastern Italy. It is a short hop to the shores of stunning Lago di Garda, the largest lake in Italy. While romance, conflict and passion shaped this city of more than 2000 years, it was its Roman, medieval and Renaissance architects that earned it UNESCO World Heritage status.

Known as piccolo Roma (little Rome), Verona is a bustling centre with narrow streets, a rich collection of beautiful buildings, countless churches, fascinating bridges over the meandering Adige River, baroque facades and boutique shops. Rising above the whole city is Castelvecchio, the ancient castle which overlooks the surrounding

Valpolicella and Soave wine districts. Verona is THE epi-center of the food and wine scene in northeast Italy, home to VinItaly the country's largest annual wine exposition. It is also said there are more wine bars/restaurants here than anywhere in the country. It is the land of Prosecco, Valpolicella, Amarone, Soave, Lugana and countless variations thereof. Truly magnificent and totally Italian, Verona does not disappoint! In fact, it thrills!

You will stay for seven glorious nights at the five star Byblos Art Hotel, 'home to the stars', with one of Europe's most treasured collections of contemporary art! Located in the heart of Valpolicella, Villa Amistà is a beautifully restored 17th century villa of grand proportions. This equisite hotel was inspired by the





tradition of the Veneto region, and houses one of the great restaurants of the region, the Michelin starred Ristorante Amista. This property was awarded 'Best Villa Resort of Italy 2015' – World Luxury Hotel Awards.

When we mix Byblos Art Hotel, Verona's stunning historic monuments (including the Arena, a magnificent Roman amphitheatre built in 30 AD) regional food and wine from the Veneto hinterland, impressive art and fabulous shopping, wine tastings with Master of Wine David Lawrason and up front and personal music concerts with our star-studded lineup of iconic Canadian musicians it would be an amazing week. But when we add culinary experiences with Master Chef Jamie Kennedy you now have the unique ingredient for our first ever KP Culinary Expedition!

You can explore this stunning region on foot with customized hiking experiences that end with leisurely wine-filled lunches or for those of you who come to cycle, you will enjoy some of the best cycling in the world! For you wine enthusiasts, David Lawrason, Canada's Premier Wine Expert, will make sure you will have access to taste many of the best wines of the region and will offer an option to participate in one of his famous Wine Keeners tours!

In addition to numerous unplugged performances, a songwriters circle and a once-in-a-lifetime private outdoor concert, you will have the option to participate in delicious culinary experiences from an unforgettable guided gastronomic restaurant-hopping night in Verona to a once-in-a-lifetime wine paired dinner in an histoic hilltop vineyard!

Join us for a magical adventure as you make new friends from all across Canada in Fair Verona!

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

- Seven nights' accommodation including gourmet breakfasts at the five-star Byblos Art Hotel Villa Amistà, in the heart of Valpolicella with one of Europe's most treasured collections of contemporary art! (20 minutes from Verona)
- Welcome reception featuring exquisite wines from the Veneto region
- A magical evening of food, wine and music in the beautiful countryside amidst the vineyards at Villa della Torre hosted by Chef Jamie Kennedy and David Lawrason.
- Private wine tasting with Canada's premier wine expert, David Lawrason, highlighting the very best of the region
- Celebrity wine tasting and Q&A with Chef Jamie Kennedy followed by the Verona Festival of Food at Hotel Byblos – its dinner KP style!
- Unplugged performances by your star-studded lineup of musicians!
- Grand finale dinner created by Chef Jamie Kennedy and the team at Hotel Byblos and private concert under the stars!
- Time to explore the magical city of Verona and the region of Veneto!

Optional add-ons (at additional cost):

- Guided hikes through the vineyards, wine tastings and lunches in the region There will be opportunities to meet local producers and artisans for an authentic and amazing gastronomic experience!
- Wine Keeners day exploring the wineries with Canada's Premier wine expert, David Lawrason
- Gastronomic Experiences in Verona
- Exquisite wine paired dinner at a historic hill top winery
- Cycling led by Gippo Bikes and local guides. You will ride some of the most famous and coveted routes of the Tour d'Italia. Road bikes, and E-bikes are available for rent.

Terms and Conditions: ALL SALES ARE FINAL. FLIGHT NOT INCLUDED. Transportation to and from the property is not included. Meals only as specified above 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 processes of these live auctions are the sole responsibility of the winners. 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 the offering, sponsoring, hosting or arranging of 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. Sometimes unforeseen circumstances happen previous to the trip, and thus we highly recommend trip cancellation insurance or cancel for any reason insurance. If you do not choose either of these insurance options and 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. Canada's Great Kitchen Party will not reimburse, provide a refund, or give credit for future trips. Canada's Great Kitchen Party and the Canadian Culinary Championships are initiatives of FWP Inc., a social enterprise that contributes to SpiritNorth, MusiCounts and local grassroots food charities.

TAX RECEIPTS - According to CCRA guidelines, items purchased in an auction are not eligible for a tax receipt. 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.

