

Kenya Safari Extravaganza:

Masai Mara

Item 101



THE BIG 5 AND ENDLESS CHAMPAGNE COLOURED SAVANNAH! Safari in Kenya is nature's epic masterpiece. A photographer's and naturalist's paradise renowned for its exceptional wildlife with abundant elephant, buffalo, giraffe, lion and cheetah alongside the migratory wildebeest and zebra. Wake to exotic birdcalls with the aroma of Kenyan coffee brewing. Be lulled to sleep by the sound of grazing hippo or roaring lion.

6 days/ 5 nights for TWO people begin in Nairobi, Kenya's capital. Enjoy a tour of the city including handfeeding gentle endangered Rothchild giraffe at the Giraffe Center and visiting the former home of "Out of Africa" Karen Blixen. After a restful night, your private driver will transport you to the private Ol Pejeta conservancy, the largest black rhino conservancy in E Africa and home to the Big 5. Continue your safari experience with 2 nights in Samburu reserve to encounter a stunning kaleidoscope of wild landscapes, warm and welcoming people, and an exciting array of creatures.

Inclusive of: RT airport transfer, 2 nts in Nairobi B&B at the luxurious Emara Ole-Sereni hotel (or similar), one day Nairobi city tour: Giraffe Center, Karen Blixen Museum, 1 nt Sweetwaters Tented Camp (or similar), 2 nts Ashnil Tented Camp (or similar) 2 game drives/day while in Ol Pejeta and Samburu Reserve with certified ranger, private vehicle and driver, breakfasts in Nairobi and meals while on safari. International and regional flights, alcohol, gratuities, personal insurance, visa, and any meals /activities not mentioned in the attached itinerary **are not included**.



This package is non-transferable, expires two years from the date of the event. There are no blackout dates, subject to availability. High season surcharge of \$950pp USD applies for travel Jan, Feb, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept, Oct, and Dec. Winning bidders are advised to book at least 90 days prior to travel. Additional travelers, nights, excursions can be added.

Provided by: Kosen Safaris Africa and Auction Shake Up
Estimated Value: \$8,550.00

Buy it Now: \$4,875

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KENYA SAFARI EXTRAVAGANZA
PRIVATE SAFARI
2024/2025



This tour has all the ingredients required to create a safari masterpiece with unparalleled services at intimate camps and lodges, pristine locations that are devoted to preserving Africa's wildlife and photographic opportunities galore, all perfectly paced and ready to be enjoyed. Travel in style on board our top-of-the-line Toyota Landcruiser and enjoy the perfect mix of indulgence and convenience, with personalized service, luxury accommodations, and authentic African safari experiences.

The lure of Kenya has always been the same, the sheer variety of landscape, wildlife, human cultures, and experience. For over a hundred years, Kenya has attracted adventurers and romantics from all over the globe. The spirit of the Safari lives on today, the romance of sundown drinks and of evenings around a campfire with the distant roar of a lion in the African night is found in Kenya.

DAYS 1 & 2:
NAIROBI KENYA

You begin your safari with a warm welcome upon touchdown by your Kosen Safaris Tour Director who together with your driver and guide will transport you to your luxury hotel to relax and recharge during your stay in Kenya's capital.

On the second day you will have the opportunity to visit the giraffe center, your safari guide will introduce you to the staff and caregivers at Giraffe Centre, headquarters of the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife (AFEW), where you will be hand-feeding gentle Rothschild giraffes, thereafter visit the former home of "Out of Africa's" Karen Blixen, your day is bursting with an overview of Kenya's diverse conservation efforts and a taste of its colonial history. You can also visit David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, acclaimed for its rehabilitation of orphaned rhinos and elephants for their return to the wild at an additional fee. Your guide will help to arrange the visit.

OVERNIGHT- OLE SERENI HOTEL
MEAL PLAN-BED & BREAKFAST

DAY 3:**OL PEJETA PRIVATE RESERVE**

Rise early and drive to the private Ol Pejeta Conservancy, the largest black rhino sanctuary in East Africa. Begin your wildlife viewing right from your luxurious tented camp - its waterhole attracts a wide variety of game day and night. This afternoon, hop aboard an open-topped safari vehicle with your knowledgeable Kosen safari guide to spot both the endangered black and northern white rhino and their fellow brethren of the Big Five. The density of wildlife here is greater than any of Kenya's national parks. While further tracking the rhinos, your guide will point out other rare species including Grevy's zebra and the Jackson's hartebeest. Visit the Chimpanzee Sanctuary, the only sanctuary for chimps in Eastern Africa, and learn about its mission to provide lifelong refuge to orphaned and abused chimpanzees from central and Western Africa. In the evening gather for sundowners and take in the stunning views of Mount Kenya.

OVERNIGHT- SWEETWATERS TENTED CAMP.**MEAL PLAN-FULLBOARD**

<https://www.serenahotels.com/sweetwaters>

**DAY 4 & 5:****SAMBURU GAME RESERVE**

This morning, follow in the soft tracks of the elephants as you move north to the arid Samburu Reserve. In the afternoon meet your guide for a game viewing drive along the life-giving river. Watch out for crocodiles sharing the banks with elephants, lions, buffalo and even the leopard comes down to drink. Encounter the red-robed Samburu people, still practicing their ancient ways.

While exploring with your guide on morning and afternoon game viewing drives, continue to build your gallery of photos as you spot the rare wildlife only found north of the equator, the special 5- Reticulated giraffe, Grevy's zebra, Beisa Oryx, the Gerenuk and Somali ostrich.

OVERNIGHT-ASHNIL TENTED CAMP OR SIMILAR**MEAL PLAN-FULLBOARD**

<https://ashnilhotels.com/samburu/>

On day 5, you will also have a chance to visit a Samburu village and mingle with the tribe as you learn more about their fascinating culture and traditions. Feel free to join the young Warriors jumping and the women dancing as they celebrate your visit. The Samburu people are the cousins of the Maasai tribe, and they share the same customs and traditions.



DAY 6:

OUT OF AFRICA

Spend this last morning in Samburu admiring the unspoiled Africa as you prepare to return to Nairobi. Bid farewell to the camp staff and the friends you met here in Kenya. Arrive in Nairobi in the afternoon, the rest of the day at leisure. Later in the evening you will be transferred to the airport for your flight back home.

MEAL PLAN: BREAKFAST

END OF SERVICES

PEAK SEASON SURCHARGE = \$950 PER PERSON- JAN FEB JUNE JULY AUG SEPT OCT DEC

PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Bed and breakfast in Nairobi with all meals on safari
- Luxury accommodations throughout your safari
- Unlimited supply of bottled water in safari vehicles
- All transfers as indicated in the itinerary.
- All Government taxes and fees.
- Evacuation insurance to a Nairobi hospital (transport only – Cost of hospitalization NOT included)
- Services of an English-speaking driver/guide.
- Guaranteed window seating throughout the safari
- All National Park fees, conservancy fees and hotel taxes.

PACKAGE PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Visas
- Travel Insurance
- Day room in Nairobi on the last day.
- Personal purchases (such as curios, telephone calls, laundry)
- Gratuities for the guides, staff at accommodations,
- Optional extra activities (balloon rides, walking safaris, etc.)
- Pre- and post-safari tours
- International flights/Local flights

Please note.

Traveling in remote locations can present challenges that may require slight changes to the itinerary. We will always try to run the tour as the initial itinerary. In an event, beyond our control, such as political unrest, natural disasters, overbooking by the lodge, where a change is required, we will do our best to keep you close to the original location. It is our intention for you to have the best possible experience. We will try to notify you of any changes as soon as we are made aware of them. If, however these changes cause an increase to the price, the increase will be passed onto the participant.



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Belize for Chocolate Lovers: Tanager Rainforest Lodge Item 102



TANAGER RAINFOREST LODGE, an intimate luxury property of 8 private cottages on 30 acres of manicured grounds and unspoiled rainforest is in Toledo District, the Mayan heartland of Belize. Lush flora and exotic fauna of technicolor birds, orchids, “Tarzan vines”, howler monkeys, parrots, toucan, and iguana are the backdrop to each day.

The Rio Grande encircles the lodge and beckons you to enjoy kayaking, a lazy innertube float or a relaxing soak in the natural hot springs. **AND OH, THERE’S CHOCOLATE!**

Winning bidders will enjoy **6 days/ 5 nights for two people**. The Lodge combines Mayan culture and an abundance of tropical nature with an intimate luxury experience. Only 8 private cottages dot the tropical grounds. Natural hot springs. Waterfalls cascade into deep swimming holes framed by the Belizean rainforest. Mayan ruins. Mayan chocolate. Birding. Pack your bags!

Inclusive of: RT airport transfer, all meals (international and local cuisine expertly prepared), 2 chocolate making/tasting experiences, spice farm visit, guided bird walk, explore Lubaantun, the site of the legend of the crystal skull, and other activities as noted in attached itinerary.

International and regional flights, alcohol, gratuities, personal insurance, and any meals /activities not mentioned in the attached itinerary **are not included**. (\$750 high season surcharge applies for travel December 21-January 3)



This package is non-transferable, expires two years from the date of the event. There are no blackout dates, subject to availability. Winning bidders are advised to book at least 90 days prior to travel. Additional travelers, nights, excursions can be added.

Provided by: Tanager Rainforest Lodge and Auction Shake Up
Estimated Value: **\$5,650.00**

Buy it Now: \$3,250

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Belize for Chocolate Lovers

Belize is truly “Mother Nature’s Best Kept Secret!” With a population of around 350,000 and around 40% of its land area under protected status, Belize is a hidden gem in Central America. Sparsely populated and ethnically diverse, the country is rich in natural wonders from the barrier reef and coastal Cayes to the Maya Mountains and inland rainforest.

The southern district of Toledo is the Mayan heartland of Belize and the traditional center for growing cocoa. (cacao). The Lodge is centrally located in Toledo and is the ideal base from which to explore this unspoiled area of Central America.



Day 1 Arrival at Philip Goldson International (BZE) airport in Belize City. Transfer to Tropic Air for the one hour flight from Belize City to the coastal fishing town of Punta Gorda, which is also the Toledo district capital. Here you will be met and transferred 20 miles to the Lodge. On arrival enjoy a welcome rum cocktail and settle into your cabana before dinner in our restaurant.

Day 2 Begin the day with an early-morning **bird walk** around the Lodge property and through our gardens where you can spot colorful toucans, trogons, parrots, parakeets, and many other exotic species. Around mid-morning we will drive the eleven miles to San Felipe village where **Ixcacao Mayan Belizean Chocolate** is based. Juan and Abelina Cho have developed their business over the past twenty years. Juan explains the history and biology of the cacao species growing in the garden around the house and chocolate making facilities. Upstairs you will have the opportunity to try a cacao drink as well as a variety of chocolates flavoured with salt, chili, cinnamon, cardamom, orange, ginger, and coconut. You will have an opportunity to husk the cacao beans and grind them on a metate to make your own chocolate. They offer an excellent buffet lunch with a chocolate themed main course as well as variety of delicious vegetable side dishes. (Included) Products available in their gift shop.

On your return enjoy the lodge pool and gardens or take a tube and enjoy a leisurely float on the meandering Rio Grande river that surrounds the lodge and enjoy a soak in the natural hot springs.

Day 3 We begin the day with a short ride nine miles north to the **Belize Spice Farm**. The farm is the vision of Thomas and Tessy Matthew from Kerala in southwest India. The farm produces commercial quantities of vanilla orchids, cardamom, and black pepper. They have dozens of species of Belizean fruits and nuts and exotic species like nutmeg and cinnamon, with many varieties of palm and bamboo.

We have lunch back in Big Falls village at Coleman’s café which offers a delicious, daily Belizean buffet with rice, beans, chicken, pork, cohune cabbage (heart of palm cooked in turmeric) and fried plantain and other dishes. (Included)

After lunch we visit **the Mayan site of Nim Li Punit** perched on a hilltop overlooking the coastal forest and Cayes beyond. The site has the largest collection of carved stelae in Belize that tell the story of the civilization that occupied the site over several hundred years. It is also a great place for birding among the large forest trees.



Day 4 Today you will experience authentic Maya culture visiting a Mayan home in the village. **The Mayan family** will share with you the way in which the Maya lived and how they used the plants, trees and herbs for housing, furniture, food, and medicine. This is also where we have lunch today and you will have a chance to make your own tortillas and taste some of the local produce and enjoy a cacao drink from a calabash gourd.

Mahogany Chocolate describes itself as a tree-to-bean-to-bar chocolate company producing premium gourmet chocolate and related products using Belize's fine flavour cacao from their very own "Peini" farms and 150 Ma-yan cacao farmers in Toledo. Our visit to their Punta Gorda facility will include understanding the processes of bean selection, roasting, grinding, conching and tempering as you make your own chocolate bar to take with you when you leave. Products also available in their shop.



Day 5 This morning, with your guide, explore the Mayan archaeological site of **Lubaantun** where the crystal skull was discovered in 1924 by Anna Mitchell-Hedges who, as a teenager, was accompanying her father Frederick, an adventurer explorer. This magical site is beautifully preserved with a wonderful ambiance and few other travelers. From here, drive through the Mayan villages to the **Rio Blanco National Park** where you will enjoy a picnic lunch and can jump from the rocks into the deep pool below the waterfall. Cross the river on the cable bridge and trek the jungle trail that loops through the surrounding forest, keeping an eye out for small mammals and birds.

Day 6 Breakfast and departure.

Belize Spice Farm



Tom Matthew with his banyan tree



Nutmeg surrounded by red mace.



Vanilla orchid pods on the vine



Vanilla pods on the drying rack.

Ixcacao Mayan Belizean Chocolate



Juan grinds cacao beans into a paste on the metate



Abelina & Juan serve lunch.



Learning about cacao and chocolate



Cacao beans ground to a paste



Chocolate and cocoa samples



Jade, flint, and pottery found in tomb at Nim Li Punit



Tanager Rainforest Lodge

Northern Vietnam & Cambodia:

Hanoi-Angkor Wat

Item 103



VIETNAM, a country a bit smaller than California, is a treat for the senses bursting with visual, cultural, and culinary delights! Experience the picturesque, bustling city of **Hanoi**, the stunning vistas of **Halong Bay** from the deck of a beautiful wooden junk. **CAMBODIA**, adjacent to Vietnam but with its distinct culture, food, and history. **Siem Reap**, a resort town, is the gateway to the ruins of Angkor, the seat of the Khmer kingdom from the 9th–15th centuries. Angkor’s vast complex of intricate stone buildings includes preserved **Angkor Wat**, the main temple.

7 days/ 6 nights for two. Enjoy the sights of **Hanoi**’s Old Quarter, also known as the “36 streets”, Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Temple of Literature. Overnight luxury junk cruise through the towering limestone islands of **Halong Bay** with sumptuous meals of fresh seafood. In Siem Reap, explore the famous **Bayon temple** of **Angkor Thom** and incredible **Angkor Wat**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** erected in the 12th century and one of the most amazing man-made monuments in the world. Don’t miss **Pub Street**, the center of **Siem Reap**’s nightlife scene.

Inclusive of: RT airport transfer, English-speaking guides, private drivers, 5* accommodations per itinerary (Exotic Voyages reserves the right to substitute comparable properties.) **Reference itinerary for full details.**

International and regional flights, visa, alcohol, gratuities, personal insurance, any meals /activities not mentioned in the attached itinerary **are not included.**



Non-transferable, expires two years from the date of the event. No blackout dates, subject to availability. High season surcharge applies for travel during Vietnamese Lunar New Year (early Feb) and Christmas/New Year. Winning bidders are advised to book at least 90 days prior to travel. Additional travelers, nights, excursions can be added.

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VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA ESSENCE

Duration: 6 days / 5 nights

Overview: Hanoi - Halong - Siem Reap.

Trip planning

Exotic Voyages – Ms. Hong Nhung

Guest names

To be advised

Number of guest

2 persons (1 double room)

Traveling style

Leisure pace

Dates of traveling

TBD

Room Preference

Non smoking, nice view

Destinations

Vietnam & Cambodia

Version

Version 1

Validity

Two years from the date of event. High Season/Holiday surcharge applies for Christmas week, New Year's week and Lunar New Year

Tour Code

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ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival in Hanoi

Arrive in Hanoi, you will be met by our local guide at the airport and transferred to your hotel for a rest after your long journey. The remainder of the day is free to rest, relax or explore on your own. Hanoi is a picturesque city of more than 6 million people. Its tree-shaded streets are filled with lovely examples of French colonial architecture. As we walk the streets we will be transported back in time. We'll be swept away by the scenes in the marketplaces, family life in the street, commerce, and a mixture of old and new technologies. Meals on your own. Overnight at the hotel.



Day 2: Hanoi City (Breakfast, Lunch)

This morning we will visit the **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum** (the outside) and his nearby former residence - a traditional stilt house.

After that, you will visit the Temple of Literature (Van Mieu in Vietnamese), situated in the place once known as the first university of Vietnam. Built in 1070 by emperor Ly Thanh Tong, the university was first opened for princes and mandarins exclusively. Inside, you will find 82 of the original 116 stelae engraving the names of the winners from doctorate competitions. Outside, with its ancient courtyards, altars and roofs, Van Mieu is a very fine example of Vietnamese architecture.

You will then enjoy your lunch at the special restaurant, a charming and warm place with fantastic food and services - KOTO Restaurant. It is not only a restaurant, it is a home for disadvantage youth in Vietnam where they can raise their confidence and have a better life through its holistic hospitality training program. KOTO - stands for Know One, Teach One", it reflects their belief that if you're in a position where you can help someone

less fortunate, then you should help them; and the greatest thanks you can receive is to one day see that person be in a position to do the same for someone else. It would be the memorable time to enjoy the meal and explore the story behind.

This afternoon, keeping your journey to **Hoa Lo Prison**, used by the French colonists in Vietnam for political prisoners, and later by North Vietnam for prisoners of war during the Vietnam War when it was sarcastically known to American prisoners of war as the Hanoi Hilton. The prison was demolished during the 1990s, though the gatehouse remains as a museum.

The balance of the day is free time to enjoy a walking tour of Hanoi's Old Quarter, also known as the '36 streets'. This bustling area of narrow streets and alleys is home to literally thousands of small businesses and shopkeepers. It's a great place to explore with plenty of photo opportunities all around you. Dinner is on your own account. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 3: Hanoi – Halong Bay (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

In the morning leave Hanoi for Halong Bay with guide (180 km - 3.5 hour driving), arriving around noon. Board a charming boat and begin your exploration of magical Halong Bay, one of Southeast Asia's premier tourist destinations. An excellent, fresh seafood lunch and dinner will be served on the boat. Overnight onboard the very comfortable and charming boat.

** Your guide will not embark the cruise, you will have local guide on board.*



Day 4: Halong – Hanoi – Siem Reap (Breakfast)

Wake up early in the morning to enjoy the aquamarine water of the bay at its best. After breakfast, the junk continues to cruise quietly through the spectacular limestone formations of Halong Bay. Enjoy the peacefulness of sailing amongst the unique islands of the bay. Return to Halong harbour

for transfer back Hanoi airport for the flight to Siem Reap. Welcome by driver and transfer with guide to your hotel for check in. Lunch and dinner on your own account. Overnight in Siem Reap.

Day 5: Angkor Complex exploration (Breakfast)

This morning we depart to visit the Great City of Angkor Thom, beginning at the southern gate's famous Bayon temple built in the 12th and 13th centuries and dedicated to Buddhism. Bayon comprises 54 gigantic towers featuring 216 smiling faces of Avalokitesvara. Then visit the 350m long Elephant Terrace used as a giant reviewing stand for public ceremonies and served as a base for the king's grand audience hall, and the raised terrace of the Leper King, built in the 12th century and presenting many of the city's most admired Apsara sculptures.

In the afternoon, we will leave to discover the incredible temple of Angkor Wat, a World Heritage Site with soaring towers and extraordinary bas reliefs. It is one of the most amazing man-made monuments in the world and was erected in the 12th century in honour of Vishnu. Meals on your own account. Overnight in Siem Reap.



Day 6: Siem Reap - Departure (Breakfast)

Enjoy a relax morning at your leisure until your transfer with guide to the airport in Siem Reap for the departure flight. Room is at your disposal until noon time. Meals on your own account.

SERVICES END.

ACCOMMODATION

Location	Hotels
Hanoi	The Oriental Jade Hotel ***** (Sapphire Quarter View room)
Halong Bay	Non-private Orchid Cruise (Suite Balcony)
Siem Reap	Shinta Mani Angkor **** (Bayon room)

TOUR INCLUSIONS

Services included	Services excluded
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transportation by private vehicle with A/C or joining transfer as mentioned.• Local English speaking guide(s)• Breakfast and other meals mentioned in the program• Accommodation in the category chosen or similar• Sightseeing as mentioned• Non-private overnight cruise in Halong Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drinks during the meals• Meals not mentioned• Personal insurance• Tips and personal expenses• Any service not mentioned in the program• International flights in economy class and airport taxes. Asia internal airfares• Visa to Vietnam and Cambodia• Optional services, early check-in and late check-out at the hotel where not mention.

Cape Wine Experience:

South Africa Item 104



'CAPE TOWN & THE HISTORICAL WINE ROUTES'

Sir Francis Drake called it "The fairest cape in the circumference of the earth", and the British called it "The tavern of the seas." **Cape Town** is the oldest city in South Africa and fondly called THE MOTHER CITY.

Stellenbosch, the second oldest city in South Africa is in the heart of the Premier Wine Route and known for its French Huguenot Heritage.

Winning bidders will enjoy **6 days/ 5 nights for two people** comprised of 3 nights in Cape Town, renowned as one of the most beautiful cities in the world, and 2 nights in the Cape Winelands (Franschhoek, Paarl, and Stellenbosch) tasting wines made from the vines brought from France by the Huguenots in the late 1600's. Transfers, tours, entrance fees per itinerary.

Inclusive of: RT airport transfer, 3 nights Winchester Mansion Hotel (or similar) BB, 2 nights Spier Hotel (or similar) BB, two 3-course dinners (one in Cape Town and one in Stellenbosch). Full day Cape Peninsula tour: visiting the Cape of Good Hope, the penguin colony in Simonstown, Hout Bay, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens; 2 days of wine tasting with private driver.

International and regional flights, alcohol, gratuities, personal insurance, and any meals /activities not mentioned in the attached itinerary **are not included**. **(\$1200 surcharge applies for travel December 10-January 10)



This package is non-transferable, expires two years from the date of the event. There are no blackout dates, but it is subject to availability and winning bidders are advised to book at least 90 days prior to travel. Rufaro Destination Management reserves the right to commence itinerary in either the Winelands or Cape Town, and/or substitute a comparable property subject to availability. Additional travelers, nights, excursions can be added.

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Buy it Now: \$3,850

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ITINERARY:

- DAY1.: ARRIVE CAPE TOWN**  **CAPE WINE EXPERIENCE**
Arrive Cape Town international on UA1122 at 18h00 (6pm)
Met at airport and transferred to hotel by Ilios Travel
[Meet Kitty at the hotel – given all the vouchers.]
Dinner voucher: Harvey's restaurant (**or keep for next night?**)
Overnight: Winchester Mansions Hotel 4* (DBB)
221 Beach Road, Sea Point
Tel: +27 21 434 2351
1 x Classic Double room
- DAY 2.: CAPE TOWN: HOP-ON HOP-OFF BUS**  **CAPE WINE EXPERIENCE**
Use your City Hop-on Hop-off ticket at leisure to visit museums and sights as
Castle of Good Hope, Robben Island, South African Cultural History Museum,
District Six Museum and Gold of Africa Museum
Overnight: Winchester Mansions Hotel 4* (BB)
1 x Classic Double room
- DAY 3.: CAPE TOWN – PENINSULA TOUR**  **CAPE WINE EXPERIENCE**
Full day Scheduled Peninsula Tour with Ilios Travel at 09h00
Overnight: Winchester Mansions Hotel 4* (BB)
1 x Classic Double room
- DAY 4. CAPE TOWN – FRANSCHHOEK – STELLENBOSCH**  **CAPE WINE EXPERIENCE**
Transfer and private wine tour to Franschhoek and Stellenbosch at 09h30
Lunch in Stellenbosch/ Franschhoek – for own account
Dinner: Spier Restaurant (Dinner voucher)
Overnight: Spier Hotel 4*
R310 Lynedoch Road Stellenbosch

Tel: +27 (21) 809 1100
1 x Garden Terrace Room (D/B/B)
Including: Glass of wine on arrival, Complimentary bottle of wine
Complimentary wine tasting.

DAY 5.: FULL DAY STELLENBOSCH AND ITS WINELANDS  **CAPE WINE EXPERIENCE** 09h30

After breakfast start a full day tour in Stellenbosch at
On this private wine tour, you can tailor-make the day to suit your needs
according to the time available, for wine tasting and sights you want to see.
During the day you will experience the following:

- Wine tasting on 4 selected and award-winning wine farms
- Get to know historical facts about the winelands towns you visit.
- Lunch at an historic and scenic wine estate in Stellenbosch. Enjoy a typical South African “braai” for lunch

Overnight: Spier Hotel 4* BB – Garden Terrace Room (B&B)

DAY 6. DEPART CAPE TOWN

THE END OF RUFARO DMC SERVICES



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Member: Ms C SNYMAN

"My Old Kentucky Home"

Lexington

Item 105



Welcome to gracious 304 West High Street in the heart of historic downtown Lexington. — where southern charm is across the threshold, and southern hospitality is at your doorstep! Original craftsmen details from 1902, yet modern amenities provide an upscale stay. Enjoy high-end modern finishes in the kitchen & bath and large open spaces, with period details from the original hardwoods to the high ceilings. 4.98 rating on Airbnb!

Inclusive of Bites of the Bluegrass walking tour— voted # 1 ranked Lexington Tour on TripAdvisor. “ Join us in historical Downtown Lexington where we'll take you to the some of the best bites in the Bluegrass! Your foodie guide will lead you on an insightful tour through the city's booming food scene to taste its unique southern flavors. Taste delicious farm-to-fork cuisine and learn about the city's captivating history, architecture, and street art along the way.”

FOUR people will enjoy the southern comfort of 304 West High Street for **3 days/2 nights**!**

Inclusive of mid-week accommodations** 2 spacious master bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms. (Additional rooms can be unlocked for a maximum of 8 guests for a fee post-event.), Bites of the Bluegrass walking tour for 4, welcome charcuterie, full kitchen, complimentary wi-fi.

Airfare, gratuities, personal insurance, and meals outside of the Bites of the Bluegrass **are not included.**



This package is non-transferable, expires one year from the date of the event and subject to availability. Reservations are subject to availability, and the following surcharges apply: \$500 per room per weekend night (Friday/Saturday). Blackout dates during Keeneland, the first 4 weeks of April and October. Winning bidders are advised to book at least 90 days prior to travel. Additional travelers, nights, excursions can be added.

Provided by: The Zimmerman Family and Auction Shake Up
Estimated Value: **\$3,090.00**

Buy it Now: \$1,700.00

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“Old Kentucky Home” FAQ’s

How do we get to 304 West High Street?

- GPS coordinates: 38.04714,-84.50115
- If you self-drive, there is free parking on premises—2 spaces.
- If you fly in/out of Bluegrass Airport--LEX, home is about 15 minutes away.
- \$50 gift card toward reimbursement of RideShare
- If you fly in/out of CVG Cincinnati, home is about 75 miles away.
- If you fly in/out of Louisville International Airport—SDF, home is about 75 miles away.

Can we bring more friends and/or add more nights?

- More friends can be added post-event up to maximum of 8 guests at additional cost.
- More nights can be added post-event at additional cost.
- Rates provided with tracking number post event.

What is the bedroom/bathroom configuration?

Total 6 bedrooms, 4.5 bathrooms, 10 beds. Auction package room

- First floor (1 bedroom and 1.5 baths)
 - 1 - Queen and ensuite
 - 1 - Half bath
- Second floor (5 bedrooms and 3 baths)
 - 2 - King beds that share a full bath accessible via the hallway
 - 1 – King bed with an ensuite and laundry
 - 2 – Twin beds with shared full bathroom
- Third floor (4 beds)
 - 2 – Full size beds
 - 2 – Twins
 - These share the second floor bathroom

Is there Wi-Fi, cable TV?

- Fast Wi-Fi– 278 Mbps with dedicated workspace in common area.
- Sonos sound System
- HDTV with Netflix.

Are there laundry facilities?

- Full Size Washer and Dryer in unit (free)
- Iron

Can we use the kitchen? Yes!

- Guests can cook their own meals in the full kitchen, order from a service like Door Dash, or go out to one of the local eateries.
- Gas stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave.
- Pots, pans, dishes, utensils provided.

Is there a BBQ? Yes!

- One gas grill and two outdoor dining areas.

Are linens, toiletries, blow dryers provided? Yes!

- Bed linens, towels, extra pillows and blankets, hangers
- Blow dryers, shampoo, conditioner, soap, shower gel, toilet paper.

Excursions

Included: Bites of the Bluegrass. #1 rated Trip Advisor Tours and Activities in Lexington.

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g39588-d24050912-Reviews-Bites_of_the_Bluegrass-Lexington_Kentucky.html

A Link to nearby attractions and dining options is provided in the winner packet for self-booking.

Nearby Distillery Tours

Horse & Barrel Tours: "Horse and Barrel Tours is the premiere horse farm, winery, and bourbon tour company in Central Kentucky. We provide tours of all kinds, and we are willing to work with you to build a custom tour based on the unique needs of your group. Our goal is for our guests to be able to sit back, have a drink, and enjoy the day as we take care of everything. We consider ourselves an 'EXPERIENCE' company, more than a typical 'TOUR' company. We work hard every day to meet and exceed our guest's expectations and take pride in what we do." Book here: <https://www.horseandbarrelexperiences.com/>

Maker's Mark Distillery: This distillery in Loretto, KY offers a "Behind the Mark" tour, which includes a guided tour of the distillery and a hands-on experience where you can hand-dip your own bottle in the iconic red wax. Book here: <https://makersmark.com/visit/tours>

Jim Beam American Stillhouse: Located in Clermont, KY, this distillery offers a "Distiller for a Day" experience where you can work alongside the master distiller and learn the art of making bourbon. Book here: <https://www.jimbeam.com/en-us/visit-us/american-stillhouse>

Buffalo Trace Distillery: This distillery in Frankfort, KY offers a "Ghost Tour" where you can explore the spooky side of the distillery and taste some of their most exclusive bourbons. Book here: <https://www.buffalotrace-distillery.com/visit-us/ghost-tour.html>

Kentucky Bourbon Trail: The Kentucky Bourbon Trail is a self-guided tour that takes you to several of the state's most famous distilleries, including Maker's Mark, Jim Beam, and Buffalo Trace. Book here: <https://kybourbontrail.com/>

Evan Williams Bourbon Experience: Located in Louisville, KY, this distillery offers a "Bourbon Experience" tour that includes a guided tour of the distillery and a bourbon tasting. Book here: <https://www.evanwilliams.com/bourbon-experience>

Wild Turkey Distillery: This distillery in Lawrenceburg, KY offers a "Master's Keep Tour" where you can taste rare and limited edition bourbons and learn about the history of the Wild Turkey brand. Book here: <https://www.wildturkeybourbon.com/distillery/tours/>

Old Forester Distilling Co.: Located in Louisville, KY, this distillery offers a "Whiskey Row Experience" that includes a tour of the distillery, a bourbon tasting, and the opportunity to create your own personalized bottle of Old Forester. Book here: <https://www.oldforester.com/distillery/visit-us/>

Villa "Las Golondrinas" Cayuco 33:

Dominican Republic

Item 106



'Villa Las Golondrinas' –"The Swallows", a privately owned luxury villa awaits you! Will this be a golfer's trip? A girl's getaway? A family vacation? The choice is yours!

Located in the luxury gated community of Cayuco, Cap Cana. Nearby activities: pink coral sand beaches, golf, Scape Park. Your concierge can arrange for offsite excursions such as cigar factory, swimming with dolphins, or arrange for massage or yoga sessions by your expansive private pool.

For **5 days/ 4 nights, SIX people** will enjoy calling 'Las Golondrinas' home! Your private chef will take your personal grocery list and prepare all meals to perfection. Enjoy a mojito and show your friends your best moves during an evening of private merengue, salsa, bachata dance lessons (included). Relax poolside in the Caribbean breeze with a favorite book, or arrange for a few rounds of golf, a day trip to Santo Domingo, the local market or cigar factory. The staff of maid, chef, butler/concierge will make sure all your needs are met.

Inclusive of RT airport transfer, 3 spacious pool facing bedrooms, all with ensuite bathrooms. (Villa has 5 bedrooms. Additional rooms can be unlocked for a fee post-event.), full villa staff, one evening of private merengue, salsa, bachata dance lessons, all meals prepared by private chef, complimentary wi-fi,

Airfare, \$10pp airport visa fee upon arrival, cost of groceries, alcohol, gratuities, personal insurance, and off-site excursions **are not included**.



This package is non-transferable, expires one year from the date of the event and subject to availability. \$300.00 surcharge for Friday or Saturday nights. Blackout dates December 17-January 7, and Good Friday through Easter Sunday. Winning bidders are advised to book at least 90 days prior to travel. Additional travelers, nights, excursions can be added.

Provided by: Villa Las Golondrinas and Auction Shake Up
Estimated Value: **\$11,860.00**

Buy it Now: \$4,700

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Frequently Asked Questions

“Las Golondrinas” Cayuco Villa 33

How do I book my trip?

- Contact Beth for your tracking number. She will answer any immediate questions, explain “the lay of the land”, and provide rates if you want to add more nights or friends. Phone 425-891-5800 (recommended) or, email beth@auctionshakeup.com
- Once you have your tracking number, you will contact Cecilia and Andres (dr.ccana.rd@gmail.com, andresma_asd@hotmail.com) to check for availability. The package is subject to availability, so it is recommended you request your desired dates as soon as possible. The package expires one year from the date of the event.

What documents do I need?

- Visas are not required for visits shorter than 30 days. All visitors to the Dominican Republic are charged a \$10 tourist card fee that is incorporated into airline charges or paid upon arrival.
- A passport (valid for 6 months after your date of departure) is required to travel to the Dominican Republic.
- **E-TICKET:** All foreign and Dominican passengers entering or departing the Dominican Republic on commercial flights must complete the free electronic entry and exit form at: <https://www.dominicanrepublicticket.com/> or <https://eticket.migracion.gob.do>
 - It is no longer required to fill it out 72 hours prior to the trip. It can be filled out as soon as you have your flight information, even months in advance. However, it must be filled out before arriving at the airline counter at the airport, as it is required to present it to the airline. To avoid delays at the airport, it is advised to complete the form before the trip. If your specific home city is not shown in the form, you can choose the nearest large city in your state or province.
 - **The address of the villa is: Punta Cayuco 33, CapCana; Provincia de la Altagracia, Municipio de Higüey**
 - If you are traveling as a family, you must fill out the form with the data of all the family members who will be traveling, however, it is only necessary that a single user be created in the system and that this user fill in the data of all the members of the family that belong to that trip, up to 6 members additional to the one filling out the form (7 persons in total per form). It is not necessary for each traveler in the same family to fill out an individual form. If more than 7 people are traveling, you must fill out an additional form for the rest. Children do not fill out the Customs section, only adults. A single QR code will be generated for the family. You can print or make a screenshot of the arrival and departure confirmation QR codes. If you need to make any changes to the E-TICKET, you can consult it with the application code that was issued when you started filling out the form and make changes.

How do I get there?

- You will fly into PUJ-Punta Cana Airport. (Airfare is not included in the auction package.)
- One RT airport transfer for up to 6 people is included. If parts of the group are arriving at different times and need transport, there will be an additional fee.
- You will fill in the flight numbers with arrival and departure times on the guest information form included in your winner packet and email to Andres and Alejandro (andresma_asd@hotmail.com, alemvd8@gmail.com) with your grocery list and copies of passports-needed on file at CapCana security gates during your stay.

Food and water?

- You are provided with a shopping list in the winner packet so the villa can be provisioned to your specifications—including favorite beverages and snacks. Select the ingredients/foods you like to eat, and your meals will be exquisitely prepared by your private chef showcasing the local cuisine. Special dietary needs can be accommodated with prior notice. You can also enjoy lovely meals at nearby establishments and authentic Dominican cuisine at local restaurants.
- Groceries and meals outside of the villa are at additional cost. The villa will be stocked prior to your arrival. You will reimburse the Just 4 U team upon arrival. (Payable in USD, so remember to bring cash.) A receipt

showing the purchases will be provided.

- Because of the risk of spoilage or contamination between guests, only salt/pepper is provided for seasoning. If you have a specific seasoning you like, you can put it on the shopping list. (Or pack some and bring it with you?)
- It is not recommended to drink water from the tap. A purified water dispenser is located in the villa. Individual bottled water can be requested to be included on your shopping list. It is safe to brush your teeth with tap water if the water is not ingested.
- Recommended: Buy alcoholic beverages at the airport in Duty Free at the final exit point from the USA and bring with you. Alcoholic drinks can be included on your shopping list, but since everything is shipped to the island, they can be pricey, and if you have a favorite brand, there's no guarantee it will be in stock.

Are shots/vaccinations required?

- ENTRY REQUIREMENTS As of April 23, 2022, all passengers and crew members do not need to present a COVID-19 Vaccination Card, PCR, or antigen test to enter the Dominican Republic or to enter tourist centers, any establishments or to receive services such as excursions. Random COVID-19 testing for passengers and crew upon arrival in the Dominican Republic will no longer be performed. However, when required, random testing operations may be performed. Passengers who present their Vaccination Card will be exempted from random testing.
- No shots are required to visit the DR, but it is always a good idea to be current on your tetanus and bring with you any prescribed medications in their original bottles.

Currency and Tipping?

- US dollars are accepted everywhere. There is no need to exchange currency.
- It is recommended each person in the group bring \$75-100 pp per day in USD to cover groceries, gratuities, an occasional cab ride, or a beer and burger at the beach. Be sure the bills are "crisp"- not torn or crinkled. The banks refuse "damaged" bills so establishments and service providers will not take them. Bring small denominations. Most merchants and, cabs, etc. cannot "break a twenty."
- You can also use your Visa, MC, and ATM cards, but there can be a surcharge of up to 18-20% added by most establishments (not your bank) for using credit cards and the ATMs have been known to run out of USD.
- Tipping guidelines: Chef: \$50-75 per day, Maid: \$17-30 per day, Concierge/management team : \$200 per stay. Tips are of course at the discretion of the party receiving the service, but it is appreciated if you leave a gratuity for the staff.
- Off-site: It is usually the policy for a 10% gratuity to be added when dining out or purchasing any tourism related service, but if service is exceptional, you can always leave more.

Internet and Voltage Converters?

- Internet access is available at the villa free of charge. Outlets are the same as in the US.

What if I want to add on more people or stay more nights?

- The auction package unlocks three pool facing bedrooms (6 ppl). Cayuco 33 has 5 ensuite bedrooms, there are two additional garden facing bedrooms which can be unlocked for an additional fee. The owners limit maximum to 10 people, 2 per room. Some exceptions can be made for small children staying in the same room as parents on a case-by-case basis.
- If you would like to stay longer than 4 nights, there are special auction winner rates. Please contact Beth for details.

Room configuration?

There are 5 bedrooms, each one with its own bathroom. There is also a powder room ½ bath on the main level and another bathroom near the pool.

1. Master Bedroom: facing the pool has 1 king sized bed
2. Upper level room: facing the pool has two full sized beds

3. Lower level room: facing the pool has 1 king sized bed
4. Upper level room: facing the garden/street has 2 full sized beds
5. Lower level room: facing the garden/street has 2 full sized beds

Language spoken?

- Most of the locals and the staff are Spanish speaking with a bit of English. People visit the Dominican Republic every year without knowing a word of Spanish. English (and sometimes a bit of “charades” if necessary) will get you by in most situations. The locals truly appreciate your trying to speak Spanish, but it is not required.

What do I pack?

- Dominican Republic is very laid back and casual! A swimsuit, shorts or sundress are all you need.
- Beach towels are available at the villa and can be checked in and out by the maid.
- Soap is provided in bathrooms and showers. Pack shampoo or conditioner, lotions, and other toiletries.
- There are 2 hair dryers in the villa.

“Las Golondrinas”?

- The villa is named for the swallows (las golondrinas) that fill the skies at dusk as the moon and the stars come out. The privately owned, multimillion dollar villa that will astound you with its luxurious features and vistas overlooking the lake of the future Las Iguanas golf course, and the turquoise blue waters of the Caribbean nearby. The attentive staff will be at your service as you relax in the open-air main living area, soak up the Caribbean sun by your huge private pool, or have a glass of champagne or rum cocktail in the hot tub under the stars.

Fine Print and Restrictions?

- The package is subject to availability, expires one year from the date of the event, and is non-transferable and non-refundable. It may not be passed to other organizations and may not be bartered or sold in any manner. Airfare, gratuities, and groceries/alcoholic beverages are not included (although your staff will make you a mean cuba libre, mojito, or margarita!) Golf and other excursions are not included but can be arranged for you by the concierge team. (Alejandro & Andres)

Taste of Croatia:

Croatia Gateway

Item 107



Explore the best of Croatia with a journey through **Zagreb**, **Plitvice Lakes**, and **Split**, each offering a unique blend of culture, history, and natural beauty.

Start in Zagreb, the lively capital where cobblestone streets, Austro-Hungarian architecture, and iconic landmarks like St. Mark's Church and the Zagreb Cathedral await. Then, venture into the breathtaking **Plitvice Lakes National Park**, a UNESCO World Heritage site of cascading waterfalls and turquoise lakes. End in **Split**, where ancient history comes alive

in Diocletian's Palace, the Riva promenade, and along sun-drenched beaches by the sparkling Adriatic Sea.

Winning bidders will enjoy **6 days/ 5 nights for two people** comprised of 3 days in Croatia's capital city of Zagreb with a 3-course welcome dinner and guided walking tour of the historic Upper and Lower town, a scenic drive, stopping at renowned Plitvice Lakes, and 3 days in the coastal town of Split including a cooking class, paired with Croatian wines and walking tour around Split's historic center. Accommodation in 4* hotels with breakfast. Transfers, tours, entrance fees per itinerary.

Inclusive of: RT airport transfer, 5 nights BB, two privately guided walking tours, private transport Zagreb-Split in airconditioned vehicle. International and regional flights, alcohol, gratuities, personal insurance, and any meals /activities not mentioned in the attached itinerary **are not included**.



This package is non-transferable, expires two years from the date of the event. There are no blackout dates, subject to availability. Winning bidders are advised to book at least 90 days prior to travel. Additional travelers, nights, excursions can be added.

Provided by: Rufaro Destination Management and Auction Shake Up

Estimated Value: \$5,500.00

Buy it Now: \$3,700

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ZAGREB and the DALMATIAN COAST (Private driver included in auction package!)

The drive from Zagreb to Split via Plitvice Lakes National Park offers a stunning array of landscapes and experiences, making it a memorable journey through Croatia's natural beauty. Zagreb, Croatia's vibrant capital, serves as the ideal starting point. This route is well-maintained and allows for a smooth drive through the picturesque Croatian countryside, characterized by rolling hills and lush greenery

Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, offers a rich blend of history, culture, and vibrant local life. Here are some of the top attractions to explore:

1. **Kaptol and Gradec (Upper Town)** This historic area is the heart of Zagreb, featuring medieval architecture and cobblestone streets. Key sites include St. Mark's Church and the Stone Gate, which are significant landmarks in Croatian history
2. **Zagreb Cathedral** Known for its impressive neo-Gothic architecture, the cathedral is the tallest building in Croatia. Visitors can admire its twin spires and enter the treasury to view sacred artifacts
3. **Dolac Market.** Often referred to as the "Belly of Zagreb," this bustling market offers fresh produce and local delicacies. It provides a glimpse into everyday life in Zagreb and is a great place to sample local cuisine
4. **Lotrščak Tower.** A remnant of the city's medieval walls, this tower offers panoramic views of Zagreb. It is famous for its cannon that fires every day at noon
5. **Museum of Broken Relationships.** This unique museum showcases personal objects and stories related to failed relationships, making it a poignant and interactive experience for visitors
6. **Tkalčićeva Street** This lively street is lined with cafes, bars, and shops, making it perfect for leisurely strolls and people-watching

Plitvice Lakes National Park:

As you approach Plitvice Lakes, the landscape transforms into a breathtaking panorama of cascading waterfalls and serene lakes. The park is famous for its 16 interconnected lakes, renowned for their vibrant colors ranging from azure to green, depending on the minerals and organisms present. Visitors can take advantage of various walking trails that meander through the park, providing ample opportunities for photography and wildlife observation

After exploring Plitvice Lakes, the journey continues towards Split. The distance from Plitvice to Split is about 250 kilometers, taking roughly three to four hours and offers scenic views of mountainous terrain and charming coastal towns as you near the Adriatic Sea.

Scenic Highlights Along the Way

The drive from Zagreb through the Croatian Countryside features rolling hills and expansive fields, offering glimpses of traditional villages and agricultural landscapes.

Plitvice Lakes are a highlight, with its stunning waterfalls and vibrant lakes. Allocate time for hiking along the wooden pathways that provide unique views of this UNESCO World Heritage site.

As you leave Plitvice and head towards Split, you drive through dramatic mountain scenery that showcases Croatia's natural diversity.

Approaching **Split**, the landscape shifts to reveal breathtaking views of the Adriatic coastline, dotted with islands and azure waters.

The Croatian Peninsula is renowned for its stunning landscapes and historic sites. Here are some must-visit attractions:

1. Krka National Park

Famous for its waterfalls and natural beauty, Krka National Park offers walking trails, boat tours, and opportunities for swimming in pristine waters

2. Plitvice Lakes National Park

A UNESCO World Heritage site, this park features cascading lakes and diverse wildlife. It's one of Croatia's most visited natural attractions

4. Split. Home to Diocletian's Palace, Split combines ancient history with a vibrant modern atmosphere, featuring shops, restaurants, and beaches along the Adriatic coast

5. Dubrovnik. Known as the "Pearl of the Adriatic," Dubrovnik boasts well-preserved medieval architecture and stunning views from its city walls

These attractions highlight both Zagreb's urban charm and the natural beauty found throughout the Croatian Peninsula, making them essential stops for any traveller exploring Croatia.





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Ala Française:

Provence & the Riviera

Item 108



'Provence and the French Riviera'

The picturesque southern French region of **Provence** on the Côte d'Azur is famous for its rosé wines, sunshine, and glamour. There are beautiful river valleys, gorges, lovely coastlands, and mountainous areas with picturesque old villages, all under a wonderful Mediterranean climate.

A picture-perfect, panoramic coastal oasis that has been the playground of the rich and famous for centuries, exploring the **French Riviera** is a good idea any time of year. The French Riviera produces over 75% of the world's luxury perfume from flowers cultivated and harvested around Grasse.

Tour Roussillon, Fontane de Vaucluse, and the Pont du Gard. Take in panoramic views of the different bays of Juan-Les-Pins and Antibes, visit the unforgettable medieval village of Eze, indulge in a shopping visit to a perfumery, and place your hands on the stars' handprints by the famous red carpet of the Cannes film festival palace.

Winning bidders will enjoy **6 days/ 5 nights for two people** comprised of 3 days in Provence, inclusive of private wine tours, a cooking class in Avignon, and a full day tour of Provence, and 3 days in Nice, the French Riviera. Accommodation in charming 4* hotels with breakfast. Transfers, tours, entrance fees per itinerary.

Inclusive of: RT airport transfer, 5 nights BB, TVG fare Avignon-Nice, two full-day shared tours: All Provence in One Day and Riviera Panorama in airconditioned vehicle.

International and regional flights, alcohol, gratuities, personal insurance, and any meals /activities not mentioned in the attached itinerary **are not included**.



This package is non-transferable, expires one year from the date of the event. Subject to availability, winning bidders are advised to book at least 90 days prior to travel. Additional travelers, nights, excursions can be added.

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Buy it Now: \$5,100

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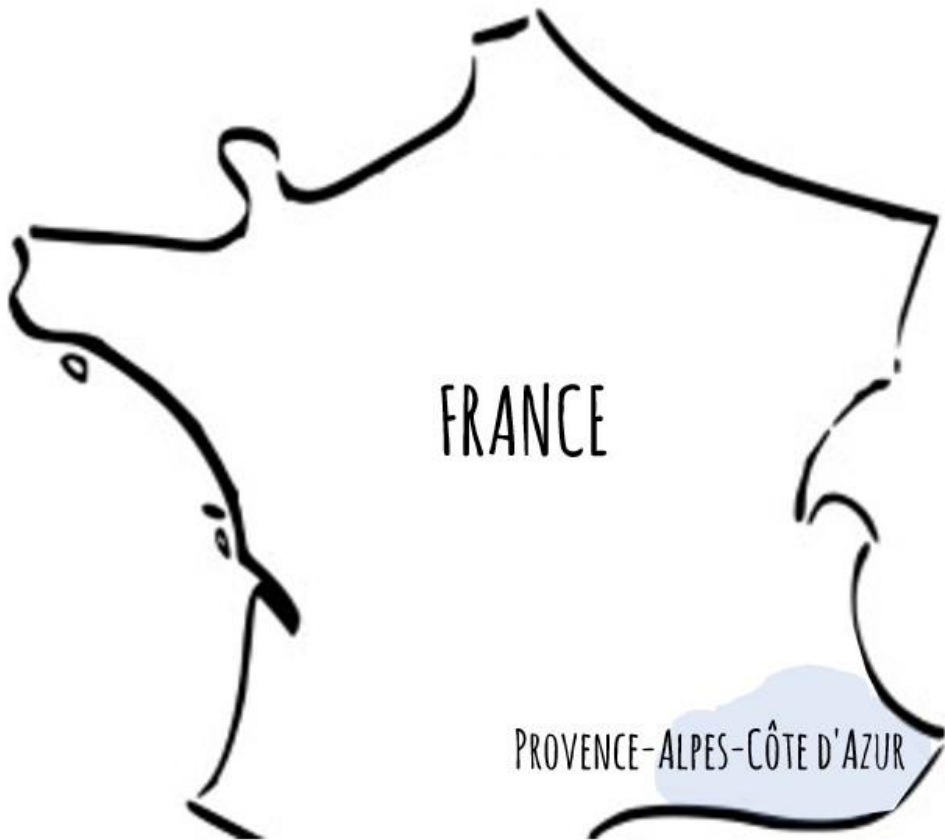
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PROVENCE & THE FRENCH RIVIERA



PROVENCE & THE FRENCH RIVIERA

Provence and Côte d'Azur (The French Riviera) are part of a region in France called **Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur**. The region of Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur is located in France's southeastern-most corner (shown in blue) next to Italy.



Provence - Art de Vivre!

Provence is a dynamic region where the traditions of the Greeks and the Roman settlers are well preserved. The Romans settled in Provence as early as 125 BC, and left behind outstanding examples of their civilization, now claimed as UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) Heritage for all Humanity.

Provence is a major producer of wine, olive oil, and the fruit of French orchards, not to mention the gastronomy, which is rich in the flavours of Provence herbs and smells of Lavender.

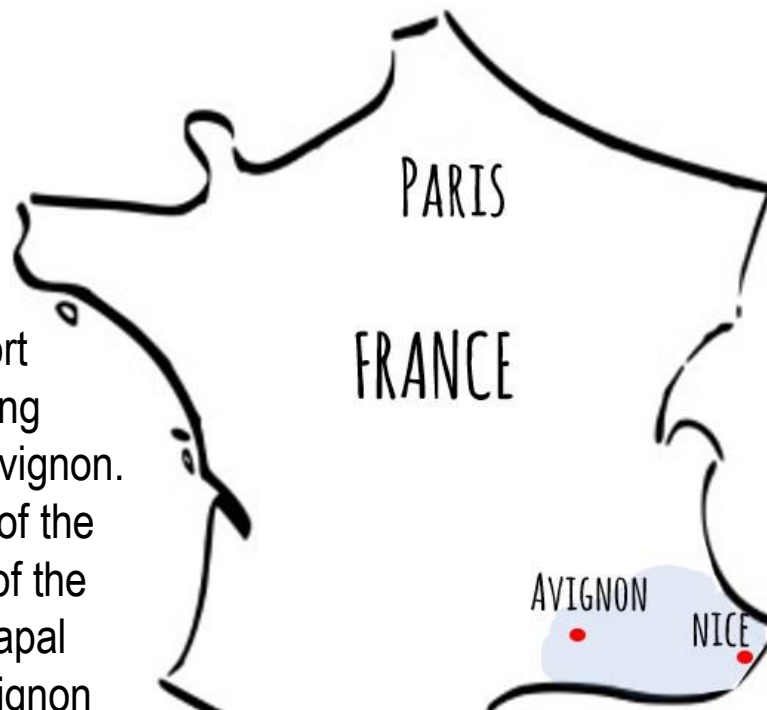
Côte d'Azur – The French Riviera is the Mediterranean coastline of the southeast corner of France, also including the sovereign state of Monaco. There is no official boundary, but it is usually considered to extend from the Italian border in the east to Saint-Tropez, Toulon, or Cassis in the west.

LOCATION:

The first leg of your trip to **Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur** includes private transport from the Avignon TGV Station to the charming HÔTEL DE L'HORLOGE, a 4-star hotel in Avignon. The city of Avignon is located on the banks of the Rhône River. Avignon is known as the City of the Popes. It's historic centre, comprising the Papal Palace, the Episcopal ensemble and the Avignon Bridge, is an outstanding example of medieval architecture.

From Paris, Avignon is a fast, easy TGV train journey, only 2½ hrs.

The second leg of your trip begins on Day 4 with travel from Avignon to Nice! Nice is one of France's largest cities, as well as being the biggest resort on the French Riviera. Nice is a city that has much to offer, including historic quarters, a beautiful long seafront (from the Promenade des Anglais and westward), a famous flower market, and many interesting sites, including the Matisse museum, the Chagall museum.



PROVENCE & RIVIERA 2024

6 days – 5 nights

Day 1 - Arrival transfer, check-in and welcome dinner.

Day 2 - Cooking class & private afternoon wine tour.

Day 3 - Full-day shared tour:
All Provence in One Day

Day 4 - Travel TGV (high speed rail) from Avignon to Nice; Hotel check-in.

Day 5 - Full-day shared tour:
Riviera Panorama

Day 6 - Check-out with private transfer from hotel to TGV station or to Nice Airport.



TRANSPORT

France's TGV
High-Speed
Passenger Rail

DAY I Arrival

You will be picked up at the Avignon TGV high speed rail station and a private transfer will transport you to the **Hôtel de l'Horloge**, a charming 4-star hotel located in Avignon.

AFTERNOON: At your leisure, visit the Palace of the Popes (Histopad included) and the Pont d'Avignon bridge (Audioguide included).

EVENING: Enjoy a 3-course welcome dinner in a local restaurant walking distance from your hotel. (drinks not included)



PALACE OF THE POPES



AVIGNON

HÔTEL DE L'HORLOGE

Hôtel de l'Horloge in Avignon is a charming 4-star hotel located on **Place de l'Horloge** in the heart of downtown Avignon.

The hotel embodies the very essence of contemporary Provence.

Enjoy delicious breakfast served in the superb veranda, savor the unique ambiance of the library lounge, and enjoy tastefully decorated rooms.





AVIGNON

The city of Avignon's historic centre comprises the Papal Palace, the Episcopal ensemble and the Avignon Bridge offering an outstanding example of medieval architecture.

DAY 2 Cooking Class

- **Breakfast** at the hotel.
- **09.00 am:** Walk on your own and meet your English-speaking Chef in front of the vegetal wall of “**Les Halles**” (**covered market displaying fresh and colorful food every morning**). With the Chef’s guidance you will choose the best local produce, which you then cook during the class. Next, you’ll arrive at the cooking workshop in **Avignon** and register for the class.

The class will include creation of recipe cards and theoretical demonstration with practice. During the **Apéritif**, various points will be discussed about the course & how to pair meals with wine.

- **Lunch (drinks included)** with the Chef and informal talk about the training course.



DAY 2 Private Wine Tour

(Continued)

- **2.30 pm:** Enjoy an **private afternoon wine tour** with your English-speaking driver-guide. Wine-tasting in a cellar in **Tavel**, first Rosé wine in France. Continue to **Châteauneuf-du-Pape**: visit and wine-tasting in a cellar. In each cellar, you will discover the history of the house and the guide or wine owner will offer you a visit of the winery with explanations about the harvest and AOC Côtes du Rhône (wine standards).
- **06.30 pm:** Drop off at your hotel.

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Châteauneuf-du-Pape is produced in the Rhone wine region in southeastern France, one of the most famous subregions of the southern part of the Rhone Valley. The vineyards are located around Chateauneuf du Pape and in the neighboring villages of Bedarrides, Courthézon and Sorgue between Avignon and Orange.

Châteauneuf-du-Pape literally translates to "**The Pope's new castle**" and, indeed, the history of this appellation is firmly entwined with papal history. In 1309, Pope Clement V, former Archbishop of Bordeaux, relocated the papacy to the town of Avignon.



DAY 3 Provence In One Day

- **Breakfast** at the hotel.
- **8.30am / 6.30 pm:** Meet your English-speaking driver-guide in front of the Tourist Office (41 Cours Jean Jaurès, 84 000 Avignon).
- Departure from Avignon to the Luberon Valley which is considered the heart of Provence. We will visit **Roussillon** built at the top of an ochre cliff and providing visitors with a beautiful understanding of the harmonious combination of man and nature, and of ochre and stone; with all these ochre-washed facades. We will pause to enjoy the market in Roussillon.



Beautiful Village of Roussillon

DAY 3 Provence In One Day

(Continued)

Beautiful Luberon Village of Gordes

Our next stop is **Gordes** for a **photo stop only**.

We will then visit the **Fontaine de Vaucluse** where we can walk up to the cave from which the River Sorgues emerges.

Free time for lunch (not included) on your own in Gordes or Fontaine de Vaucluse.



DAY 3 Provence In One Day

(Continued)

Historic Pont du Gard

After lunch we continue on to the **Pont du Gard** (entrance fees included). You will be visiting the best-preserved aqueduct of the Roman period, dating back to the 1st century and listed by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization).

Les Baux de Provence: photo stop and free time to visit this medieval village located on a rocky spur in the Alpilles mountain range, with its historical center and beautiful houses of the 16th century. Next to **Antiques in Saint Rémy de Provence** located in an olive-tree field which is another great location for photo taking.



DAY 4 From Avignon to Nice

- **Breakfast** at the hotel and check out.
- *In the morning:* **private transfer** from the hotel to Avignon TGV Station where you'll catch your **TGV to Nice Ville (1st class fare included)**.
- Private transfer from Nice Station to your 4-star hotel in Nice (double room). Check in.
- **Evening** at leisure.

Your stay in Nice will be at the **Splendid Hôtel & Spa** located just 400 m (approx. 2 blocks) from the train station. The hotel benefits from a wide variety of transport modes nearby. From the hotel you can quickly reach the Promenade des Anglais, the beaches and many other points of interest in Nice where you can enjoy refined relaxation and a chic and trendy atmosphere.



DAY 5

Riviera Panorama

- **Breakfast** at the hotel.
- **08.30 am / 07.00 pm:** enjoy a **full-day shared tour** with your English-speaking driver-guide.
- **View the whole Riviera in one day.**
Travel by the coast road and enjoy the sea views of the famous corniche road leading to **Monaco**. Stop on the Rock for a visit of the Old Town, the Prince Palace (open June thru October) and the Cathedral where Grace and Rainier got married. Drive by the formula 1 Grand Prix circuit to **Monte-Carlo**, a world of elegance and luxury.



Monaco's Monte-Carlo Casino

DAY 5 (Continued)

Riviera Panorama

- Then visit the unforgettable middle-age village of **Eze** with boutiques carved in the rock. Discover the world of senses and flowers thru a shopping visit of a perfumery.
- In **Cannes**, admire la Croisette with luxury boutiques. Place your hands on the stars' handprints by the famous red carpet of the film festival palace.
- Enjoy a panoramic drive with breathtaking views of the **different bays of Juan-Les-Pins and Antibes**. Pass by exclusive **Cap d'Antibes**, home of the famous billionaires.
- Arrive in **Antibes**, Provencal walled city for a walk in the busy old town and by the billionaire's quay where helicopters and yachts abound.



Village of Eze



City of Cannes

DAY 6 Depart

- **Breakfast** at the hotel and check out.
- **Private transfer** from the hotel to the Nice TGV Station or Nice airport. *Time to be advised.*
- End of services – **Au revoir!**

