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BURLINGTON WINE CLUB
“WINE & FOOD HIGHLIGHTS OF CHAMPAGNE & BURGUNDY”
October 15 – 25, 2018 (11 Days)



Vineyards of Bouchard Père et Fils
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Tour price: \$4,620.00 per person from Toronto, including airfare and taxes, and based on double occupancy. “Land only” price (no airfare) \$3,900.00. Single traveler supplement: \$1295.00. Deduct \$125.00 if paying by cheque or e-transfer.

PLANNED ITINERARY

Day 1 – Monday, October 15:

Overnight flight

We have an early evening departure from Toronto International Airport direct to Paris with Air Canada on Flight #880. Dinner and a light breakfast will be served on board.

Day 2 - Tuesday, October 16:

Paris to Champagne

We arrive in Paris at 8:45 AM. A deluxe coach will take us to Reims in the heart of Champagne. We'll arrive for afternoon check-in to our hotel, the centrally located Hotel Mercure a four star hotel located within walking distance of the Cathedral. This will be where we will stay for the next three nights! We'll have free time to settle in before our welcome dinner. www.mercure.com

Days 3 and 4 - Wednesday, October 17 and Thursday October 18:

Champagne

Over the next two days, we will explore the champagnes and food in the historic towns of Reims and Epernay. These two towns are at the heart of Champagne - boasting numerous champagne houses – from the large iconic champagnes such as Mumm to the smaller grower champagnes that rarely leave the area. We will have visits and tastings with a range of producers, expecting to include Tattinger and Möet & Chandon as well as others. We will have a chance to explore the towns (including the magnificent Cathedral Notre-Dame de Reims, where French kings were crowned for centuries), and have dinners at excellent restaurants.

Day 5 - Friday, October 19:

Champagne to Burgundy

This morning we leave Champagne full of food and excellent champagnes, and head to Beaune, capital of the world-famous Côte d'Or, or “golden slope” wine region of Burgundy, and our base for the next four days. En route we will stop to explore the ancient capital of Burgundy, Dijon. It is an opportunity to do some shopping, in the wonderful covered market, in the “Parisian” department store Galeries Lafayette, and/or at the world-famous shop of Maille, founded in 1845, *grand spécialiste* in “Dijon mustard.” Lovers of art and history, on the other hand, will want to visit cultural attractions such as the nearby Palace of the Dukes of Burgundy and the Cathedral.

Late afternoon arrival at our home for the next four nights, the boutique hotel Hostellerie Le Cedre, Centrally located in Beaune, and with parts of it dating back to 1660, it is a short walk to the heart of this charming old walled town. www.poste.najeti.fr

Day 6 - Saturday, October 20:

Burgundy

Much of our day today will involve an exploration of the exceptional wines produced by one of the leading families in the world of wine, the Boisset family. Founded in the early 1960's with the family's first vines at the north of Gevrey-Chambertin, the family now has extensive vineyard holdings throughout both the Côte de Nuits and Côte de Beaune, and owns and operates numerous wineries in France and North America. We have been invited for a visit and tasting at Domaine de La Vougeraie (www.domainedelavougeraie.com) created from the union of several estates acquired over the years together with the Boisset family's first vineyards.

We also plan a tour of the historic Chateau du Clos de Vougeot. The Clos de Vougeot vineyard is the largest single vineyard in Côte de Nuits entitled to the grand cru designation, and was created in the 12th Century by Cistercian monks of Cîteaux Abbey. It served as the flagship vineyard of the Cistercians, and has been a highly recognized name for centuries. The Château de Clos de Vougeot, situated inside the wall, was added in 1551. The Confrérie des Chevaliers du Tastevin acquired the Château in 1945, and started to restore it, turning it into the seat of the Order.



Barrel cellar at Domaine de la Vougerie; Chateau de Clos de Vougeot and the Hospices de Beaune

Day 7 - Sunday, October 21:

Burgundy

After breakfast, we plan to have a guided tour of Beaune's renowned Hospice, a superb medieval architectural complex featuring the interior of a Medieval Hospital as well as an art gallery; the Hospice is also the site of the famous annual auction of some of the best wines of Burgundy.

We then have a free afternoon to explore beautiful Beaune of your own or to shop in the many local specialty shops. Perhaps a visit for more wines at the Marche au Vins, and a chance to relax in one of the bistros and cafés.

Day 8 - Monday, October 22:

Burgundy

This morning we will make our way for an exclusive tour and tasting at the venerable producer Remoissenet Père et Fils. Founded in 1877, Remoissenet has cellars below the town of Beaune holding thousands of Premier and Grand Cru bottlings dating back to the early 20th Century. After generations of family ownership, it is now partly owned by the Halpern family of Toronto. The estate has experienced a renaissance and should be viewed as a new winery with a glorious cellar of historic wines. The firm has specialized in old vintages, and has now expanded its vineyard holdings in Clos de Vougeot, Charmes-Chambertin, Poissenot, Village Nuits, Vosne, and Gevrey-Chambertin. They are constantly seeking out new parcels to add to their holdings. Everything is in place to produce the finest wines possible from the region and if the current scores are any indication, Remoissenet is returning to the list of elite producers of the Cote d'Or.

Following lunch, we are being hosted for another exceptional tasting at Bouchard Père et Fils. Founded in 1731, Bouchard Père & Fils is one of the oldest wine estates in Burgundy. The cellars run deep underground beneath The Château de Beaune, a former royal fortress built in the 15th century by King Louis XI, providing ideal natural storage conditions for Bouchard Père & Fils' wines. The biggest domaine in the Côte d'Or, the estate boasts 130 hectares of vines, of which 12 are classed Grand Cru and 74 classed as Premier Cru.



The home of Bouchard Père et Fils in Beaune; Welcome to Champagne!

Day 9 - Tuesday, October 23:

Chablis

After breakfast, we will leave Beaune on our way back to Paris. But all is not lost! We plan to pay a visit to a leading producer in Chablis on our way back to Paris. Following lunch we continue to Paris where we will check into our centrally located Jardin de Cluny Hotel (<https://www.bestwestern.fr/en/hotel-paris-5eme-Best-Western-Jardin-De-Cluny-93196>). Walking tour of the neighborhood including a stop to enjoy a glass of wine and some charcuterie at a local wine bar. No group dinner this evening but there are many choices available in the area including Michelin star restaurant, Lucas Carton.

Day 10 - Wednesday, October 24:

Paris

Breakfast at the hotel followed by a choice of programs. Options will include:

- A food and wine tour of Paris (http://succulent-paris.com/portfolio_page/cheeseandwine/)
- A trip to Versailles
- A day of visiting the museums
- A cruise on the Seine River
- A macaron class.....the list goes on and on.

This evening “au revoir” dinner.

Day 11 – Thursday, October 25:

This morning, we will have an early breakfast and a short transfer to the Paris airport for our flight on Air Canada, leaving at 11:00 AM and arriving in Toronto at 1:00 PM.

***Please note that wineries mentioned above are an indication of the producers we plan to visit. Not all are confirmed to date and some producers may be substituted to incorporate more of the Burlington Wine Club agents’ wineries.**

Tour is limited to 30 participants.

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Included in the price:

- Return airfare from Toronto to Paris ON Air Canada, all airport taxes and security fees;
- Accommodation (based on double occupancy) in first-class hotels; the single supplement is \$1295.00, but please note that only a limited number of single rooms are available, so book yours early;
- Sightseeing, visits, and wine tastings as shown in the itinerary;
- Transportation by deluxe coach;
- Breakfast daily and a minimum combination of eight lunches and dinners, most with wine included;
- Porterage of one suitcase per person;
- A gratuity for the coach driver;
- Services of a tour escort, Teresa MacDonald;
- Lounge pass at the Toronto airport if you sign up before July 15th, 2018.

Not included:

- Wine, beer, mineral water and similar beverages with dinners, though some meals will include wine;
- All items of a personal nature;
- Travel Insurance, please contact office for rates.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. A deposit of \$750.00 is required at the time of registration. **Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and application form. No reservations will be accepted without a signed application form.**

REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase the all-inclusive insurance.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. more than 90 days prior of the departure date of the tour less a \$500.00 non refundable administrative fee per person. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

90 days to 46 days before departure:	25% of tour cost
45 to 31 days before departure:	50% of tour cost
Within 30 days prior to departure:	100% of tour cost

RESPONSIBILITY:

Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. reserves the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary as outlined. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable. Any savings realized by these changes will be passed on to the passengers, any resultant expenses shall be borne by the passenger. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. acts only as an agent in securing hotel, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotel, transportation and other travel services are provided to tour members subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally. The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. also reserves the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour, in which case equitable refund will be made at the discretion of the tour operators.

AIR TRANSPORTATION:

Transatlantic economy flight by scheduled IATA carrier(s), based on an economy class group fare. All fares are subject to specific rules and regulations, to changes and to government approval. Deviations from the group flights are possible but subject to higher rates. Pauwels Travel will research any request for date or routing changes at the time they are requested. Should any individual rate be less than the group fare plus airline and administrative fees, the lower rate will be offered to the tour participant. Individual airfares are subject to immediate ticketing and the fare plus taxes must be paid at the time the ticket is issued by the participant requesting the change. Should the group airfare be the lowest available rate, an administrative fee of \$50.00 plus any airline charges will apply.

APPLICATION FORM

Please book ___ seat(s) on the "Highlights of Champagne and Burgundy" tour of October 15 to 25, 2018.

Enclosed is my/our deposit of _____ (\$750 per person, *plus* insurance premium if taken.)

I will be travelling "Land only" and will be securing my own airfare _____.

Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be invoiced for an interim payment of \$1,500 and the balance owing approximately 45 days prior to departure.

WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID 3 MONTHS AFTER TOUR DATE TO BE SENT IN WITH YOUR APPLICATION FORM.

PASSPORT NAME(S): **Please indicate the appropriate title (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Ms.)**

Surname _____ First _____ Middle(s) _____

Surname _____ First _____ Middle(s) _____

If applicable, give your commonly used first name as you would like it to appear on your name tag: (e.g. "Liz" for "Mary Elizabeth")

ADDRESS:

Postal Code: _____

PHONE: _____ (Email) _____

If traveling alone, is a SINGLE ROOM REQUIRED?: YES _____ NO _____

If sharing, is there a Bed preference?: twin _____ double _____

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: We find the earlier a request is made, the more success we have in filling it, so **please list any dietary requests, allergies, any special physical needs or frequent flyer numbers etc. here.** We cannot ensure requests made 30 days or less prior to departure will be possible. _____

INSURANCE: Please call the office for premiums then record it on application and add premium to deposit.

I /we would like to purchase (please check and record your rate):

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

All-inclusive Package _____ \$ _____ Non-medical Package _____ \$ _____

Other _____ \$ _____ **OR** Decline Insurance _____

PAYMENT: Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel Visa Mastercard American Express

Amount Paid: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiry: _____ Security Code: _____

Signature: _____

"I/we agree to the terms and conditions attached to the program, have indicated our insurance choice, indicated any special requests and included payment".

Date _____ (Signature)(s) _____

Please forward this completed and signed form, copy of passport and payment to:

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