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## **“WINE & FOOD HIGHLIGHTS OF CHAMPAGNE & BURGUNDY”**

**October 20 – 27, 2018 (8 Days)**

**Join us on an exclusive tour of two of France’s most celebrated wine regions, Champagne and Burgundy, hosted by Tony Aspler, Stephen & Cathy Pauwels. This 8-day tour, just after harvest time, will feature VIP visits and tastings at leading estates as well as boutique properties, fine dining in many of the regions’ most celebrated restaurants and luxury accommodations.**

Tour price: \$5,495 – per person based on double occupancy **land-only**.  
(Single supplement \$1,195)

### **PROPOSED ITINERARY:**

Several participants have booked on Air Canada flights.

#### Day 1 – Saturday, October 20: **Champagne**

Group arrival/assembly at Paris’ Charles de Gaulle airport at approximately 9:00AM. Mid-morning transfer by bus to our hotel for the following 3 nights, the Relais & Chateaux member, 5\* Hostellerie La Briqueterie ([www.labriqueterie.fr](http://www.labriqueterie.fr)), a former brickworks factory that has been transformed into a luxurious country retreat located in the vineyards outside the town of Epernay. Free time to unwind and explore the hotel’s three hectares of manicured gardens, pools and fountains this afternoon before our welcome group dinner in the hotel’s Michelin \* restaurant.

#### Days 2 & 3- Sunday, October 21 and Monday, October 22: **Champagne**

Over the next two days we will explore the vineyards and charming villages of Champagne, producing the most famous sparkling wines in the world. We will spend some time enjoying the cultural attractions in the elegant capital of Reims, including the magnificent Gothic “cathedral of angels” Notre-Dame de Reims. We will visit the commune of Hautvillers and its abbey church, where celebrated monk Dom Pérignon “invented” sparkling wine around 1700 (while enjoying a glass of, appropriately, Dom Pérignon). Throughout our travels we will enjoy select visits to both iconic major champagne houses and a smaller grower whose terroir-focused wines rarely leave the area, accompanied by fine dining in a few of the region’s celebrated addresses.

#### Day 4 – Tuesday, October 23: **Burgundy**

Today we commence the second leg of the tour, departing after breakfast for the revered wine region of Burgundy. We will stop for a visit in the ancient capital of the region, Dijon. Free time for lunch and some shopping - in the wonderful covered market or in the original shop of Maille, *grand spécialiste* of Dijon mustard (another local creation is Crème de Cassis, the blackcurrant liqueur mixed with white wine to create the *Kir* – named after a former Dijon mayor Felix Kir) – and to enjoy the architectural splendor of the city’s historic centre including the Palace of the Dukes of Burgundy.

Extending some 60km south of Dijon is one of the most famous stretches of vineyards in the world, the Côte d'Or, the *Champs Elysées* of Burgundy and source of many of the most highly prized (and priced) wines in existence. For the next few days we will tour and taste at select producers in both the Côte de Nuits (the northern portion of the Côte d'Or containing the famed villages of Gevrey-Chambertin, Chambolle-Musigny, Clos de Vougeot and Vosne-Romanée), and the Côte de Beaune (where the villages of Meursault, Puligny-Montrachet and Chassagne-Montrachet are synonymous with superlative white wines, although top notch reds are also produced in Pommard, Volnay and Aloxe-Corton.

Late afternoon arrival in the beautiful medieval town of Beaune, historic wine capital of Burgundy. Beaune's historical and commercial importance to the wine-making region has left the city with an amazing architectural and cultural heritage. Our hotel for the next 3 nights is L'Hôtel de Beaune ([www.lhoteldebeaune.com](http://www.lhoteldebeaune.com)), perfectly situated right in the heart of the medieval town centre. Group dinner this evening in our hotel's famous bistro.

As in Champagne, we will be spoiled for choice in the restaurant department here with 29 Michelin-starred establishments in the area. Beaune itself is famous for its gourmet dining with restaurants serving many of the region's classic dishes such as Boeuf Bourguignon, Coq au vin and Escargot de Bourgogne, routinely followed by a course featuring the area's prized Epoisses cheese.

Day 5 – Wednesday, October 24:     **Burgundy**

Guided tour this morning of the Hospices de Beaune, commissioned in the 15<sup>th</sup> century to support the town's inhabitants who had suffered greatly in the wake of the Hundred Years War. The architectural jewel served as a hospital right up until 1971 and is now a museum and art gallery. The hospice has also become the proprietor of a large number of the best vineyards, whose wines are auctioned off by the barrel in a famous auction each fall. This afternoon we will enjoy a tasting at Maison Bouchard, Pere et Fils. Founded in 1731, Bouchard et Fils are the largest owner of vineyards in the Côte d'Or, a great many of which enjoy Grand Cru and Premier Cru status. Their cellars run deep beneath the Chateau de Beaune, a former royal fortress built in the 15<sup>th</sup> century by King Louis XI, providing ideal cellaring conditions.

Day 6 – Thursday, October 25:     **Burgundy**

Further explorations throughout the Cote d'Or. Details to follow.

Day 7- Friday, October 26:         **Burgundy/Chablis**

Departure from Beaune this morning northwest into the Yonne river valley. Late morning arrival in Chablis, the northernmost satellite wine district of Burgundy. The cooler climate and unique limestone terroir of the region produce Chardonnay-based white wines of a more austere nature than their counterparts in the Côte d'Or, as we will discover in our final estate visit with a top local producer of Grand Cru Chablis. Farewell group lunch in a specially chosen restaurant in the region. Late afternoon/early evening check in to a luxury hotel (TBD) closer to Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport.

Day 8 - Saturday, October 27:     Departure

Early morning transfer to Charles de Gaulle airport.

Tour price: \$5,495 – per person based on double occupancy **land-only basis.**  
(Single supplement \$1,195)

Tour includes:

- Accommodations based on double occupancy in first class hotels – the surcharge for single use of a double room is \$1,195;
- Breakfast daily and one group lunch or dinner per day;
- All wines and beverages with group meals and tasting visits;
- Transfers and all visits and sightseeing as described in itinerary;
- Poterage of one suitcase;
- Gratuities to guides and drivers;
- Services of your tour escorts.

Not included:

- Flight costs, airport taxes, fuel surcharges and security fees;
- All items of a personal nature;
- Travel Insurance with Manulife Insurance Company, please call for rates.

## APPLICATION FORM

Please book \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on the "Wine & Food Highlights of Champagne & Burgundy, departing October 20 – 27, 2018.

Enclosed is my/our deposit of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person, *plus* insurance premium if taken.)

Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be invoiced an interim payment of \$1,500 and the balance due 60 days prior to departure.

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

Name as on Passport. Indicate the appropriate title before each name (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Ms.)

NAME(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, what is your bed preference: twin \_\_\_\_\_ double \_\_\_\_\_.

**SPECIAL REQUESTS:** (Dietary, special physical needs, frequent flyer number, etc.) Please list here so we can do our best to assist you:

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Insurance - Please call the office for premiums then record on application form and add amount 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Decline Insurance \_\_\_\_\_ (Please sign here if you decline the 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\*.**

**Signature(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## Terms & Conditions

### RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. A deposit of \$1,000 is required at the time of registration. Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and registration 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 61 days before departure: 25% of tour cost  
60 to 31 days before departure: 50% of tour cost  
Within 30 days prior to departure: 100% of tour cost

### RESPONSIBILITY:

The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. We also reserve the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour.

We reserve the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, travel warnings by the Canadian Government etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable.

By commencing the tour, I agree to the release and agreement as included below.

### RELEASE & AGREEMENT

By placing my deposit and commencing the tour I understand and agree to the following:

1. That all tours are delivered in conjunction with other service providers, including but not limited to travel agent and booking services, airlines, hotel and accommodation providers, transportation providers including but not limited to coach, train and ferry services, restaurant providers, and local guides. We shall not 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 subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally.
2. I further understand that travel involves certain risks to personal health, safety and property. Many foreign countries do not have the safety and health standards that are present in Canada. I am willing to accept the associated risks and understand that and Pauwels Travel Bureau cannot guarantee the health and safety of travellers in a foreign trip or eliminate the risk from a foreign environment.

3. I know that tour programs include walking, and may including hiking and fitness programs that have potential hazardous activities associated with them. I should not participate prior to approval by my physician. I assume any and all other risks associated with these events included but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather including high heat and/or humidity.
4. To release, indemnify and hold harmless Pauwels Travel Bureau and their affiliates (which term shall include parents, subsidiaries, officers, directors, shareholders, agents and employees of Pauwels Travel Bureau as well as Pauwels Travel themselves) (the "Released Parties") from, and agree not to sue the Released Parties for, any claims that I may have arising from, or in connection with, any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from any cause whatsoever related in any way to my participation in this tour. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from, and agree not to sue them for any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from the Released Parties' negligence other than from intentional or reckless acts by such parties. I further agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all acts of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorist activities, incidents of politically motivated violence, illness or quarantine, strikes or government restrictions or the acts or omissions of any other agents over which the Released Parties have no direct or indirect control, including, without limitation, airlines, railways, bus companies, hotels, shipping companies, guides and sub-contracted agents or tour operators. This release also includes activities not offered that may be considered risky. I further release any Tour Directors, bus drivers or other individuals involved in my tour.
5. That the air carrier's liability for loss of or damage to baggage or property, or for death or injury to person, is limited by their tariffs, or the Warsaw Convention, or both.
6. That Pauwels Travel Bureau shall have no liability or responsibility for me when I am absent from activities, such as visits to friends or relatives or during stay-ahead/stay-behind option periods if the stay-ahead/stay-behind period does not include the services of a Tour Director.
7. To abide by directions of my Tour Director or other leadership personnel during my tour. Failure to do so may result in my termination from tour immediately. I understand that to disobey such rules or directions is to waive the right to any refund, and that I may be sent home at my own expense. The participant and family undertake full financial responsibility for any damage caused by the participant and agree to pay his/her return home on the first available flight, should his/her behavior be deemed detrimental to the welfare of the group.
8. To abide by all local laws when in Canada and abroad, including those concerning drugs and alcohol. (Minors must have parents' permission to use alcohol even if the local law would otherwise permit them to.) I understand that if I abuse or disobey such laws, even unintentionally, I waive my right to a refund, and Pauwels Travel may send me home at my own expense. I also understand that should local authorities be involved, I will be subject to the laws of the country I am visiting.
9. That if I become ill or incapacitated, Pauwels Travel and its employees, or a designated chaperone may take any action they deem necessary for my safety and well-being, including securing medical treatment (at my own expense) and transporting me home. Pauwels Travel retains the right, in its sole discretion, to contact the traveller's parent(s) and/or guardian or emergency contact with regard to health issues or any matters whatsoever that relates to the traveller's tour. These rights transcend any and all privacy regulations that may apply. In the event of a medical emergency, Pauwels Travel will attempt to cause appropriate treatment to be administered, and the traveller authorizes Pauwels Travel to do so. Pauwels Travel, however, makes no warranty that it will be able to cause effective (or any) emergency treatment to be administered.
10. That Pauwels Travel may use any film likenesses taken of me and any of my comments while on a tour for future publication and also use my contact information for future Pauwels Travel communications.

