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Naples Winter Wine Festival Brings Bidders Once-in-a-Lifetime Wine and Travel Experiences around the World

This year's roster of auction lot items includes access to the 2019 Tony® Awards, a private customized yacht cruise around the Caribbean, a personal tour of Paris with legendary designer Christian Louboutin and more.

November 27, 2018 (NAPLES, FL) - Imagine winning a yacht cruise through the Caribbean, taking a snowmobile safari under the Northern Lights in Finland, or wining and dining through Italy's scenic countryside. These lots and more will be among the many spectacular offerings auctioned off at the 2019 Naples Winter Wine Festival, taking place from January 25-27, 2019 at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort in Naples, Florida. These exclusive items help bring Collier County's underprivileged and at-risk children the necessary assistance and programming needed to sustain a higher quality of life, and all proceeds raised from Saturday's live auction will support the Naples Children & Education Foundation's (NCEF) strategic initiatives and annual grants.

"Our energetic live auction is the heart of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, and this year our amazing team has assembled some of the most exciting auction lots we've seen yet," said Jeannelle Brady, Co-Chair of the 2019 Festival. "Guests who attend the Festival will have the chance to win unrivaled access to some incredible once-in-a-lifetime experiences and rare wines, all while raising money for children in need within our community. That's what it's all about."

In addition to globally renowned wines, guests will have the chance to win some of the world's most exclusive experiences - from golfing throughout the Scottish Highlands and Southern Ireland, to exploring Paris with legendary designer Christian Louboutin, or gaining exclusive access to the Tony® Awards in New York City.

Auction lot highlights include:

- **Golf Experience throughout the Scottish Highlands and Southern Ireland** - Two couples will enjoy nine days of golf in the stunning Scottish Highlands and Southwest Ireland in September 2019. Golf highlights include rounds at the prestigious Royal Dornoch Golf Club – Championship Course, The Carnegie Club, Skibo Castle – Carnegie Links Course, Adare Manor – Championship Course and Royal Troon Golf Club. The experience also includes a private whisky tour of Glenmorangie Distillery, a private tour of the Culzean Castle in Ayr, a Signature Golf gift pack and 24-Hour Concierge Service as well as private jet and helicopter transfers throughout the trip.

- **Ultimate Luxury in France: Explore Paris with Christian Louboutin and be Pampered in Bordeaux** - Two couples will win the ultimate French luxury experience in Bordeaux and Paris. Beginning at Cos d'Estournel, the winners will stay at the exclusive La Chartreuse, with dedicated staff and endless amenities. Guests will be treated to al fresco dining and gourmet meals prepared by in-house chef, with local produce and paired with wines from the property. The couples will then travel to Paris and enjoy drinks with world-renowned designer, Christian Louboutin, following an exclusive tour of his inspirational workshop. Each woman will receive a special limited-edition Bespoke Handbag made by Christian, an exclusive Paris flagship shopping experience with Christian's personal Attaché, and a personalized Paloma clutch, all before attending the Paris Christian Louboutin Fashion Show in September 2019 as Christian's personal guests.
- **Arctic Circle Adventure from Helsinki through Lapland, Finland** - Two couples will have the chance to experience the Arctic Circle with an eight-day tour from Helsinki through Lapland, Finland in March 2020. The immersive adventure features activities from a private food and culture tour through the city, to visiting a reindeer and husky farm, cross-country skiing and a snowmobile safari under the Northern Lights. Accommodation highlights include four nights in luxury villas at Levi Resort and an evening journey to the Lainio Snow Village - featuring 20,000 meters of a snow hotel, ice restaurant, ice bar, ice chapel and ice slide. Roundtrip Business Class Airfare from New York to Helsinki, Finland is included.
- **The Best of New York: Exclusive Tony® Awards Access and Stunning Saranac Lake** - The winning bidder and their guest will have an exclusive opportunity to attend the 2019 Tony® Awards in June during a seven-night stay between New York City and The Point Resort in Saranac Lake in Upstate New York. During the couple's time in New York, they will also receive two tickets to a renowned Broadway play and dinner with the Hadjibay Family of Bayco Jewelers at Michael White's Marea Restaurant, complete with a \$25,000 credit for one-of-a-kind or custom designed piece of Bayco jewelry.
- **Italy's Finest Wining and Dining Experience from Parma to Tuscany** - One couple will win a nine-night "Best of Italy" experience, where they will explore Italian delicacies with Elisa Piccini and Michelin-starred chef Peter Brunel. The tour will include meals at several Michelin-starred restaurants; a private cooking class and lunch in a remote Tuscan villa; exclusive dinners at the home of jeweler, Elisa Piccini and at the Fratelli Piccini atelier on the Ponte Vecchio; a visit to the Gennari Cheese Factory in Parma and more. Guests will also have the opportunity to take a private tour and do a tasting of select vintages at legendary Le Macchiole with proprietor, Cinzia Merli. Additionally, the couple will receive six Magnums of 2009 Toscana wine in three varieties from Le Macchiole, as well as a customized piece of jewelry created by Fratelli Piccini.
- **Sonoma California through the Eyes of World-Renowned Paul Hobbs** - Two couples will get to experience the best of Sonoma's wine region, with a tailored two night

itinerary - featuring private tours of the Chardonnay vineyards in the Russian River Valley, a multi-course bespoke dinner with the Hobbs Family prepared by their estate chef and paired with rare wines from the Paul Hobbs Winery cellar, as well as a breathtaking helicopter ride to the Goldrock Estate in Annapolis followed by a gourmet picnic lunch. Each couple will also receive 24 bottles of Paul Hobbs wines, in addition to two allocations of the highly coveted Paul Hobbs 2018 spring and fall release wines. Roundtrip, First Class Airfare to San Francisco is included.

- **US Virgin Islands Yacht Cruise** - Four couples will win the opportunity to cruise around paradise for one week in the US Virgin Islands on newly refurbished 147-foot yacht, the *Golden Touch II*. To make this a truly unique experience, the couples will have the opportunity to customize and build their own specific itinerary throughout the Islands alongside their yacht Captain. With a crew of eight and boasting VIP suites with private balconies, the *Golden Touch II* also gives access to a 37-foot Everglades tow tender, JetSkis, SEABOBS, paddleboards, and scuba & snorkeling equipment to be enjoyed at the guests' leisure.

A full roster and additional details of all auction lot items will be available in December at <https://www.napleswinefestival.com/auction-lots/>.

Ticket packages to the Naples Winter Wine Festival are limited to 600 guests and start at \$12,500 per couple. A \$30,000 package, which includes reserved seating for a party of four at a Vintner Dinner and under the Festival tent, is also available. To inquire about tickets to the Festival, please contact Barrett Farmer at barrett@napleswinefestival.com or 239-514-2239.

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ABOUT NAPLES WINTER WINE FESTIVAL

The Naples Winter Wine Festival, one of the world's most prestigious charity wine auctions, offers a weekend of unforgettable memories. Guests enjoy world-class food and wine during intimate dinners in private homes and are invited to bid on once-in-a-lifetime travel and wine experiences during an electrifying live auction. Since its inaugural event in 2001, the NWWF has raised more than \$176 million, making a profound difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of children.

ABOUT NAPLES CHILDREN & EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Naples Children & Education Foundation, the founding organization of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, is improving the educational, emotional, and health outcomes of underprivileged and at-risk children. Through its annual grants and strategic initiatives, NCEF has impacted over 45 of the most effective nonprofits in the community, providing 275,000 children with the services and resources they need to excel. NCEF's unique approach, which emphasizes collaboration between organizations and bridges public and private resources, has become a blueprint for how to transform a community, one issue at a time.