

# The Probus Club Of Mississauga South

Presents

## The Heart of Burgundy and Paris

**Group One: Monday, September 23 to Sunday, October 06, 2013. (14 days)**

**Group Two: Monday, September 30 to Sunday, October 13, 2013 (14 days)**

**Featuring 2 nights in the Champagne region of Reims, 2 nights in Beaune, the capital of Burgundy wines, 7 day cruise on the barge Caprice and 2 nights in Paris.**

**Day One: Monday Sept 23, 2013 / Sept 30, 2013**

**Flight to Paris**

Board your international flight from Pearson International Airport with Air Canada direct service to Paris. AC 880 departing at 8:40 pm and arriving Paris at 9:45 am the next day. Meals will be served in flight. Round trip transfers are included from your home to the airport (within area of GTA).

**Day Two: Tuesday Sept 24, 2013 / Oct 01, 2013**

**Paris – Reims**

We will be met on arrival by our Tour Manager and coach as we head east to the champagne city of Reims, one of the main gastronomic centers of France. We will explore the legacy of its glorious past and lead you into the prestigious realm of the most celebrated and festive of wines. Rich in traditions and centuries-old-know-how, Reims has also become a modern and lively regional capital thanks to its location, at the cross road of several European routes. Some time for lunch on your own in Reims before we head to the Chateau de Rilly, located in the Reims Mountain Regional Natural Park, is set in a garden in the heart of the vineyards of Champagne. It features individually decorated rooms with traditional furniture. All rooms have an ensuite bathroom with shower and bathtub and some have a terrace with a view on the garden. A total renovation of this property was completed in 2011. We spend two nights at this location. Some free time to relax before a welcome dinner with wine in their restaurant. (Dinner with wine)

**Day Three: Wednesday Sept 25, 2013 / Oct 02, 2013**

**Reims**

Following buffet breakfast, the morning tour begins in the city of Reims, capital of the Champagne region. Here you will see the famous Reims Cathedral. The Notre-Dame of Reims was the site of the coronation of French kings. It was the centre of an important "cathedral complex" and the representation of Heavenly Jerusalem for the people of the middle Ages. You'll have a chance to explore the Cathedral on your own. There will be time to see the other 3 UNESCO World Heritage sights of the Saint Remi Basilica and Museum or the Palace of Tau at your leisure before lunch. Just 10 minute drive south of Reims, you find the vineyard covered slopes of Montagne de Reims. Once in the village of Ludes, you are in the Grande Montagne region, the kingdom of pinot noir, one of the three varieties of grapes used in Champagne. Lunch at Epernay followed by a traditional set menu (drinks included). In the afternoon we take you to visit the wine cellars of world famous *Moet & Chandon*\* where the grape harvest and wine-making process is explained before a visit to the cellars and discussion of the history of the brand and insight into the making of this prestigious label. This is followed by a final free champagne tasting. Dinner on your own this evening. (Breakfast and lunch)

**Day Four: Thursday Sept 26, 2013 / Oct 03, 2013**

**Beaune**

A relaxing drive as we head south to Beaune, Capital of Burgundy wines. Novices, wine-lovers, connoisseurs and professionals come to Beaune from far and wide to live the wine experience. Beaune is situated in the heart of the Wine Road (also known as Burgundy's "Champs Elysees"), next to numerous small villages which are well-known to wine lovers. In order to discover Burgundy wines we start our trip in Beaune, the capital of these wines. We stop in a small village enroute to enjoy a relaxing lunch and some free time. Ideally located in the heart of the medieval town of Beaune, is Le Cep Hotel, a veritable institution, affiliated to the prestigious "Small Luxury Hotels of the World" brand. Each of their 64 rooms is air-conditioned and decorated with beautiful antiques. The garden is in the French style with two 16<sup>th</sup> century courtyards, bar, cellar and function rooms giving this hotel its unique atmosphere. A very Special Dinner tonight as we enjoy the "gastronomic merits" of a Michelin One star restaurant in Beaune this evening. A Michelin dinner is known for inventiveness, finesse, culinary expertise, and textural originality – enjoy a cuisine that boasts all of this and more. (Breakfast and a Michelin One star dinner)

**Day Five: Friday Sept 27, 2013 / Oct 04, 2013**

**Beaune**

Today we tour the Cote de Beaune with a visit to some of the white Burgundy vineyards. You will have a wine tasting at a small family cellar in Meursault before going on to the renowned village of Puligny Montrachet. Here you will visit the cellar and vineyards of a well-known winegrower. This is followed by a leisurely, informal tasting lunch in their restaurant. Take a break from tasting on a spectacular drive up into Hautes Cotes de Beaune where you will be entirely surrounded by vineyards. As we wind our way back to Beaune, time for a visit to a pottery in one of the villages. We return to "Le Cep" for a free evening. There are many fine restaurants of impeccable quality in Beaune so we encourage you to make reservations in advance for dinner this evening on your own. (Breakfast and lunch)

**Day Six: Saturday Sept 28, 2013 / Oct 05, 2013 Embarkation on the Caprice**  
After breakfast we depart for Dijon, perhaps best known for its mustard (named after the town), which is still produced locally, but it is also one of the most beautiful cities in France, and its historic buildings and byways were not heavily damaged by bombing in World War Two and are largely intact. Traffic is restricted in the centre of the city, so many parts of central Dijon are quiet and relaxing, a perfect spot to enjoy a leisurely lunch. After lunch we coach to the Caprice located in St Leger, a beautiful 2 hour ride through the heart of France's celebrated wine country. Your Burgundy Cruise offers a true taste of the treasures of Burgundy. This cruise offers an incredible abundance of interesting shore excursions by coach, on foot, by balloon, or by bicycle. This incomparable region is world-renowned for its exquisite cuisine and fine wine. When you arrive you will be offered a traditional Burgundy drink of Kir Royale (with champagne). We will then introduce you to the crew and to Caprice while your luggage is quietly taken to your cabin. There is time to freshen up before dinner is served. Tonight you will enjoy your first gourmet dinner on board Caprice. (Breakfast and dinner)

**Day Seven: Sunday Sept 29, 2013 / Oct 06, 2013 Caprice**  
After breakfast today we begin cruising the beautiful Canal du Centre which meanders from vineyard to vineyard through Santeney and the Chalonaise Burgundy wine regions. After a visit to a local burgundy market we will return to Caprice and continue our cruise to the picturesque canal side town of Chagney. There is ample time to walk and cycle the tow path today. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

**Day Eight: Monday Sept 30, 2013 / Oct 07, 2013 Caprice**  
This morning we continue our cruise through the beautiful vineyards of Burgundy. Our shore excursion will be to the village of Rully for a private guided tour of the 12c Chateau Rully. Chateau Rully has been in the same family for 900 years. This medieval fortress is built around a 12th century keep and reveals some interesting features of medieval military architecture with its parapet walk, battlements, machicoulis and loopholes. The main building dates back to the Renaissance. The vaulted kitchen in the keep has a monumental fireplace and an extensive range of copper utensils. An 18th Century building boasts Burgundy's largest stone roof. The Rully vineyards surround the Chateau. After our visit we will continue our cruise to Chalon Sur Saône and pass through one lock that will lower us 50 feet to the river Saône. Chalon Sur Saône was built alongside the Saône about 3000 years ago. The town was a naval base during Antiquity, the place of big fairs during the middle ages and has a magnificent old town. This afternoon we plan a guided walking tour of old town Chalon. There will be time for shopping in the town's elegant shopping district. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

**Day Nine: Tuesday Oct 01, 2013 / Oct 08, 2013 Caprice**  
This morning we will set out on the river portion of our cruise with a beautiful cruise up the famous waterway of Burgundy, the river Saône. Our shore excursion today will be to beautiful Beaune, the wine capital of Burgundy and the home of the Magnificent Hotel Dieu. The monument boasts the finest Burgundian-Flemish architecture in the world. Our destination is Seurre, a lovely riverside town with a 16th century church and beautiful brick houses from the 17th century. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

**Day Ten: Wednesday Oct 02, 2013 / Oct 09, 2013 Caprice**  
This morning we will leave Seurre and continue cruising for about 90 minutes on the Saône to St Jean de Losne where the Canal de Bourgogne merges with the river Saône. There are hundreds of barges moored here in addition to major barge manufacturers. Live aboard barge owners are abundant. We join the Canal de Bourgogne at St Jean and begin canal cruising once again. This evening we will moor in Longecourt, a quiet canal side town. Our shore excursion today is to Clos de Vougeot. Wine was produced here as early as the 12th century—by none other than the local monks. A private wine tasting follows in Nuits St Georges before we return to Caprice. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

**Day Eleven: Thursday Oct 03, 2013 / Oct 10, 2013 Caprice**  
Our canal cruise today is to Dijon, the capital of Burgundy. There is ample time to cycle and walk the tow path and simply relax today. Our visit will be to Dijon with a guided tour. We moor tonight in Dijon in the Port. The center of town is just a 10 minute walk away. There is time to explore before the Gala Dinner tonight. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

**Day Twelve: Friday Oct 04, 2013 / Oct 11, 2013 Disembarkation – Paris**  
We say farewell to our boat about 9:30 this morning and join our coach and guide for a transfer to Paris. Stop enroute in a small town for lunch and some free time. Arrival into Paris late this afternoon and check in to the Crowne Plaza Hotel Republique for the next two nights. Enjoy a stroll this evening to see the world-famous Arc de Triomphe, the Champs-Elysees, the Place de la Concorde and the magnificent Place Vendome. Evening is free to enjoy this City of Lights. (Breakfast)

**Day Thirteen: Saturday Oct 05, 2013 / Oct 12, 2013****Paris**

Breakfast is included this morning and then you have free day. May we suggest a visit to Printemps, the colossal department store and lunch in their rooftop garden food court. This afternoon try a walking tour of “Montmartre” where you will see the magic of the artist quarter and uncover the secrets of Paris’s hidden past. A visit to the Basilica du Sacre Coeur allows you an amazing over-view of the city of Paris. Our evening starts with transfer to the “58 Tour Eiffel” for farewell dinner with drinks included where both magnificent views and cuisine await you. (Breakfast and farewell dinner with drinks at “58 Tour Eiffel”)

**Day Fourteen: Sunday Oct 06, 2013 / Oct 13, 2013****Flight home**

Transfer to the airport for our return flight with Air Canada from Paris to Toronto. AC 881 departing at 11:00 am arriving into Pearson International Airport at 1:00 pm. Return limo transfer has been arranged for you back to your home. (Breakfast and meals in flight)

**INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST:**

- International Airfare with Air Canada from Toronto to Paris round trip
- Round trip transfers from your home to the airport (with area of the GTA)
- Meals in flight, entertainment and beverages
- A Michelin One Star Dinner in Beaune
- 12 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 9 dinners
- On the barge, Happy hour before dinner, wine with lunch and dinner
- All transfers as indicated in the tour itinerary
- Services of a French Tour Manager from Day Two to Six inclusive
- Deluxe coach transportation from Day Two to Six inclusive
- 6 nights first class accommodation (2 nights in Reims at the Chateau de Rilly, 2 nights Le Cep in Beaune and 2 nights Crowne Plaza Hotel Republique in Paris)
- Reims city tour and visit to Moet & Chandon
- Day trip to Puligny Montrachet with wine tasting
- Farewell dinner at “58 Tour Eiffel” in Paris
- Canadian Tour Manager to accompany group from Toronto for the entire tour.

**Barge Cruise Highlights:**

- Dijon, the capital of Burgundy
- The barging capital of Europe, St Jean de Losne
- The 12th century monks winery of Clos de Vougeot
- Wine Tasting at Nuit St George
- Walking tour of Seurre
- Medieval town of Chalon Sur Saône
- The picturesque village of Chagny
- The 12th Century Chateau of Rully with a wine tasting and guided tour of the property
- A tour of historic Beaune, the capital of the vineyards
- Market Day in Beaune
- The world famous Hotel Dieu, the first charity hospital of Europe founded in 1443

**NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST;**

- Airport departure taxes and security fees
- Optional insurance
- 5 Lunches and 3 Dinners

\*Note that the barge cruise may operate in the reverse on either departure date.

Neal Black (& Heather) will accompany the first group and Fran Bulley will accompany the second group.

## PRICE PER PERSON, CANADIAN DOLLARS, TWO TO ROOM OR CABIN

**\$6,699.00**

### **Single supplement: \$995.00 (Note there is just one single cabin on the Caprice)**

**Deposit:** Deposit of \$1000 per person is required at the time of booking. This deposit is 100% non-refundable. We suggest that you have insurance in case of cancellation.

We have split the insurance premium to cover just this \$1000 non-refundable so insurance is for cancellation only and premium is by age. If you wish to have insurance then you must have deposit of \$1000 + insurance at the time of booking. Premiums are inclusive of 8% pst tax

- Up to 59 years - \$45.36
- Ages 60 – 69 years - \$58.32
- Ages 70 – 79 years - \$96.12
- Age 80+ years - \$131.76

**Final Payment:** Will be due on June 10, 2013 for both tours.

If you wish to have comprehensive insurance to cover your final payment which now would be cancellation, hospital medical, air flight accident and baggage insurance, then the following premium will be added to your balance due. This would cover the entire cost of your tour. Premiums are inclusive of 8% pst tax

- Up to 59 years - \$226.80
- Ages 60 – 69 years - \$313.20
- Ages 70 – 79 years - \$518.40
- Ages 80+ years - \$798.12
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**Cancellation penalties:** Between the date of booking and June 10, 2012 - \$1000 per person  
Between June 11 and date of departure - 100% of the tour cost

**Passport:** You must have a valid passport until six (6) months from the date of departure at the last destination.

**Air Credit:** Applies to the flight from Toronto to Paris round trip - \$700 Canadian dollars

**Deviation fee:** If you wish to alter your air arrangements and extend your stay, deviation fee of \$200 per person will apply to remain in the group file. Otherwise you can book the air with our staff on individual arrangement, paid in full at the time of booking by credit card and subject to cancellation penalties from the airline.

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