

Lions Eye Institute (LEITR) Eye Ball Auction Items - TRIPS

San Francisco Wine Country:

The California Wine Country is the perfect place to unwind and relax. Our winning couple will begin their delightful long weekend escape by jetting to the rolling hills and breathtaking vineyards of the Napa and Sonoma Valleys. You'll stay at a cozy bed and breakfast in the heart of the wine country and become a connoisseur as you sample a wide variety of delicious wines when you explore the wineries and quaint towns with their unique boutiques and restaurants. There are all sorts of adventures to enjoy, from golf, to kayaking, bicycle riding, even hot air ballooning. Back in San Francisco, why not explore the city the way locals do... taking San Francisco's famous cable cars! Stroll along Fisherman's Wharf, sample delicious dishes in exotic Chinatown, and perhaps take a cruise on San Francisco Bay before you retire to your deluxe hotel in the heart of the city. This four day, three night trip includes your roundtrip airfare, your deluxe Wine Country and San Francisco accommodations, special sommelier tours of selected wineries, and great memories of fun and relaxation from your San Francisco and Wine Country escape.

The Wine, Wonder and Pleasures of France:

While many people visit France, the two of you will delve deep into the excitement and romance of Paris and the French countryside. You'll begin by jetting to Paris; then you are off to the romantic Loire Valley wine country where you will enjoy delightful tastings at boutique wineries along quiet wandering roads. Medieval castles dot the landscape and quaint restaurants serve the freshest food grown right there in the French countryside. After three glorious days in the romantic wine country of France, you'll head back to the excitement and beauty of the City of Lights! Take time to wander the cobblestone streets of Montmartre, stroll the tree-shaded Champs-Élysées, and shop in some of the finest designer showrooms in all the world. Relax and people watch at a sidewalk bistro, sipping café au lait while nibbling delectable bon bons and pastries. Your city tour will take you to the major landmarks, including the Arch de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral and the Eiffel Tower where you will enjoy a spectacular lunch. Then relax in splendor as you cruise down the River Seine, and at night, cuddle to sleep in the Duquesne Eiffel, your chic hotel on the famous "Left Bank." Rated in the top 3 percent of all hotels in Paris, it is close to the city's major attractions and the wonderful shops and restaurants that make Paris unique. This trip for two is Cest Magnifique! Includes roundtrip air, deluxe accommodations in Paris and the Loire Valley, extravagant wine tastings, your River Seine cruise, guided Paris city experience and Eiffel Tower lunch. In all, you'll enjoy an incredible seven days, six nights savoring the best sights, sounds, tastes and pleasures France has to offer.

Escape to Ireland:

You and a companion will jet to always-green Shannon, Ireland for a fabulous seven day, six night vacation of a lifetime. Spend your first five relaxing nights at a luxury inn surrounded by spectacular views of the Atlantic Ocean crashing onto the rocks that line the bay. Surrounded by countryside so green and lush it will forever be your idea of paradise. You can explore the tiny towns with their quaint pubs where everyone gathers to laugh, swap stories, eat Shepherd's Pie and drink a pint or two of Guinness. Castles dot the landscape, taking you back to the time of Lords and Ladies, and Knights in shining armor trying to win the hand of their fair maidens. Golf lovers can play legendary courses that will both tease and challenge your skills. One perfect way to see the countryside is on horseback, as you ride through grassy meadows, on sandy beaches, or along breathtaking cliff sides. On your last night in Ireland, you'll live like kings and queens at the world famous 5-star, eight-centuries old, historically preserved Dromoland Castle! This fabulous seven day, six night trip for two includes your round-trip air, your enchanted accommodations including your night at Dromoland Castle, and a hearty Irish breakfast each morning. Who knows... you find life in the Southwest of Ireland so supremely tranquil, you may want to stay forever!

Become A Spectacular Chef... in Tuscany:

Learn the art of fine Italian cooking from the culinary masters... and more! Your seven day, six night Tuscan adventure for two begins with round trip air to Florence where you can marvel at magnificent artwork including Michelangelo's statue of "David." Your deluxe villa accommodations are set right in the heart of a vineyard. Your day in the cooking class will whet your appetite to savor the tastes and explore the sights and sounds of the surrounding region. You can explore hilltop towns like Siena and Pisa and enjoy some of the best shopping in all of Italy in San Gimignano. Or you can hunt for great bargains at the famous designer studios including Gucci, Ferragamo, Prada and Dolce and Gabbana. Every night, you'll return to your vineyard villa where you can sit in the garden and sip their private reserve wine under the stars. Your trip includes roundtrip air for two, six nights deluxe accommodations, your VIP admission into the Museum Accademia in Florence, and your cooking class where you will learn to be a spectacular chef! This is your chance to see, feel and taste all that has made Tuscany famous for 2000 years... while you rekindle romance in one of the most romantic places on earth!