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LIVE AUCTION

Lot 1 - A limited edition John Lennon's handwritten song manuscript for "Happy Christmas (War is Over)" "A very Merry Xmas And a happy New Year Let's hope it's a good one Without any fear". No Christmas Carols are complete without John Lennon's special song "Happy Christmas (War is Over)"!!! Originally recorded with the Harlem Children's Community Choir in 1971, John's enduring message about peace and tolerance, echoes around the world each Christmas. John Lennon's handwritten manuscript for "Happy Christmas" was published as a limited edition silkscreen print on Ripple Watercolour paper by his widow Yoko Ono in 2005. Only 1000 numbered prints have been published for sale worldwide through Bag One Arts Inc., the licensing and publishing arm of the John Lennon estate. This print is numbered in pencil and contains John Lennon's signature reproduced in the plate. **Courtesy of Maureen McCarthy.** Value \$3500.

Lot 2 - One week at Chateau de Beauregard This magnificent Chateau with origins dating back to the 11th century and most of its surrounding gardens sit atop a hill, with 360 degree uninterrupted views of the Chartreuse Mountains to the West, the Bramefarine and Belledonne range to the East, Montmelian to the North and the Gresivaudan and Chambéry valleys to the South and Northwest respectively. As well as a large walled garden to the East, there are two formal gardens of box hedges. The Chateau has been recently restored and redecorated, and is beautifully and comfortably furnished throughout, with every modern convenience available as well as attractive original features.

The accommodation is divided between the main Chateau and the Cottage. Maximum capacity is limited to 17 persons in the main Chateau, and to eight in the Cottage (four adults maximum). There are 8 bedrooms in the chateau. The master bedroom in the Chateau has a large sunroom with arched windows and magnificent views. Seven of the eight bedrooms in the Chateau have their own bathrooms with WCs. On the ground floor there is a large well-equipped kitchen with all modern appliances and a dining table, a dining room which opens onto a thatched roof pergola with a dining area that can seat up to 26 persons, a grand salon and a games and TV room. There are three satellite TVs in the Chateau (including one mega-screen) and one in the cottage. All modern office communication and entertainment equipment is on hand and available for guests use. You can also enjoy the private swimming pool and well equipped multi-gym. The property is 3km from the Grenoble-Chambery Autoroute, one hour from Lyon, the “capital of French cuisine” and 75 minutes from Geneva airport. (www.dominiquesvillas.co.uk - Villa ref SA18a). (Offer excludes Australian School holidays, months of July, August and first two weeks of September). Courtesy of **Dominique’s Villas of London**. Value in excess of \$14,500.

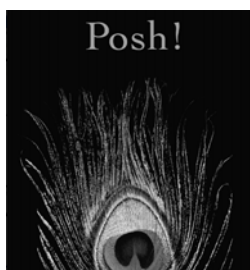


Lot 3 - Enjoy 7 Nights on any 2010 itinerary for River Cloud II. “Travelling means extending the horizon...” Just change the point of view while exploring the heart of Europe aboard RIVER CLOUD II whether on Dutch or Belgian waterways, on the Rhine, Main or Danube. Colorful tulip fields, majestic castles, historic churches, lush vineyards, UNESCO-heritages such as the protected nature of Danube Delta are just a few highlights on your journey. No matter which cruise you choose, the impressions change, the romantic flair remains. Choose one of the following cruises - Rhine / Main / Moselle, Main-Danube-Canal or Danube and Danube Delta.

Passengers on RIVER CLOUD II river yacht can experience the incomparable flair of a private yacht in 5 star luxury. The crew seems to anticipate the guests' every wish and the creative galley team spoils even those with the most fastidious tastes. Cruise in the booked cabin category and enjoy included services such as exclusive guided tours, all meals (6 per day) & soft drinks, high-quality corresponding wines & beer at lunch & dinner, welcome and farewell cocktail, Captain's Welcome and Farewell Dinner, a daily freshly filled fruit basket in the cabin as well as in the lounge, a bottle of champagne in the cabin, complimentary use of bicycles and all port and lock fees. Special Highlights include themed Cruises such as Van Gogh art trip, Maritime magic under the stars, culinary cruise with award-winning chef, Schumann and Chopin anniversary cruise. www.seacloud.com. Courtesy of Sales Activation Marketing and Sea Cloud Cruises. Value \$10,000.



Lot 4 - Indulge, pamper, treat and spoil yourself with The Posh Package – indulge in a bit of high end retail therapy with a **Posh Boutiques \$3,200 Gift Voucher**. Posh Boutiques clothing store, established over 30 years and based in Sydney, carries top international labels. The Gift Voucher is to be used towards a “Moschino Cheap/Chic Suit” and not valid on sale items. (Voucher valid till 26 March 2010). Enjoy a little more shopping with a **Cosmopolitan Shoes \$1000 Gift Voucher** to go towards shoes and/or a bag at the Cosmopolitan Shoes boutique in Double Bay. For years, Sydney's fashionistas, society ladies and celebrities have come to Cosmopolitan Shoes to buy their red-carpet footwear. Owner of this renowned boutique, Rose Ghosn Saleh, handpicks high-end women's designer label shoes and bags from all around the world by designers such as Missoni, Yves Saint Laurent, Dolce & Gabbana, YSL, Balenciaga and many more. Treat yourself to a creative and inspired experience with a **\$500 Gift Voucher from Neil Grigg – Sydney Milliner**. With over 30 yrs experience, Neil creates beautiful hats and headpieces for everyone from Crown-Princess Mary of Denmark, Australian TV, film and political celebrities and the Racing Set, through to brides and their entourages. (Voucher valid until 25 April 2010). Let them make a fuss over you at **Franck Provost Paris**. You and a friend will be pampered with a ‘hair experience’ each at Sydney's prestigious Franck Provost Paris Australian Hair Salon, the number one hair salon in France and is the official hairstylist of French and international celebrities. (Voucher valid until 6 December 2009). Then look forward to a Day of Pampering and Make Up at **Stairway to Beauty**. Stairway to Beauty Day Spa offers you luxury pampering that will satisfy your beauty needs. (Conditions apply for both the Franck Provost Paris and Stairway to Beauty vouchers) Courtesy of Posh Boutique, Cosmopolitan Shoes, Neill Grigg - Sydney Milliner, Franck Provost Paris and Stairway to Beauty. **The Posh Package** is valued at \$5000.



Lot 5 - Enjoy a 5 night Magnificent Vacation to the new Hamilton Island Luxury Yacht Club Villas. The luxury five-star Yacht Club Villas boast a superb waterfront position, offering every Villa breathtaking ocean views over Dent Passage and the Great Barrier Reef. The Yacht Club Villas symbolise the Island's newest premium residential development, adjoining the Marina and exclusively linked to the new Hamilton Island Yacht Club, designed by esteemed architect Walter Barda. Nestled within landscaping designed by Jamie Durie, the Villa features four bedrooms and bathrooms, spacious open plan living/dining area and soaring ceiling heights flowing on to large outdoor terraces and balconies. Fully air conditioned throughout, each Villa is complete with contemporary kitchen and laundry facilities. Access to the lagoon waterfront pool is exclusive to the Villas. A truly unique experience, this stunning Villa comfortably sleeps 8 people, with a king master suite, two queen rooms with ensuites and a fourth room with zipper king and adjacent bathroom. During your stay, enjoy 18 holes of golf for 6 people at the new Hamilton Island Golf Club – A spectacular 18 hole championship course designed by Peter Thompson. This includes transfers, buggy hire, Callaway club hire and shoes. Access to the Island Concierge and transfers are yours to enjoy for the duration of the stay, along with access to Qualia spa and restaurant facilities. Dinner at the new Hamilton Island Yacht Club's signature restaurant is also included to the value of \$600. This spectacular package is yours to enjoy January 2010 – July 2010 (subject to availability). Courtesy of **Hamilton Island Yacht and Villas**. Value \$10,700.



Lot 6 - Enjoy 3 nights at Bannisters, a beautiful coastal resort in Mollymook. Your accommodation is in the new Pinnacle Penthouse, the ultimate getaway. The Pinnacle combines luxurious style with outstanding features and the most amazing ocean views. Large living spaces, beautifully appointed bedroom, private hammon steam room and home cinema ... you will never want to leave. Includes dinner for two in the new 'Rick Stein at Bannisters' Restaurant one night, plus two one hour massages and a round of golf at Mollymook Hilltop championship golf course. (Please note: excludes school holidays; subject to availability.) Courtesy of Bannisters. Value \$4,500

BANNISTERS
lodge • restaurant + bar • day spa

Lot 7 - Soneva Kiri ~ Six Senses Journey Package – Indulge yourself with 4 nights stay in a luxuriously appointed Beach Villa Suite with daily breakfast for two people and the following unique experiences to entice your ‘Six Senses’. **Soneva Kiri** is located in the Gulf Thailand on the island of Koh Kood, which is south of Bangkok. There is an option to stay at an environmentally sustainable ‘Green House’ upon availability. This decadent experience of the ‘Six Senses’ includes ‘**Sense of Touch**’ when you indulge in a moment of relaxation with a *mineral rich mud wrap* followed by a *massage* (these 50 minute treatments are for 2 adults) in the tranquillity of the treatment suite at Six Senses Spa, ‘**Senses of Taste**’ when you enjoy a gourmet meal using fresh organic vegetables grown in the resort in the outstanding location of our restaurant overlooking the bay - unique cuisines with exciting new tastes, ‘**Sense of Sound**’ when you take home a special *limited edition music CD* created for the Soneva Resorts. Enjoy the relaxing sounds of Soneva Kiri, ‘**Sense of Sight**’ when you nibble on *especially created canapés* and share a bottle of *chilled champagne* at the main bar to enjoy one of the most beautiful sunsets in the world as the Sun sets over the Gulf of Siam, ‘**Senses of Smell**’ when you experience in the complete privacy of your own villa a holistic moment when you smell the intense fragrance of an *aromatherapy bath* for two. and the ‘**The Sixth Sense**’ when you top off your suitcase with a *pecially designed departure* as a token of appreciation and to make you remember an unforgettable stay in Soneva Kiri. (Travel Period is up to 31 July 2010 with the following blackout period: 19 December 2009 to 9 January 2010. Terms and Conditions - Round trip transfer from Bangkok International Airport to Soneva Kiri is not included, the above package is not refundable or exchangeable but is transferable, the above package is based on two people sharing. All the incidentals that are not listed in the package will be charged at published rates and to be settled prior to departure). Courtesy of Six Senses Soneva Kiri. Value in excess of \$13,200.

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Lot 8 - "When Less car means More..."

Towns and Cities offer a vast array of amenities. But what's the use of having countless shops, restaurants and Cafes, if you can't find anywhere to park?

In the smart Fortwo, you'll soon discover a host of new places to park - because even a small parking space is suddenly big enough. At the same time, you'll enjoy an amazing feeling of space inside and a boot that has no problems accommodating your shopping. In addition, the raised seating position offers a clearer view of the traffic situation and makes getting in and out all the easier.

The smart Fortwo Cabrio MHD from Mercedes-Benz. One of the Worlds most efficient cars featuring Eco Start/ Stop Technology which delivers a combined Fuel consumption of only 4.4 litres per 100 Km. This technology uses a function that automatically switches the engine off at traffic lights or in a traffic jam, and back on when things get moving again. All without interrupting your creature comforts like Air Conditioning and Premium Sound System. The particularly light body panels contribute to an excellent Power to Weight Ratio, performance and fuel consumption. Above all, they are delightfully robust and scratch resistant, shrugging off bumps and light scratches practically unscathed.

Other standard equipment includes 6 Spoke alloy Wheels, Remote Central Locking, Front Fog Lights and Power Windows. With standard safety features including the Tridion Safety Cell, ESP Stability Control, ABS Brakes, Dual full size front Airbags and Side Head/ Thorax airbags, seat belt Pre Tensioners and Force Limiters, you know your in one of the safest cars available in the country.

The vehicle to be Auctioned is here today on display and features Deep Black Body Panels and Optional Silver Tridion Safety Cell, an Electric Cabriolet Roof with Removable Roof Bars and the Optional "Primo Package" which comprises Heated Leather Seats, SoftTouch Automatic transmission with Steering Wheel Gearshift Paddles, the smart Radio 10 with 6 disc CD Changer, MP3 Auxiliary input, and 5 Loudspeakers including Sub Woofer and Electrically Adjustable and Heated Door mirrors. For more information visit www.smartaustralia.com.au

\$29,610 including all on road costs



"Image features wheels not available in Australia"
(For more information visit www.mercedes-benz.com.au).



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Think Outside...

Lot 9 - Trip of a Lifetime to Dublin with Etihad Airways. Enjoy new levels of comfort and luxury flying Etihad Airways' with two Pearl Business Class tickets to Dublin. Etihad Airways is one of the world's fastest growing airlines based in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the UAE. Etihad currently offers services from Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne to over 45 global destinations, including Dublin. Whenever you choose to fly, with Etihad you are never just another passenger, you are always a Guest. And with their award winning business flat beds, over 500 hours of great entertainment, and some of the finest cuisine in the sky, it's easy to see why. Etihad's fleet of brand new aircraft have the latest luxurious touches to make your flight fly by and their expert international hosts provide the highest level of service in all three of their unique Guest travel classes.

Enjoy three nights at one of the exclusive **Small Luxury Hotels of the World**. With 480 hotels in more than 70 countries, you will be spoilt for choice. Whether you are seeking a blissful spa retreat, the rustic charm of a country villa, a secluded beachside resort, the refined splendour of an old country house, an idyllic private island, a remote safari lodge deep in the heart of Africa or a sanctuary hidden amid the vibrant atmosphere of a bustling city centre, with Small Luxury Hotels of the World you will encounter only the very best. Go to www.slh.com to find out more.

Stay another 2 nights in a luxurious double room in the Garden Wing with Full Irish Breakfast each morning at **Merrion Hotel**, Dublin's most luxurious five star hotel. Since opening in 1997, The Merrion Hotel has established itself as the epitome of relaxed grandeur, welcoming Dubliners and visitors to the city with stunningly appointed rooms, crackling turf fires and a host of facilities. You will then have 4 nights Bed & Breakfast accommodation around Ireland courtesy of **Tourism Ireland**.

The package also includes a week's Class C car hire in Ireland courtesy of **AVIS**, one of the world's leading car rental brands. Courtesy of Etihad Airways, Small Luxury Hotels of the World, The Merrion Hotel, Tourism Ireland and Avis. Value \$23,600.

(Some conditions apply: Etihad tickets are valid until 30 October 2010, travel is for a period of no more than 60 days, non transferable, non changeable and subject to availability, travel excludes taxes and fuel Surcharge. Conditions apply for Small Luxury Hotels, The Merrion Hotel and Tourism Ireland B&B's. Avis car hire is for a vehicle up to an intermediate size and valid until 31 July 2010, excluding peak periods such as school holidays and public holidays. Standard Avis terms and conditions apply).

