

The W&L Traveller's

TOWN & COUNTRY LIFE®

# LANGUEDOC

TOULOUSE • CARCASSONNE • ALBI

May 5 to 13, 2018



Dear W&L Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

May is the ideal time for this exclusive nine-day sojourn to the South of France. The historical provinces of Languedoc-Roussillon and Midi-Pyrénées, designated the Occitania region in 2016, offer much to be discovered. Amid unspoiled landscapes, historic fortresses and traditional French villages, you can immerse yourself in the life and local culture of the area while appreciating the complex history, tradition and legends of past inhabitants, from the ancient Greeks and Romans to the Occitans and the Cathars.

This comprehensive itinerary includes a combination of both town and country, from the UNESCO World Heritage medieval cities of Albi and Carcassonne to the 13<sup>th</sup>-century hilltop village of Cordes-sur-Ciel built by the Count of Toulouse. You'll discover Aude, a lesser-known *département* of quaint towns, lush olive groves and ample vineyards, where medieval monks first produced Blanquette, a sparkling wine that predates champagne. In addition to two specially arranged wine tastings, you'll have a private cruise on the charming Canal du Midi, a UNESCO World Heritage site and historic link between the Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic Ocean.

The Southern Gothic-style red brick city of Albi, seat of the Albigensian Crusade against the Cathars, will be your home for three nights. The HOTEL MERCURE ALBI BASTIDES overlooks the River Tarn and features terrace views of the medieval heart of Albi. Your final four nights will be spent in the charming CHÂTEAU DE FLOURE, an authentic 16<sup>th</sup>-century French country estate located just outside the fortified city of Carcassonne, which boasts the longest city walls in Europe with ramparts dating back to the first-century Romans. During the exclusive TOWN & COUNTRY LIFE<sup>®</sup> FORUM, you'll interact with local residents, who will share insights into their daily lives in the Occitania region.

The city of Toulouse and the Cathar Country Pre- and Post-Program Options are available to enhance your exploration of France's best-kept secret.

This one-of-a-kind small group travel program invites you to explore the heart of France's most fascinating yet undiscovered region during the best time of year. Make your reservations today while Early Booking Savings and space are still available!

We look forward to traveling with you,



Rob Fure, Director  
W&L Traveller



Cover: *The fortified walls and cobblestone byways of medieval Carcassonne have remained intact since approximately 100 B.C.*

*Stroll the quiet lanes of Cordes-sur-Ciel, a scenic village founded in 1222 by the Count of Toulouse.*

## LANGUEDOC



Languedoc  
Coat of Arms.

Experience firsthand the fascinating destinations and historic provinces that comprise captivating Languedoc—the western half of Mediterranean France that extends from the Alps to the Pyrénées—where *la vie* unfolds amidst centuries-old medieval villages, lively outdoor markets, verdant countryside and hectares of lush vineyards that produce some of France’s best wine.

Learn about the unique history, rhythms of daily life and generations-old customs in the heart of these quaint towns and villages, and *parler* (talk) with local residents as they go about their day. Enjoy an enriching small group travel experience including all excursions, charming accommodations

in an authentic French château and a historic former water mill overlooking the River Tarn, and specially arranged meals—an excellent value. This exclusive program is part of the popular TOWN & COUNTRY LIFE® series that immerses you in an intimate, comprehensive travel experience like no other.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS are specially arranged and only available on this custom-designed itinerary:

- ◆ **Enjoy an authentic experience** in the historic towns, traditional villages and a rural château of France’s lesser-explored and unspoiled Occitania region, discovering intriguing Cathar legends and well-preserved medieval settlements, towns and villages, where residents live and work year round.
- ◆ **Immerse yourself** in a carefully planned, balanced itinerary of included historical and cultural guided excursions and time on your own to experience and partake in typical, local daily life in the seldom-visited *département* of Aude.
- ◆ **Engage locals** during the TOWN & COUNTRY LIFE® FORUM, where residents share their stories and discuss contemporary life.
- ◆ **Experience** one of the largest wine-producing regions in the world with two private, specially arranged tastings.
- ◆ **Explore** the iconic works of art by Francisco Goya and Henri Toulouse-Lautrec in the Goya Museum in Castres and in the Musée Toulouse-Lautrec in Albi.
- ◆ **Sample** traditional regional specialties during the *C’EST BON!* CULINARY TRADITIONS™ excursion in Castelnaudary, birthplace of cassoulet, and during specially arranged included meals.
- ◆ **Enjoy** a private cruise along one of the most scenic lengths of the historic, UNESCO World Heritage-designated Canal du Midi.
- ◆ **Walk** the quaint, cobbled *rues* (streets) in one of France’s most beautiful villages, Minerve, a traditional working village with small, independent *boulangeries, pâtisseries et boucheries* (bakeries, pastry shops and butcher shops).
- ◆ **Hear it from the Experts!** Experienced local guides will accompany you throughout the program and share their expertise on the history and culture of the undiscovered South of France.
- ◆ **Learn key phrases** *en français* to make your interactions with local residents all the more enjoyable.



The scenic skyline of medieval Albi, known as ‘la rouge’ for its signature red-brick architecture, is dominated by the historic monuments of Cathedral Sainte-Cécile and the iconic Pont Vieux spanning the River Tarn.

## ITINERARY

Day

◆ **GOLDEN AGE OF TOULOUSE PRE-PROGRAM OPTION**

- 1 Depart the U.S.
- 2 **TOULOUSE, FRANCE/ALBI**®  
Check into the HOTEL MERCURE ALBI BASTIDES.  
CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:  
◆ Time at leisure in Albi.
- 3 **ALBI**  
◆ Walking tour of medieval Albi with a visit to 14<sup>th</sup>-century Cathédrale Sainte-Cécile.  
CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:  
◆ Tour of Palais de la Berbie's acclaimed Musée Toulouse-Lautrec.  
◆ Lunch in a local restaurant.
- 4 **ALBI/GAILLAC/NOAILLES/CORDES-SUR-CIEL**  
◆ Full-day excursion to Gaillac and Cordes-sur-Ciel with a visit to the Abbaye Saint-Michel de Gaillac.  
CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:

◆ Wine tasting and tour at a family-owned estate in the village of Noailles.

- 5 **ALBI/CASTRES/CASTELNAUDARY/CANAL DU MIDI**®/CHÂTEAU DE FLOURE  
CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:  
◆ Visit to the Goya Museum in Castres.  
◆ **C'est Bon! CULINARY TRADITIONS™** cooking demonstration and traditional cassoulet lunch in Castelnaudary.  
◆ Canal du Midi cruise in a flat-bottom boat.  
Check into the CHÂTEAU DE FLOURE.

- 6 **CHÂTEAU DE FLOURE/CARCASSONNE**®  
◆ Walking tour of Carcassonne with visits to the Basilica of Saints Nazarius and Celsus and the Château Comtal.  
CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:

◆ Time at leisure to explore Carcassonne.

- 7 **CHÂTEAU DE FLOURE/CORBIÈRES WINE REGION/ABBAYE DE FONTRONNE**  
◆ Visit to the 12<sup>th</sup>-century Cistercian Abbaye de Fontfroide.  
CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:  
◆ Lunch in a typical restaurant in the Abbaye.  
◆ Corbières wine tasting and cellar tour.  
◆ **TOWN & COUNTRY LIFE® FORUM.**

- 8 **CHÂTEAU DE FLOURE/CAUNES-MINERVOIS/MINERVE**  
◆ Guided walking tour of the medieval hilltop villages of Caunes-Minervois and Minerve.  
CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:

◆ Time at leisure in Caunes-Minervois.

- 9 **FLOURE/TOULOUSE/Return to the U.S.**

◆ **MEDIEVAL CATHAR MYSTIQUE**  
POST-PROGRAM OPTION



### Albi

Known as *'la rouge'* by locals for the town's signature French Southern Gothic-style red-brick architecture, the UNESCO World Heritage-designated old city of Albi became a powerful episcopal center and market town following a crusade against the Cathars in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Today, countless beautiful Renaissance *maisons* (houses) and iconic crimson brick buildings line the cobblestone streets, built with the wealth of the textile and dyeing industries that flourished here in the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries. Stroll across the River Tarn along the 10<sup>th</sup>-century *Pont Vieux* (Old Bridge) for a spectacular view of the city, and visit the 13<sup>th</sup>-century Cathédrale Sainte-Cécile, a masterpiece of French Southern Gothic-style architecture with an ornate interior décor—its elaborate ceiling frescoes encompass the largest and oldest Italian Renaissance paintings in France.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:** Tour the acclaimed Musée Toulouse-Lautrec, housed in the imposing Palais de la Berbie, which exhibits the world's largest collection of works by Henri Toulouse-Lautrec, the famed Art Nouveau artist born here in 1864, and savor lunch in a local restaurant featuring regional wine. Enjoy time at leisure to explore Albi at your own pace.

### Gaillac

The quaint town of Gaillac is located in one of the oldest wine-growing regions in France, where narrow, cobblestone streets are lined with *bâtisse à colombages*



Considered one of the most beautiful villages in France, the hilltop village of Minerve is the historic capital of the Minervois region and offers old-world charm amid abundant terraced gardens and cobblestone streets.



The historic Canal du Midi winds its way from Toulouse to the Mediterranean port of Sète, flowing through traditional French villages and an avenue of thousands of plane trees.

(half-timbered buildings) and open up to charming village squares. The vineyards of Gaillac produce grapes to make red wines like Syrah, Cabernet and Merlot and white wines such as Mauzac and Sauvignon. Visit the historic, French Southern Gothic-style Abbaye Saint-Michel de Gaillac, a Roman-Catholic church founded in A.D. 972 on the banks of the Tarn by Benedictine monks and consecrated by the Bishop of Albi.

## Cordes-sur-Ciel

Experience the 13<sup>th</sup>-century fortified village of Cordes-sur-Ciel, recently renamed for the low-lying clouds that hang in the surrounding Cérou Valley, making this *jolie* hilltop commune appear to float above the sky, or *sur ciel*. It is said to be the first *ville bastide* (fortified city) ever built, intended to protect its inhabitants from the siege of the Cathars, and is also one of the most picturesque villages in all of France. Its attractive Gothic-style architecture and the sculpted, decorative façades of merchants' houses still stand today as evidence of the wealth from the leather and cloth trades that flourished here in the 14<sup>th</sup> century.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** In nearby Noailles, enjoy a private tasting of local wines cultivated in the verdant vineyards of a family-owned estate.

## Castres

The small, scenic village of Castres was built around a Benedictine monastery founded circa A.D. 810 on the Agout River, halfway between Toulouse and Montpellier. Since the 14<sup>th</sup> century, Castres has been a great center of the wool industry—its farmers and weavers used wool from their own sheep to make yarns, cloth and fabrics. Today, it is France's most important producer of carded wool.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** Tour the fascinating Goya Museum, located in the original Archbishop's Palace and designed by one of the architects of Versailles. Named after painter Francisco Goya, this comprehensive museum houses the largest collection of Spanish artwork in France.

## Castelnaudary/Canal du Midi

The charming market town of Castelnaudary—the main port of the famous Canal du Midi—is located on the Roman route from Toulouse to the Mediterranean and is the birthplace of one of France's most beloved regional specialties, *le cassoulet*.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** Enjoy a specially arranged cruise aboard a traditional flat-bottomed boat

in the shade of picturesque plane trees lining the grand, 17<sup>th</sup>-century Canal du Midi, a UNESCO World Heritage site that winds past serene vineyards and tranquil villages and features unique oval locks and stone bridges.

## C'EST BON! CULINARY TRADITIONS™

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** By special arrangement, enjoy lunch in a local restaurant and an exclusive cooking demonstration featuring *le cassoulet*.

## Floure

In the heart of Cathar Country lies Floure—a small, tranquil village comprised of quaint, ivy-covered stone cottages with time-worn wooden shutters and colorful blooms in window boxes, surrounded by lush vineyards.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** Experience a special TOWN & COUNTRY LIFE® FORUM with local residents, who will discuss daily life in the South of France.

## Carcassonne

Settled on the former frontier between France and Spain along ancient trade routes linking the Atlantic Ocean with the Mediterranean Sea and



Enjoy the picturesque floral-filled courtyard and Gothic-colonnaded cloister of the Abbaye de Fontfroide.

## HOTEL MERCURE ALBI BASTIDES

Located on the banks of the River Tarn, the charming, historically registered HOTEL MERCURE ALBI BASTIDES is housed in a former 18<sup>th</sup>-century water mill within walking distance of Albi's glorious red-brick Cathedral and iconic *Pont Vieux* (Old Bridge), the perfect home base for your exploration of the surrounding medieval towns and vineyards.

Each of the 56 spacious guest rooms features a private bathroom, individual climate control, satellite television, complimentary Wi-Fi, telephone and hair dryer.

Fine regional cuisine is served in the inviting hotel restaurant, La Vermicellerie, complete with a panoramic view across the old city of Albi.



## CHÂTEAU DE FLOURE

Once the site of a Romanesque monastery and, during the reign of King Henry IV, the country estate of the Toulouse Parliament's president, today the CHÂTEAU DE FLOURE offers 25 charming, individually appointed guest rooms overlooking formal French gardens. This recently renovated, authentic château is ideally located near the fortified medieval city of Carcassonne.

Accommodations feature a private bathroom, individual climate control, satellite television, complimentary Wi-Fi, telephone and hair dryer. Guests may also enjoy the full spa with hot tub, Turkish-style bath, sauna, heated pool and fitness area.

Breakfast is served every morning in the Calmettes lounge, and fine local cuisine is served in the hotel restaurant, Le Poète Disparu.



the Iberian Peninsula, and occupied since the sixth century B.C., Carcassonne—the largest walled city in Europe—was fortified by the Romans, conquered by the Visigoths in the fifth century, captured by Persians in the seventh century, and later invaded by Franks and overrun by Barbarians. Each of these civilizations left their indelible influence on the extraordinary architectural and artistic heritage of this city over the centuries. The medieval core of Carcassonne that remains today, La Cité, is an extraordinary UNESCO World Heritage site. Walk La Cité's cobblestone streets and visit the Romanesque-Gothic-style Basilica of Saints Nazarius and Celsus, and the medieval Château Comtal, a former Cathar castle.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** Enjoy time on your own to explore Carcassonne.

## Abbaye de Fontfroide/ Corbières Wine Region

Travel into the scenic, rugged Corbières Mountains, home to the incredibly well-preserved Cistercian Abbaye de Fontfroide, founded in 1093. Walk through its Gothic arched chapter hall and cloisters, and stroll the abbey's lush gardens filled with more than 3000 rose bushes.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** Enjoy a private tour of the historic château and wine cellars of a renowned family-owned estate and enjoy a tasting of four regional wines.

## Caunes-Minervois/Minerve

The renowned Minervois wine region, whose appellation produces rich red wines from the Carignan, Grenache and Syrah grapes, and white wines including Viognier, Clairette Blanche and Muscat, was named for the Roman goddess Minerve and is comprised of incredible sweeping scenery, fortified medieval villages and verdant, rolling vineyards. In Caunes-Minervois, see the Châteaux de Lastours and visit the Benedictine *abbaye*, featuring a mélange of architectural periods, from an eighth-century foundation to early southern-Romanesque art to 18<sup>th</sup>-century stained glass.

Inhabited since prehistoric times and fortified in the Middle Ages, the village of Minerve overlooks the sweeping French countryside from high atop a rugged gorge at the confluence of the Cesse and Briant Rivers. Visit the Église St-Étienne, the village's austere Romanesque church consecrated by the Bishop of Narbonne in A.D. 456, and its museum devoted to prehistoric archaeology of the region.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** Enjoy time on your own to explore the cobblestone lanes of the medieval village of Caunes-Minervois.



*A vast stone fortress overlooking the River Tarn, medieval Carcassonne was a highly sought-after center of power that changed hands frequently throughout the centuries due to its strategic location.*

## Included Features

### In Albi

- ◆ Three nights in the historic HOTEL MERCURE ALBI BASTIDES, ideally located overlooking the River Tarn and with views of the medieval old city of Albi.
- ◆ Private Welcome Reception in the hotel.
- ◆ Breakfast each day and one dinner with wine in the hotel.

### In the CHÂTEAU DE FLOURE

- ◆ Four nights in the charming CHÂTEAU DE FLOURE, in the village of Floure near historic Carcassonne.
- ◆ Breakfast each day and two dinners with wine in the château.
- ◆ Private Farewell Reception in the château.

### Expert-Guided Excursions

- ◆ Walking tour of provincial Albi, a UNESCO World Heritage site and once a stronghold of the Cathars, including a visit to the impressive, 13<sup>th</sup>-century Cathédrale Sainte-Cécile.
- ◆ Full-day excursion to the historical town of Gaillac to visit the imposing Abbaye Saint-Michel de Gaillac and the well-preserved, picturesque village of Cordes-sur-Ciel.
- ◆ Walking tour of the UNESCO World Heritage site of Carcassonne, including visits to the Romanesque-Gothic-style Basilica of Saints Nazarius and Celsus, and the impressive archaeological museum in the restored Château Comtal, a former Cathar castle.
- ◆ Visit to the extensively restored Romanesque former Cistercian Abbaye de Fontfroide, including its church, cloister, chapter hall and rose garden.
- ◆ Excursion to the well-preserved medieval town of Caunes-Minervois and to Minerve, one of the most beautiful villages of France.

### Exclusive Cultural Enrichments

- ◆ Two tastings of local wines—at a family-owned estate in the village of Noailles near Cordes-sur-Ciel and at a winery amid the beautifully rugged Corbières Mountains.
- ◆ Three lunches featuring regional cuisine and wine—in the medieval town of Albi, at the Abbaye de Fontfroide and in Castelnaudary, featuring a *C'EST BON!* CULINARY TRADITIONS™ demonstration of traditional cassoulet.
- ◆ Tour of the acclaimed Musée Toulouse-Lautrec in the 13<sup>th</sup>-century Palais de la Berbie, exhibiting the world's largest collection of the artist's work.
- ◆ Tour of the comprehensive Goya Museum in Castres, housing the largest collection of Spanish artwork in France.
- ◆ Cruise aboard a traditional flat-bottomed boat on the UNESCO-designated Canal du Midi.
- ◆ Special TOWN & COUNTRY LIFE® FORUM with local residents who will discuss life in southern France.
- ◆ Time at leisure to experience the rhythms of daily life in Albi, Carcassonne and Caunes-Minervois.
- ◆ French language introduction.



### Enhanced Travel Services

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, led by experienced, local guides.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions.
- ◆ Complimentary bottled water on excursions.
- ◆ Hospitality desk in the hotel and château.
- ◆ The services of an experienced Gohagan & Company Program Director throughout the travel program.
- ◆ Complimentary use of a state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant while on guided excursions.
- ◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.



*Great moments in Toulouse's history are inscribed on the walls of the Neoclassical-style Capitole de Toulouse, known for its characteristic pink-brick façade.*

## **Golden Age of Toulouse**

### **Pre-Program Option**

A medieval university town, and in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, Europe's second largest city, Toulouse lies along the sun-kissed banks of the Garonne River in the idyllic South of France. Explore the extraordinary Les Jacobins, the first Dominican monastery in the world, established in France in 1230. Enjoy a walking tour through Toulouse's centuries-old cobblestone streets and discover the city's most impressive Romanesque and Gothic churches built between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries and its opulent 16<sup>th</sup>-century mansions. Accommodations for two nights are in the ideally located GRAND HOTEL DE L'OPERA in Toulouse.

## **Medieval Cathar Mystique**

### **Post-Program Option**

Deep in the heart of *Pays Cathare* stand the awe-inspiring castles and fortified towns—rich with beguiling mystery and religious intrigue—built on the foothills of the Pyrénées Mountains by this Christian denomination that flourished during the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries in the historic region of Languedoc. Encounter two of the “Five Sons of Carcassonne”—see the largest of these fortresses, Peyrepertuse, perched on a 2300-foot hilltop, and visit well-preserved Château de Quéribus, site of the Cathars' last stand. Visit the 10<sup>th</sup>-century bastide town of Mirepoix; the enigmatic hilltop village of Rennes-le-Château, with its centuries-old legends of the Holy Grail and the Knights Templar; and picturesque Alet-les-Bains, built on a natural hot spring. Visit the unusual rock-hewn troglodyte Church of Sainte-Marie in Vals; and visit Château de Foix, a castle dating from the Middle Ages. Enjoy a specially arranged tasting of the region's famous Blanquette de Limoux—the world's first sparkling wine—at a historic, family-owned estate. Accommodations for three nights are in the charming CHÂTEAU DES DUCS DE JOYEUSE, an authentic 16<sup>th</sup>-century castle turned hotel in the village of Couiza.

*The Pre- and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.*

*The monumental Château de Foix has allowed surveillance from this strategic point over the town below since the 10<sup>th</sup> century, protected behind impregnable walls.*





The small villages and verdant, rolling vineyards that dot the landscape of the historic Languedoc region have produced some of the most celebrated wines in France and the world for over 2600 years.

## LAND TARIFF *excluding taxes\**

*Per person, based on double occupancy*

**Early Booking  
Tariff\* through  
November 13, 2017**

*Tariff\* after  
November 13, 2017*

**\$3995**

**\$4295**

Singles are available upon request for an additional \$900.\*

\*Taxes are an additional \$295 per person and are subject to change.



## LANGUEDOC RESERVATION FORM

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Program reservations require a deposit of \$600 per person and \$200 per person Golden Age of Toulouse Pre-Program Option and/or \$200 per person Medieval Cathar Mystique Post-Program Option.

*By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.*

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for \$\_\_\_\_\_ as deposit.  
Make checks payable to **Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.**

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**All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by January 30, 2018.**

**Please make my/our reservation(s):**

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one double bed).
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

**Please make my/our reservation(s):  
Golden Age of Toulouse  
Pre-Program Option**

- Double at \$695 per person.
- Single at \$995 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

**Medieval Cathar Mystique  
Post-Program Option**

- Double at \$1715 per person.
- Single at \$2015 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

I/We want you to book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_

*(fill in departure city)*  
to and from Toulouse, France, at additional cost to be advised.†

- Economy Class
- Upgraded Economy Class
- Business Class
- First Class

†Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements.



*Painters, sculptors, poets and writers have long been captivated by the simple beauty of Languedoc, including Albert Camus, who was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1957.*

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**LUGGAGE:** Luggage allowance policies are set by the airlines and may change without notice.

**PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY:** All programs require physical independence and mobility. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance (for example, the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Travelers must be able to embark or disembark motorcoaches alone or with minimal assistance from your traveling companion and climb stairs without assistance. Travelers requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for handling equipment.

**DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS:** Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of Gohagan in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by **November 13, 2017**. In the event a "discounted" reservation must be cancelled, no "replacement" reservation can be substituted at the discounted rate. A "replacement" reservation is a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full-fare tariff. Cancellation penalties may apply.

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**TRIP INSURANCE:** We strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident, and damaged or lost luggage. We will send you an application upon receipt of your reservation.

**RATES:** Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. On land and/or cruise programs, even after full payment, Gohagan reserves the right to increase the tour price in the event of cost increases due to changes in supplier costs, currency fluctuations or fuel or energy surcharges and all such increases are to be paid to Gohagan upon notice to the tour participant of such increases. On programs which include Gohagan purchased interstate or international air (which originates or returns to the United States), no increased costs will be passed on after final payment except for subsequently imposed governmental tax increases.

**REGISTRATION:** CST#: 2031868-40, WST#: 601 767 666, OST#: TA 0905.

**BINDING ARBITRATION:** Any dispute concerning, relating or referring to this Agreement, the brochure or any other literature concerning the trip, or the trip itself, shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. Sections 1-16, either according to the then existing Commercial Rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) or pursuant to the Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures of the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS). Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) Illinois law and will take place in Chicago, IL. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. Please understand that by agreeing to these terms and conditions, the participant and Gohagan are waiving the right to a trial by jury.

**ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT:** By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms contained in this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

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