

LIVE AUCTION LOTS

West End Musical with Michelin Star Dining

Your evening begins with pre-theatre dinner for two people at Arbutus - one of London's renowned Michelin Star restaurants. You will take an early sitting and enjoy a stunning three course meal with a bottle of house wine to get you in the mood for an evening of quality entertainment. After dinner, take a short stroll from the heart of Soho to your chosen theatre. The West End is jam-packed with world-class shows, allowing us to arrange good tickets to your choice of spectacular Musical Show, with guaranteed unrestricted view. Subject to schedule of shows and availability of tickets.

Northern Lights Sightseeing Flight

A unique three hour tour for two people that is truly 'out of this world' and like no other - a fun and inspiring experience for anyone to enjoy. The science behind the natural phenomenon of the Aurora Borealis is mind-boggling, but nothing quite prepares you for the trip ahead. At the start of this exciting evening, you will be given an in-depth presentation as to what you can expect on the three-hour flight, then step onboard a jet and go hunting for the Northern Lights. As the sun sets, you'll take off from your airport of choice* heading towards the Shetland Isles, the cabin lights will be dimmed for extra visibility to enhance the northern lights spectacular show! You will also enjoy an informative and inspiring presentation onboard by a professional Astronomer. On return to the UK, you'll step off the plane with memories to cherish for a lifetime!

La Manga Club Villa Week

For those who love luxury living, great views, sunshine, golf, tennis and a variety of food - this is the place for you... A three Bedroom, two Bathroom luxury villa with a spacious kitchen and living / dining area as well as built-in gas barbeque, patio dining area and a roof terrace / Sun-Deck. Fully air conditioned (separate controls for upstairs and downstairs) with double glazing throughout and outfitted to the very highest standards from the furnishings to the fittings, this villa offers an ideal base for a holiday in La Manga.

It has fabulous views over the pool, the resort, Mar Menor and on to the Mediterranean. Far enough away from the bustle of the centre and yet easily accessible with a short walk from the shops, restaurants and activity centres of the resort. Guests can also avail themselves of a 50% discount on golf and reduced tennis fees.

Raymond Blanc Course & Lunch at The Mole Inn

A food lovers treat for two people. Your foodie experience begins with an early two-course Sunday lunch with wine at The Mole Inn at Toot Baldon - a renowned restaurant with 2 AA Rosettes. Described as "more gastro than pub, a pleasant and cheerful establishment, with a lovely garden, which attracts almost unmitigated praise from all who comment on it". After lunch, a ten-minute drive brings you to the famous Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons in Great Milton. Join us in the Raymond Blanc Cookery School for an intensive three hour course, learning to create an inspired, seasonal three course menu in next to no time. Whether you are novices or seasoned enthusiasts, it's an ideal way to experience the fun of cooking and learn a few new tricks.

European City Break

A weekend or mid-week break in 2016 in a luxury apartment in Paris, Barcelona, Vienna or Prague. An opportunity to experience the heart of one of four great European cities in a stunning apartment. Weekend breaks are 3 nights, Friday through Monday; mid-week are 4 nights, Monday to Friday. Each apartment has two en-suite bedrooms and is equipped and furnished to 5-star standards including a wide-screen TV, MP3 dock, quality Hi-Fi and Wi-Fi. There is also a Neighbourhood Directory and access to a dedicated Concierge Service to book a car and driver, guide, or theatre/opera tickets etc. The experience must be taken in 2016 subject to availability and arranged with the owners' representatives.

Ayrton Senna - The Last Picture

This incredible photograph was taken by Graeme Glew on 1 May, 1994 at the San Marino Grand Prix, capturing Senna's troubled look as he prepared to leave the pit lane on that fateful day. Nowhere recorded is there a photograph taken later in the day. A fabulous investment for any collector, the image is printed directly onto toughened glass to produce a stunning and unusual finish. Etched with the item number from a limited edition of just 1000, this magnificent piece of glass art comes framed and ready to hang, complete with a Certificate of Authenticity signed by the photographer. A plaque is attached to the front of the frame, engraved with the details about the picture.

Canoe and Tipi Family Adventure

This adventure combines a two-day canoe expedition with overnight in a remote riverside tipi for a group of six adults or children. Open March to October, this is an exciting & unique experience on the River Wye (voted Britain's best river in 2011) between Hereford & Ross-on-Wye. With just three in each location, our 21ft Sioux design tipis have 3 double & 1 single futon. Bring your own food, towels & change of clothes - we provide everything else and even transfer your luggage. We supply the canoes, paddles, dry bags, life jackets, maps, BBQ coal, logs, utensils & all bedding. Outside are picnic tables, benches & Portaloo. After full instruction on use of your canoe & tipi, you are left to enjoy the adventure on your own, with a 24 hour emergency number provided.

La Villa de Mazamet, France

Mazamet is an elegant "Chambres d'hôtes" 90 minutes east of Toulouse and a short stroll from the centre of the market town of Mazamet. La Villa has a swimming pool within a walled garden, looking out over the stunning Montagne Noire range. Open from April through to October, this package is a three-night stay for two people sharing an exquisitely furnished Superior Bedroom, with Breakfast & Dinner with Wine on TWO evenings. Make use of Le Petit Spa and enjoy either two 60 min massages OR a round of golf for two at La Barouge Golf Club. Combine the charms of this superb property with the warm welcome and personal attention of the English owners, Mark and Peter, it's little wonder La Villa is so highly reviewed on Trip Advisor. With so much on the doorstep to enjoy; Mazamet Town, its' three Markets, 'Le Jardin des Promenades' and the 'Piste Verte' cycle path – Mazamet is a cyclists dream – so included in your package is cycle hire for one day.

SILENT AUCTION LOTS

Lot 1 - Mill Ride Golf Club Green Fee Voucher

A four ball green fee voucher at one of Berkshire's acknowledged more challenging courses. The Donald Steel designed course opened for play in 1990 and is often described as having the characteristics of both links and parkland styles. Set in a 175 acre private estate, the course winds around seven lakes and has matured beautifully over the last 25 years. The club has hosted events on the European Seniors Tour and the Southern Region PGA Championship, and is also a regular hang out for lots of top European Tour golfers. The par 3 11th hole is one of the finest in Berkshire; at 175 yards over water with a shallow green, it is a genuine card wrecker. Voucher valid Monday through Thursday to end 2016. Book via the professional shop – 01344 886777.

Estimate £120 - 160

Lot 2 - Signed Bottle of Scotch

A 70cl bottle of 'House of Commons' proprietary blended scottish whisky – not available elsewhere – particularly as this one is signed by our local MP John Redwood!

Estimate £30 - £50

Lot 3 - Castle Royle Golf Club 4 Ball Green Fee Voucher

Set in rolling Berkshire countryside, Castle Royle is one of the finest Golf Clubs in England where you can enjoy year-round play on a superb, 18-hole par 72 Championship Golf course designed by Neil Coles to exacting USGA standards. The course, established in 1994, has been configured in two loops of nine holes combining the characteristics of a links and parkland course. Castle Royle has hosted a number of tournaments, most recent of which was a PGA European Seniors Tour. Voucher valid 7 days a week to end 2016. Book via the professional shop – 01628 820700.

Estimate £120 - £160

Lot 4 - Villacana Villa Week

1 week in a two bed, two bathroom apartment (can sleep up to six people) in the lovely resort of Villacana. Situated between Estepona and Puerto Banus, the Villacana Resort is the perfect base for exploring the Costa del Sol. Apartments are well appointed and resort facilities include bar / restaurant, indoor and outdoor pools, tennis, gym, sauna and hot tub. A myriad of golf courses and places to visit are all within a short drive. The holiday must be taken during 2016 subject to availability and arranged with the owners' representatives. NB. Return travel is not included and will need to be arranged separately.

Estimate £400 - £600

Lot 5 - Live Opera Dinner at Bel Canto

From The Telegraph critics review: 'One minute, your waitress is putting warm crab gâteau in front of you, the next, she's strutting around the tables belting out La Habanera, from Bizet's Carmen, or joining in the festive, drinking-song quartet from La Traviata, with three of her colleagues'. Located at the Corus Hotel in Hyde Park, at Bel Canto you'll be able to enjoy all your classic French favourites from homemade foie gras medallions to a glass of sparkling red-tinted Merlot. With the piano specialising in classical opera music, your evening will be filled with the magic of haunting arias as you are taken back to the delightful melodies of Bellini, Mozart, Verdi and Rossini. Included is a three course dinner for two people, a glass of Prosecco to toast and tea or coffee to conclude your meal.

Reserve £150 / Estimate £150 - £200

Lot 6 - Powered Loudspeakers

The Steljes Audio NS3 45watt RMS powered speakers have been designed to complement any room in your home. They can be seamlessly integrated into your lifestyle as they provide an array of connectivity; if you've got it, then they'll work with it. The Inputs on the NS3 are 1 x Optical, 1 x RCA Analogue, 1 x 3.5mm stereo jack input and 1 x Bluetooth receiver. The NS3 also incorporates a USB charging output and a Subwoofer Output to extend the bass if you feel compelled to do so. Requiring only two cables, one mains and another to connect both speakers, they can be set up almost anywhere you wish. An extra layer of convenience tops these beauties off with a full function remote control. Alluring, yet effortless in design, the NS3 are an audio masterpiece.

Estimate £125 - £175

Lot 7 - TV Sound Bar

The Steljes Audio Calliope TV Sound Bar is a sensible and well-engineered solution to the problems associated with the poor audio performance of today's flat panel TVs.

A comprehensive suite of connectivity options allows for numerous sources to be connected to the Calliope, via either HDMI (2 inputs and 1 output with ARC), Optical Digital, Analogue or streaming direct via Bluetooth aptX. Fitted with 4 Bass drivers, 2 of which are passive radiators, this soundbar delivers full range audio with real weight. There are also 3 DSP settings so that you can get the best performance possible whether you're listening to music, watching a film, or you need to concentrate on the presenter's speech.

Conveniently supplied with wall fixings, the choice of placement is all yours, desktop or wall; it's all in the box, along with cables and a remote control.

Estimate £100 - £150

Lot 8 - Warhole: Chicken Noodle

From an open edition published by Sunday B. Morning (After) Andy Warhol, this iconic image is taken from Warhol's original Campbell's Soup series created by the artist in 1962. The large sized screen-print measures 58cm x 89cm and is presented 'floated' in a quality black frame, ready-to-hang, for an impressive overall effect. Campbell's Soup Can 11.45 comes with a certificate of authenticity from Sunday B. Morning and is stamped in blue ink on the back of the print: "Published by Sunday B. Morning" and "fill in your own signature". Sunday B. Morning prints are produced with the same quality and integrity as Warhol's original screen-prints, printed on museum board using high quality archival inks.

Reserve £550 / Estimate £600 - £800

Lot 9 - Wine Tasting at Clerkenwell London

Clerkenwell London wine tasting bar is located in the heart of London's historic Clerkenwell. Join us for an afternoon or evening event inside our beautiful private room. Your party of four will be treated to a delicious sparkling reception and regaled with stories of the producers, while enjoying a four course meal and cheeseboard. We provide a variety of wines primarily from France and other classic European regions, to include reds, whites and one or two surprise organic Artisan wines. You will be expertly guided by your own personal wine expert before being taken through wine and food matching principles, having fun with a blind tasting session and learning how to get the best value when purchasing wines.

Reserve £450 / Estimate £500-600

Lot 10 - Powerboat Racing on the Solent

A four-hour experience including break for lunch at the picturesque Folly Inn riverside pub. The morning begins with a safety briefing and kitting you out with offshore racing jackets. After a short cruise down the river, your driver (usually a current or past racer) will open up the throttle and take you flying across the waves with all the thrills this fantastic sport has to offer. Be prepared for the ride of your life, enjoy a thrilling high speed tour of the Solent in a genuine offshore Honda Formula 4-Stroke powerboat. Feel the speed and grace

of this highly responsive machine with comfortable, secure seating making the experience suitable for all. This adrenalin-pumping day includes demonstrations of wave jumping, high-speed cornering, racing lines and starts. The highlight of the event will be after lunch when you take your turn at the helm, for at least 30 minutes, putting your own powerboat racing skills to the test. For one person.

Reserve £200 / Estimate £200 - £300

Lot 11 - Fire & Drive a Steam Locomotive

A full day course for one, run on selected Fridays between March and October. Unlike the packages offered by most other heritage railways, the participant in this 'premium' experience will get the chance to both fire and drive an historic, large main-line locomotive pulling a full rake of passenger coaches. There will normally be eight participants on the course. The course starts at 08.30 when you and your guests sit down to a 'full English' breakfast in the Flag & Whistle café at Toddington and meet your instructors for the day. The first two participants will step onto the footplate to be briefed and then undertake the role of driver and fireman respectively, under the guidance of your instructors. At each station on our two return journeys between Cheltenham and Laverton, the train will stop and the next two 'drivers' will take over. With packed lunch provided, the journey includes a trip through the Greet tunnel and over the Stanway Viaduct. For one person and a guest passenger.

Reserve £600 / Estimate £600 - £800

Lot 12 - Paragliding Thrill

Weighing as little as 5 kilograms, Paragliders are capable of flying hundreds of miles, un-powered on wind and air currents - just like birds. If you haven't flown before, this paragliding taster offers the unique opportunity to fly on your first day. This experience includes an introduction to the sport and the equipment. You will then be taught the techniques for take-off and basic canopy control. You will fly with a radio so that your instructor can coach you, ensuring that you progress safely. By the end of the day you should be flying solo. All you need to bring is a packed lunch and suitable clothing and footwear, everything else will be provided. Mandatory BHPIC Third Party Insurance is included. Available at various locations around the UK including Lancashire Cambridgeshire, Staffordshire and East Sussex.

Reserve £280 / Estimate £300-400

Lot 13 - Champagne Afternoon Tea at The Wolseley

One of the most special treats in London has, for many years, been a classic afternoon tea at The Wolseley. Located on Piccadilly in London's West End, families and friends come together in the delightful surroundings of this elegant, traditional café-restaurant to celebrate and enjoy an exquisite tea experience. Starting with a glass of champagne, enjoy an assortment of finger sandwiches, fruit scones with homemade jam and clotted cream, a selection of pastries and a choice of teas, all enjoyed in some of the finest surroundings London has to offer. This afternoon tea treat is for four people together as a group.

Reserve £200 / Estimate £200 - £300

Lot 14 - VIP Nurburgring Racing Experience

A unique and personal track driving package for two people, testing their driving skills on the world's most demanding, dangerous and exciting race circuit, the famous Nurburgring in Germany. This high end experience package aims to maximise enjoyment on track for any entry level car enthusiast. The full day experience for two drivers sharing a twin room includes two nights at a local hotel and a buffet lunch on your track day at the Hotel am Tiergarten. The driving is extensive following individual instruction in both cars. Start with two laps each of the 'green hell' in a 200hp RenaultSport Clio RS200 and progress to the more powerful and track focused RenaultSport Megane RS265. This experience works best on a weekend as the track is usually open the entire day on most Saturdays and Sundays, but always subject to availability. Includes all fuel and lap tickets. Travel to and from Nurburg is not included.

Reserve £1200 / Estimate £1200-1500

Lot 15 - Original Artwork Horse or Pet

Katie Hough is an animal portrait artist based in the Cotswolds, whose unique drawing style captures both the passion and graceful beauty of animals using a combination of pastels and charcoal. Commissioned by animal lovers worldwide, Katie's work has been featured in Your Horse and Cotswold Life magazines. The finished artwork will be approximately 29cm x 42cm and you will have the choice of several frame styles to complement and enhance your piece. Once you have been in touch with Auction Direct to arrange your prize, the artist will contact you to find out more about your chosen subject and to discuss your commission in full

detail. On receiving your photographs, Katie will then create an artwork of your horse, dog or pets that will perfectly capture their personality. Within a few weeks, you will receive a beautifully mounted and framed original to be cherished by your family, forever.

Reserve £550 / Estimate £600 - £800

Lot 16 - Luxury Day at Ajala Spa London

The stunning 5* Ajala Spa at Grange St. Paul's Hotel in the heart of London is a luxury day spa offering an indulgent range of beauty and holistic therapies from Karin Herzog, Dermalogica, and Ajala Spa's own signature botanical range. You and a guest will enjoy a day of relaxation at the Ajala Spa with unlimited use of all Health Club facilities, including the stylish pool, the aroma steam room, sauna and Jacuzzi. Each of you will be pampered into submission with a self-exfoliating Hammam, 30 minutes of classic back massage, a rejuvenating facial and half an hour in the Sun Therapy Lounge. Your relaxing day of delights also includes a light lunch & glass of Prosecco for the two of you.

Reserve £250 / Estimate £300-400

Lot 17 - Romantic Trip to Verona

This wonderful couples package is sure to bring memories for a lifetime. Staying in one of the four decadent rooms at Villa Aldegheri, with its' own Spa, Pool and breath-taking views across the Illasi valley, you are perfectly located to explore this glorious region of northern Italy. Perched above the vineyards and hills just 20 minutes east of Verona, your package is a three night stay in the privately run luxury accommodation, delightful daily breakfast and dinner with wine on one evening at the splendid nearby restaurant, Le Cedrare. Enjoy a trip among the hills and vineyards with a tour of a local winery and wine tasting, either in an open carriage or trekking on horseback. Plus, a choice of couples massage treatments, use of the Spa and join a scheduled Yoga class. You will still have time to take in the beautiful region, Lake Garda and the romantic, historic city of Verona.

Reserve £750 / Estimate £800 - £1200

Lot 18 - Edinburgh Foodie's City Break

Enjoy a wonderful two night stay for two people in an Executive Room (twin or double) at the boutique hotel Nira Caledonia. As well as a Wine Tasting Experience at the nearby Goya 23, your stay will include Breakfast on both mornings, plus dinner with wine on one evening. Included is an enjoyable and insightful foodies walking tour starting in the Old Town, combining sightseeing with fabulous food, shopping and malt whisky tastings—best to skip lunch before meeting your personal guide and heading out! Your short stay will be sure to deliver the best of what this great city has to offer.

Reserve £650 / Estimate £700-900

Lot 19 - 2 Hour "Reaching Your Full Potential" Coaching Session

This lot offers the opportunity of a two-hour coaching session with a highly qualified and experienced coach – Amanda Street. Amanda's vision is to help individuals and teams access and use their true potential to enhance personal and organisational performance. You can choose either a one to one or group session in the comfort of your home, office or by phone, when you can be guided through a particular issue or opportunity you or your team may be facing. Her approach is refreshingly pragmatic and practical and grounded in many years of training and experience with clients from all walks of life, in small and large businesses. Valid to end 2016.

Estimate £250 - £350

Lot 20 - "Off Duty" Cook Book Signed by Heston Blumenthal

A selection of starters, main courses and desserts from 48 of the world's top chefs and food writers that they enjoy cooking in their own homes for family and friends.

Estimate £25 - £40

Lot 21 - Clay Shooting Lesson

This clay shooting experience offers you the choice of many of the country's leading shooting clubs. It will just be the two of you with your qualified instructor, to ensure you get truly professional and personalised attention. For new shooters, the practicalities and procedures of using a gun will be carefully explained from how to stand to safety advice and, of course, how to hit the target. For those with previous experience, your lesson will give you tips and advice on how to improve your skills and hit rate. Whatever your questions or requirements, your personal instructor will endeavour to meet your expectations. The experience lasts for

about an hour and includes all necessary equipment and cartridges, for two people. Available year round, at several locations throughout England and Scotland.

Reserve £180 / Estimate £200 - £300

Lot 22 - Ian Botham Cigar at Headingley

A signed and framed print of this classic photograph of Ian Botham enjoying a cigar just before his famous innings at Headingley, when he scored 149 not out to set England on their way to a sensational Ashes victory back in 1981. This 12x16 inch photo was personally signed by Sir Ian Botham in a private signing session on 15 July, 2013 in London. It features a numbered hologram that matches an identical hologram affixed to the picture, with an image of Sir Ian signing the product at the relevant session. All of our signed memorabilia is supplied with an Auction Direct Certificate of Authenticity and Guarantee, signed by a Company Partner.

Reserve £300 / Estimate £350 - £450

Lot 23 - Sugar Ray Leonard 'Watch Out Hagler'

This iconic boxing photograph features Sugar Ray Leonard preparing to throw a punch at Marvin Hagler during the fight at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, on 6 April, 1987. The print was personally signed by Leonard in a private signing session in Bristol on 16 March, 2015 and has been beautifully framed in solid dark wood with a descriptive plaque inset. Sugar Ray won the WBC middleweight title by a split decision after 12 rounds in this bout, later dubbed the upset of the decade, with Hagler 1-3 on favourite. Leonard is one of boxing's all-time greats, holding seven different major world titles during his career, he was voted 'Boxer of the Decade' for the 1980s. The item is supplied with an Auction Direct Certificate of Authenticity signed by a Company Director and featuring a numbered hologram that matches an identical hologram affixed to the print and a photograph of Leonard signing it.

Reserve £300 / Estimate £300 - £400

Lot 24 - Roger Moore 007 - View to a Kill

Presented in a quality black wooden frame, this iconic James Bond film poster was signed by Sir Roger Moore in Randogne, Switzerland on 6 February 2016. A View To A Kill was the 14th Bond film and the last to star Sir Roger Moore. It was a huge commercial success, grossing over 150 million US dollars worldwide. All of our signed memorabilia is supplied with an Auction Direct Certificate of Authenticity and Guarantee signed by a Company Partner. The certificate features a numbered hologram that matches an identical hologram affixed to the photograph, with an image of the star signing the product.

Reserve £340 / Estimate £350 - £500