

PILOT LIGHT
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LIVE AUCTION!

What's better than winning one of these fabulous items?

Winning one for a good cause.

Once again, Pilot Light is thrilled to offer one of a kind experiences in our gala Live Auction! We are grateful to our friends in the Chicago community who donated their time and talents to create an extraordinary auction.

Descriptions for each follow:

- *Feast of the Seven Fishes Dinner at Avec for 4*
- *2022 Go Cubs Go! Throw out the First Pitch for a 2022 Game*
- *Master Sommelier, Rare Wines & an Unforgettable Dinner*
- *7 Night Tuscan Wine Making Vacation for 10 With Jason Hammel & Matthias Merges*
- *Private Dinner In Your Home with Paul Kahan, Jason Hammel, Justin Large, Matthias Merges*
- *Turks & Caicos: 7 Nights, 8 Guests, 4 Bedroom Luxury Waterfront Villa in Chalk Sound*

Bid on your own or gather a group of friends and bid together. All proceeds support food education nationwide.

To bid, register for your Live Stream ticket [here](#).

FEAST OF THE SEVEN FISHES DINNER AT AVEC FOR 4



For the first time, Avec is hosting a dinner to celebrate their take on an Italian Holiday tradition: the Feast of the Seven Fishes. The special dinner will take place in the private dining room at Avec River North, and we have reserved four tickets just for you. You will dine on a dazzling 7 course dinner, featuring seafood sourced from around the globe, prepared by Chef Ross Henke, Michelin Bib Gourmand award winner and nominee for the Jean Banchet Award for Best Chef de Cuisine in 2017, and pastry chef Natalie Saban, nominee for 2019 Jean Banchet Rising Pastry Chef of the Year.

To accompany your meal, your group will enjoy wine from some of the most exclusive wineries in California, including:

- 2012 Ultra Marine, Blanc de Noirs, Sonoma Coast Sparkling Wine
- 2017 Matthiasson, Napa Valley White Wine, Sauvignon Blanc/Ribolla Gialla Blend
- 2017 Aubert, Sonoma Coast Chardonnay
- 2005 Araujo, Eisele Vineyard, Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

As a keepsake, you will also take home four copies of Cooking for Good Times, signed by Chef Paul Kahan. Make your December more memorable than ever with this special dinner.

Restrictions: The dinner will be held on December 15 and 16, 2021. Please select your date and notify Pilot Light of your choice by Monday, November 15, 2021. Winner must be 21 or older. No refunds.

2022 GO CUBS GO! FIRST PITCH



Get ready to loosen up your arm, stretch those legs and stand in front of 40,000 of your closest friends as you wind up and throw out the first pitch at a 2022 Chicago Cubs game! Before the game, your group of four will stroll the infield of the second oldest ballpark in the US and take in the iconic atmosphere that is Wrigley Field. After that chance of a lifetime, your group of four will enjoy seats provided by the Chicago Cubs to sit back, relax and enjoy the friendly confines. After the game, walk across the street to dine on some of the best tacos, queso and nachos you've ever tasted at Big Star Wrigleyville. You'll conclude this unforgettable day with a special whiskey tasting at Mordecai, which boasts one of the country's most interesting collections of vintage and rare spirits, with a focus on rare bourbon.

Details: *A weekday home game during the 2022 season (agreed date arranged with the Cubs.) Opening Day, Marquee, Diamond, Inter-League, St. Louis series are not included. Big Star gift card is valued at \$100.

MASTER SOMMELIER, RARE WINES & AN UNFORGETTABLE DINNER



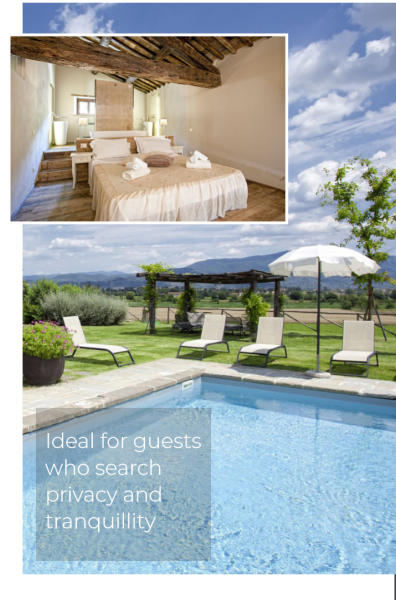
Rare wines, an iconic restaurant, classic cocktails and personal attention from culinary experts. To start, imagine sipping a vertical of fine wines expertly curated by Master Sommelier Fernando Beteta. Wine lover and collector Renu Kulkarni has donated three priceless bottles of fine wine from her private cellar, a vertical of 1994, 1995 & 1996 rare wines that has been perfectly cellared and matured. Back to back great vintages, it will be a delight to enjoy now side-by-side or for many years to come.

1. Chateau Mouton-Rothschild is one of the world's most iconic wineries. A first growth of Bordeaux, Mouton-Rothschild is sought-after by collectors and acclaimed by critics worldwide. Considered elegant and perfumed, one of the most complex wines from the First Growths.
2. The 1995 Penfolds Grange received a 97 point rating from Wine Spectator. Described as "A massive wine, majestic in its proportions, combining power and grace in equal measure." Grange is arguably Australia's most celebrated wine and is officially listed as a Heritage Icon of South Australia
3. Opus One is the realized dream of two men: Baron Philippe de Rothschild of Château Mouton Rothschild in Bordeaux and Napa Valley vintner Robert Mondavi. Together, the founders set out to create a single wine dedicated to the pursuit of uncompromising quality. This singular mission shapes every vintage. The 1996 is remarkably balanced and reaching its full potential maturity.

This package also includes an evening at two renowned Chicago establishments in Logan Square: Lula Cafe and Billy Sunday. After being seated at the highly coveted Table #1, your group of eight will enjoy a five course seasonal menu, prepared by James Beard Great Lakes Best Chef finalist, Jason Hammel, who will stop by your table to explain each course. To enhance an already incredible meal, Master Sommelier Fernando Beteta will pair wine from his personal cellar with each course, joining you to provide background on these special wines. But that's not all...Upon leaving Lula, you and your friends will conclude the evening at Chef Matthias Merges', Billy Sunday, listed by Food & Wine magazine as one of the best bars to visit in the U.S. Enjoy a special tasting of vintage spirits from Chef Matthias' personal collection.

Restrictions: Date to be mutually agreed upon. Must be 21 or older.

7 NIGHT TUSCAN WINE MAKING VACATION WITH JASON HAMMEL & MATTHIAS MERGES



Buon appetito! What's better than spending a week in Tuscany? Spending a week in Tuscany for a good cause. Your group of 10 will experience a luxury getaway in the postcard-perfect Cortona, in a villa among the vineyards. For seven nights, you'll enjoy breakfasts and dinners created by your own personal chef in the home (vegan, vegetarian, and gluten free options available)!



And to make this trip absolutely remarkable, your adventure includes a wine-making workshop in a traditional winery. Under the guidance of the cellar master, you will mix base wines to create your own unique blend. Your group will choose the best one to be bottled and shipped home to you – a total of 60 bottles of wine for your group! After the workshop, partake in a traditional Tuscan lunch while tasting wines from the winery.

This extraordinary trip includes culinary experience like no other as chefs Jason Hammel and Matthias Merges join your group for a day to create a special experience that will make the most of fresh, local ingredients. Each day, enjoy a peaceful swim under the stars in the secluded pool and beautiful nights in the nearby town. Gather your friends and say, “Andiamo per gli animali!”

See the [travel brochure](#) for complete details. Terms and conditions are below. You have 24 months to use your travel (11.5.2021 to 11.5.2023) and we highly recommend booking by 12.5.2021 (within one month of the auction). Before booking, please send your dates to Pilot Light so that we can check the chefs' availability.

Summary of included services:

- Seven (7) nights and seven (7) days stay (from Saturday to Saturday) for ten people in Tuscan Villa
- Arrival day welcome and orientation
- Breakfast and dinner prepared each day by private cook (grocery included except alcohol)
- Maid service every day
- One mid-week change of linen and towels
- Full day winemaking school with tastings and lunch at a winery
- Heating and electricity, phone, internet, and final cleaning
- Concierge service and travel assistant
- A culinary experience with chefs Matthias Merages and Jason Hammel

Terms and Conditions: Make your own wine - Tuscany is a vacation package of a one week stay at one of our Tuscan villas for 10 people from Saturday to Saturday, for a maximum of ten guests. Arrivals take place between 3.30 pm and 6.30 pm. Departure by 09.30 AM. The Pool is Open from April 1st to October 30th.

Please consider that it is very important to book your one week stay within one month of the auction (by December 5, 2021). The actual timeframe or booking window you can choose your week from depends on the package being offered and is announced at the auction event. The booking window cannot be extended or transferred into the future.

Bookings are based on availability so we encourage people to be as flexible as possible with their desired week and book as soon as possible after the auction. Carefully consider the week you book as once the week is booked and confirmed it is very difficult for us to make changes to the schedule.

Airfare, ground transportation, private driver and free-time activities (such as city tours, trekking and walking tours, bicycle tours and many more) are not included but can be arranged separately as extra services. Please keep in mind that it would be appropriate to organize the transportation, such as renting private cars or booking a private driver. Wine for dinners is not included but we will be pleased to suggest the best places where to purchase delicious Italian wines to enjoy during your holiday or to be shipped to your home. There is no refund for unattended or guest-canceled services and we cannot trade or reschedule the services.

The package is not refundable.

PRIVATE DINNER IN YOUR HOME WITH PAUL KAHAN, JASON HAMMEL, JUSTIN LARGE, MATTHIAS MERGES



This incredible dinner has come to be known as “The Pilot Light Classic”. You will host an unforgettable dinner party for ten with all courses created and cooked by Founding Pilot Light Chefs Paul Kahan (One Off Hospitality, Avec, The Publican, Big Star), Jason Hammel (Lula Cafe & SuperKhana), Justin Large (Soul Pizza) and Matthias Merges (Billy Sunday, Mordecai, Old Irving Brewing Co). For one night, these award-winning chefs will step away from their iconic restaurants to create a one of a kind culinary experience for you and your guests. Imagine turning your home into one of the best restaurants in Chicago as you watch Paul, Jason, Justin and Matthias expertly prepare unbelievable food and cocktails. Don’t miss this coveted opportunity!

Restrictions: Date to be mutually agreed upon. Dinner to be held in the Chicagoland area.

TURKS & CAICOS: 7 NIGHTS, 8 GUESTS, CHALK SOUND 4 BEDROOM WATERFRONT VILLA



Ready to achieve legendary host status amongst your travel companions?!?! Your group of 8 will soak up the sun together in this newly built luxurious 4 bedroom villa that sits on the water's edge of the Chalk Sound National Park. It was carefully laid out to take maximum advantage of its incredible setting and views of the ever changing turquoise color water of Chalk Sound. Beautiful Sapodilla Bay and Taylor Bay are just down the road and with great dining a few minutes away at Las Brisas and Bugaloo's restaurants

Featuring an open floor design concept with the family, dining, and kitchen area with 32 feet of sliding glass doors that open up to the patio and pool area, this villa is designed to seamlessly blend indoor/outdoor breathtaking views with privacy and comfort. The spacious, fully equipped custom kitchen boasts Cambria countertops, island, and backsplash (designed and built on the island), 6 burner gas Wolf stove, wine cooler, 2 Fisher Paykel dishwasher drawers, and a coffee bar with a Jura espresso machine. There is a large dining table that comfortably seats 10 and a custom leather sofa for your family and friends. The Sonos wireless sound system throughout the house and poolside deck will add to your outdoor relaxation enjoyment of the elevated panoramic Chalk Sound views.

On calm days, Chalk Sound is one of the finest areas in the Turks and Caicos for paddle water sports. There are kayaks at the Villa for those guests who want to explore the ocean cays and bicycles to tour the surrounding area. Beaches: Taylor Bay is very shallow, calm and clear and is consequently an excellent beach choice when visiting with small children. Sapodilla Bay is a small sheltered cove that offers shallow water. This is also an excellent beach to visit with children or to simply relax.

Included

- 4 bedrooms, 4 bathroom Newly built villa
- Waterfront with Pool and 1200 sq foot deck
- Accommodates up to 8 guests
- 8 days/7 nights year round
- Exclusions of Christmas/NY & Thanksgiving
- Kayaks and Bicycles available to guests

For additional information, see the [Travel Brochure](#) and [Details](#). You have 24 months to travel; based on availability. Blackout dates: weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Years. Airfare and transportation are not included. Rental cars are recommended but not included.