Live Auction Highlights

Nantucket Home

Spend a week in this dramatic shingle-style home, built in 2004, near the end of Cliff Road in beautiful Nantucket. It features eight bedrooms in the main house and an additional bedroom in the garage apartment. Comfortably decorated by nationally known Houston interior designer Ginger Barber, the house has been featured in Country Homes and Coastal Living magazines.

There are two master bedrooms, one on the first floor and one on the second floor, which have beautiful ocean views and spa bathrooms with Jacuzzi tubs and large showers that share the same view. The house features a kitchen suited for gourmet meals and has a finished basement with a game room, bar area, wine cellar and home theater. The back porches and terraces overlook an infinity pool, hot tub, pond and the ocean. The house is surrounded by large hydrangea bushes and climbing roses and features a charming garden in the back. Located just minutes from town, with great restaurants, art galleries and quaint shops, the house is also within walking distance to calm Dionis Beach and a short drive to the south shore beaches with their giant waves and surfing.

Use of bicycles included. Date to be mutually agreed on with availability May 1–June 15, 2018, and Sept. 7–Oct. 31, 2018.

Not included: Airfare, ground transportation, activities, meals, beverages and tips

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Paris Experience

Picture Paris: For one week your home is at the foot of the Eiffel Tower in a lovely and well-appointed two-bedroom, two-bath apartment. And how lucky for you!

Indulge in the sumptuous life of Paris with its many options for entertainment. Have coffee at Les Deux Magots, where Hemingway was a frequent patron. Enjoy a cooking class in the city that defines fine cuisine. Roam the Louvre, D’Orsay, Rodin, Musée Nissim de Camando and more. Wander Opera Garnier, linger over a glass of champagne at any one of the sidewalk bistroes or simply enjoy life in the City of Light.

You will be in walking distance of all of these attractions and so many more. Paris awaits you with open arms. Dates to be mutually agreed upon.

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Donated by Anne ’05 and Albert Chao
Imagine an elegant dinner for eight in your home, prepared by the incomparable City Kitchen Catering. Plan your menu with their events team and sit back to watch their magic happen as they create an unparalleled dining experience, selecting the best seasonal ingredients, and crafting creative new offerings that showcase exceptional flavors and contemporary presentations. Date to be mutually agreed on. Excludes holidays and the month of December. Buyer provides rentals and beverages.

Donated by City Kitchen
Bring Your Posse to the Historic Pierce Ranch

Visit this historic, legendary Texas cattleman’s estate and working ranch in Pierce, Texas, just 60 miles south of Houston. Enjoy a relaxing weekend with your book club, extended family or closest cowboys and cowgirls and take a walk back in time. The Pierce Ranch was founded by Abel Head “Shanghai” Pierce in the late 1800s. It remains in the original family and is passionately run by his great-great-grandchildren. The Pierce Ranch and its grounds are open to the public as an elegant, welcoming venue for hunters, business groups and family events.

The main house is nestled among century-old oaks and has generous common areas and six lovely bedrooms with en suite baths. Croquet, archery, tennis and swimming are available and guests can take advantage of the party house or the outdoor open-air pavilion. Dates to be mutually agreed upon.

Not included: Ground transportation, activities, meals, beverages and tips

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Dia de Los Muertos in San Miguel de Allende

Mark your calendar for Oct. 27 through Nov. 3, 2018, for a delightful week celebrating the Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration of life at Casa Burrell.

Witness life on the Jardin, wander the Mercado des Artisans, enjoy the sumptuous meals offered at many extraordinary restaurants and shop the wonderful art galleries that populate San Miguel de Allende. San Miguel is the best — a sanctuary for the heart — a place to live, laugh, learn and enjoy life.

Your home away from home is an architecturally appointed two-bedroom, three-bath home, which comfortably accommodates four guests. Each bedroom is spacious; one has a king-size bed and the other has two twin beds. The bedrooms, living room and den feature gas-fueled cantera fireplaces for warmth on cool mornings and chilly evenings.

The panoramic view from the third-floor terrace is spectacular with views of the Parroquia, other churches, the hills around San Miguel de Allende and the most incredible sunsets. You will fall in love again and again.

Dates: Oct. 27–Nov. 3, 2018

Not included: Airfare, ground transportation, activities, meals, beverages and tips

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