



CELEBRITY TRAVEL CORNER

ON THE ROAD WITH DAN AYKROYD

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WE ASKED COMEDIAN, MUSICIAN, ACTOR, EMMY-AWARD WINNER, GRAMMY AND OSCAR NOMINEE, MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF CANADA, WINE CONNOISSEUR AND ENTREPRENEUR DAN AYKROYD WHAT HIS PERFECT GETAWAY WOULD BE AND WHY.

For actor Dan Aykroyd, the perfect getaway can be . . . hmm . . . a little crowded. Envision Aykroyd and a dozen friends embarking on a road trip through Ontario and upstate New York, lured along a route linking regional wineries, great eateries and fantastic scenery.

“The ideal time to travel is mid-October, when the colours are changing in eastern Ontario. I’d take two Harley-Davidsons and a few vintage cars—perhaps a 1932 Pierce-Arrow V12 limousine and a 1940 Buick Special straight 8-inline. One car is an 8-cylinder and the other is a 12-cylinder. This is not a Prius trip,” he quips.

Starting in Kingston (Aykroyd has a lakefront home nearby), his “convoy” would head toward Prince Edward County, stopping for a slice of traditional French Canadian *tourtière* topped with homemade chili relish at the Lake on the Mountain Resort. Visits to the area’s wineries—Huff Estates is a favourite—are *de rigueur*.

Dinner would be in Toronto, perhaps taking in appetizers and a meal at two great Italian restaurants: Spuntini and Trattoria Sotto Sotto, before pushing on to comfortable beds at Inn on the Twenty in Jordan village.

After a tour through the Niagara wine region, the

four vehicles would cross at Niagara Falls. “There are some beautiful examples of American architecture in Niagara Falls, New York,” says Aykroyd. “And the area around Lewiston is an undiscovered gem of a place. Some of these spots will be up-and-coming regions for vineyard operators.”

After some winery tours, the group would turn back and head east through Picton again—eventually taking the scenic Glenora ferry toward Kingston.

“We’d finish the trip off with a meal at one of the great restaurants of Kingston—*Chez Piggy*, *Casa Domenica*, *Bistro Stefan*, *Le Chien Noir* or *Amadeus*.”

For Dan Aykroyd, his appreciation of Ontario’s wineries coupled with his love of classic vehicles spells his ideal vacation: a road trip. ■

Dan Aykroyd has found a way to share his passion for great wine and his affinity for entertaining by creating a portfolio of new and exciting world-class wines produced, under Dan’s direction, by Toronto-based Diamond Estates Wines & Spirits Ltd. Diamond Estates Wines & Spirits Ltd.