



## **Travel committee: New Trips as of September 8, 2006**

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### **JOYOUS HYMNS OF LIGHT AND COLOUR**

**Guido Nincheri's stained glass and frescoes**

**Tuesday 31st October 2006**

Guido Nincheri, {1885-1973} was born in Italy, where he studied classical design and architecture at the renowned Academy of Fine Arts in Florence. It was here that he learned the difficult technique of true fresco painting. In 1933, he was honoured by Pope Pius XI, acknowledging him as one of the greatest artists of religious themes; and in 1972, was named Knight of the Republic in his Italian homeland. In 1992, he was given the posthumous title of Builder of the City of Montreal, his home since 1915.

Join us as we visit two of Nincheri's most remarkable masterpieces, both recognized as National Historic Sites.

Our first stop will be at the Church of Saint-Leon- de-Westmount, where Nincheri combined architecture, stained glass, painting, sculpture and woodwork, to create a truly splendid interior.

After lunch at a fine Italian restaurant, our bus will take us to the Church of Notre-Dame-de-la-Défense. Here also, the architecture and interior design, including a spectacular fresco, are by Nincheri. Later, during a visit to the artist's studio, learn how Nincheri transformed thousands of fragments of antique hand-blown glass into original stained glass windows.

Our guide for the day, Roger Nincheri, grandson of Guido, is presently researching, photographing and documenting all of Guido Nincheri's many works and their association with his sources of inspiration in Italy.

### **A December Treat**

**Wednesday, December 6, 2006**

December is such a hectic time of year. Why not, then, treat yourself to a relaxing day by joining us for visits to three marvellous exhibitions and lunch at the Bistro Moderne *Par-fyum* about which the Ottawa Express said: "Forget flowers and chocolate; give me *Par-fyum*".

We are fortunate that Charlie Hill, Curator of Canadian Art, has agreed to share his expertise on the 20th-century artists, Edwin Holgate, the eighth member of the Group of Seven, and Clarence Gagnon, one of Canada's most beloved Quebec artists, who was greatly influenced by the French Impressionists. Following the lecture we will tour both exhibitions; audio guides will be provided.

The major retrospective of Holgate's work showcases an impressive selection of 165 works. It includes paintings, drawings, watercolours, prints, book illustrations and archival photographs. More than 200 pieces of Gagnon's art will be on display; all facets of his work and stages in his career in Canada and France will be highlighted.

At 12:15 p.m. we will travel by bus to Hull to the Bistro Moderne *Par-fyum*, where we will be treated to a boldly imaginative and delicious meal.

Then we will bus to the Museum of Civilization to return to the cradle of civilization when we visit the architectural wonder - *Petra: Lost City of Stone*, an intriguing exhibition on the ancient metropolis, founded in the 1st Century B.C. by the Nabataeans. It features more than 200 objects from museums in Jordan, Europe and the United States. Many of the artifacts from Jordan are on view in North America for the first time.

### *Extended Trip:*

**Vienna : The Enchanting City of Art and Music**  
**Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
**Coordinators: Sally Hutchison, Joan Hoffman**

We cordially invite you to join us, as we visit the magical city of Vienna, where we will be staying at the charming four star **Hotel Stefanie**, centrally located and within easy walking distance of many of the city's sights. On arrival at the airport, we will be met by our guide and transported into the city by a coach, which will be at our disposal throughout our visit.

Vienna boasts a magnificent array of monuments, churches, palaces, parks and museums. We will be visiting many of these, including the **Kunsthistorisches Museum**, (housing an extensive collection of art built up by generations of Hapsburg monarchs); **Stephansdom**, (the Gothic cathedral, symbol of Vienna); the **Belvedere Palace and Gardens** (home of the masterpieces of Gustav Klimt, Messiah of the Secession), **Karlskirche**, (which features intriguing church architecture, combining Trajan's column, the Pantheon and St. Peter's dome); the **Albertina Museum** and the **Liechtenstein Museum** (home of a world renowned collection of prints and drawings); the **Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens** (Hapsburg's summer palace), as well as the **Hofburg Complex**, where we will see a performance at the **Spanish Riding School** and hear the **Vienna Boys' Choir**. We will also have a chance to see some of the surrounding areas when we visit the **Vienna Woods**, the beautiful abbey at **Klosterneuburg** and enjoy a boat ride on the **River Danube**.

Throughout our stay, we will have opportunities to sample the sumptuous delicacies available at the variety of restaurants in the area.

No trip to Vienna would be complete without music. We will spend one evening at the impressive **Opera House**. Another night, we will enjoy a concert featuring one of the best-known performers of Viennese classical music, **The Johann Strauss Salonorchester**. We will also visit a traditional **Heurigen** (specialty delicatessen featuring new wine) with Viennese live music.

In addition to the organized excursions, you will have time to explore, shop or revisit places you would like to tour more extensively.

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