

PARIS IS  
**A MOVEABLE FEAST**  
ADVENTURES IN THE CITY OF LIGHT



**ITALY**

**MARCH 30 – APRIL 13, 2018**

**A MOVEABLE FEAST®**  
**- ITALY, 2018 -**

**JOIN US IN**  
**ITALY**

**MARCH 31 – APRIL 13, 2018**

**SMALL CUSTOM GROUP**  
**TOUR**

**LIMITED TO EIGHT**  
**COUPLES**



**FLORENCE**



**SORRENTO**

- **PRIVATE MOTOR COACH**
- **BREAKFAST DAILY & FOUR FABULOUS DINNERS**
- **SIGHTSEEING, EXCURSIONS AND DAY TRIPS INCLUDED**
- **PERSONAL CONCIERGE SERVICE**



**ROME**

**5 NIGHTS –**  
**FLORENCE & TUSCANY**

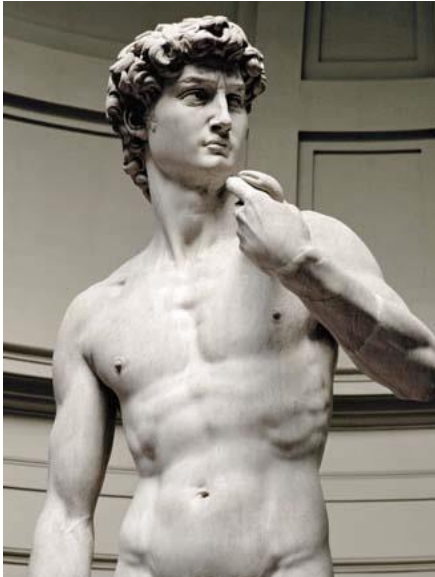
**4 NIGHTS –**  
**SORRENTO, CAPRI &**  
**AMALFI COAST**

**4 NIGHTS –**  
**THE ETERNAL CITY**  
**ROME**





Florence, the Duomo



Michelangelo's DAVID



The Leaning Tower of Pisa

## ITINERARY – ITALY, April 2018

### Friday, March 30 –

#### Depart your home city for Florence, Italy

Make sure to book your flight to arrive in Florence by the afternoon of March 31st. NOTE: Air transportation and airport transfers are NOT included in the package price and are the sole responsibility of the individual traveler.

### Saturday, March 31 –

#### Arrive Florence

Arrive in Florence by mid-afternoon and transfer to our hotel. Relax or stroll the historic streets prior to a welcome dinner at a centuries old restaurant in the heart of the capital of the Renaissance.

### Sunday, April 1 –

#### Explore Florence

This morning you are invited to join us on an orientation walking tour of Florence. We'll acquaint you with its Roman origins and its Renaissance glories. You'll see the many famous landmarks and magnificent Easter ceremonies in front of the Duomo, Florence's famous cathedral. We'll finish with a visit to the Accademia, home of Michelangelo's DAVID. The rest of the day is free to explore or attend Easter Mass at one of the many beautiful churches that dot Florence. Dinner is on your own this evening.

### Monday, April 2 –

#### Exploring Tuscany – Pisa and Lucca

Today we'll board our private motor coach to visit the Tuscan towns of Lucca and Pisa. Lucca retains its formidable fortress walls and its Roman roots are evident in the town square built on the foundations of an ancient Roman Coliseum. After a morning in Lucca and taking time to enjoy a lunch on your own, we'll take the short ride to the city of Pisa to view its renowned Leaning Tower and cathedral, regarded by many as one of the most beautiful in Italy. We'll be back in Florence in the late afternoon and you can stroll and dine on your own at one of dozens of classic Italian ristoranti or trattorias. Lunch and dinner on your own

### Tuesday, April 3 –

#### More time to explore Florence

There is still much to see and do in this marvelous city. Most of the day is yours to explore, eat and shop on your own. But first we'll treat you to free entrance to the Uffizi Gallery, one of the world's great art museums and repository of unrivaled Renaissance masterpieces. The rest of the day offers a plethora of options – museums, outdoor markets, sidewalk cafes and coffee bars. Or just follow your nose and taste buds through the historic streets and squares. Don't forget to sample Italy's famed ice cream, GELATO, at one of many shops throughout the city. Lunch and dinner on your own today.

### Wednesday, April 4 –

#### More Tuscan Towns – Siena and San Gimignano

Today we head south to the marvelous Tuscan hilltop towns of Siena and San Gimignano. Siena is a stately and noble city, blessed with a gorgeous cathedral and renowned town square; site of the annual "Palio" horse race. After lunch on your own we'll visit the tiny medieval town of San Gimignano, called the Town of Towers for the many medieval defensive towers that command its skyline. Tonight is your last night in Florence – Enjoy it! Lunch and dinner on your own.



Pompeii



Capri



Amalfi

### **Thursday, April 5 –**

#### **Sorrento and the ruins at Pompeii**

This morning we depart Florence and drive south along the Italian boot past Rome and Naples to the Sorrento Peninsula and its famed southern shore; the Amalfi Coast.

En route, we'll stop for a few hours for a private escorted tour of Pompeii, the Roman city buried by Mt. Vesuvius' eruption in 79 AD. Tonight you'll be treated to dinner at one of Sorrento's top restaurants. Lunch on your own today.

### **Friday, April 6 -**

#### **The Isle of Capri**

We'll hop the early morning Hydrofoil for the 20 minute ride to the legendary Island of Capri. Playground of Roman emperors and subject of poets and painters, Capri casts a spell on all who visit. We'll tour the island's two towns, take a chair lift to the top of Monte Solaro for breathtaking views, and still have time for those who want to take the optional boat ride to see the famed "Blue Grotto". You'll be back in Sorrento in time to watch the sun set over the Bay of Naples from your ocean view hotel room. Lunch and dinner on your own.

### **Saturday, April 7 –**

#### **The Amalfi Coast**

Our private motor coach will drive us along the gorgeous Amalfi Coast to visit the picturesque hillside village of Positano in the morning, the namesake town of Amalfi at midday and the scenic hilltop town of Ravello in the late afternoon. This is Southern Italy at its best! Tonight you'll be back in Sorrento soaking up the charm of this cliffside resort town. Lunch and dinner on your own today.

### **Sunday, April 8 –**

#### **Free Day in Sorrento**

Today is the midpoint of our trip; a well-timed opportunity to relax, recharge your physical and psychic batteries and enjoy the town of Sorrento. Catch some sun at the hotel pool, rent a small boat, stroll along the quaint streets or enjoy an aperitif on a cliffside terrace. You'll quickly see why Sorrento has drawn vacationers since the days of the Roman Caesars. If you're more adventuresome, there are lots of choices – optional tours can take you to the top of Mount Vesuvius, to the Greek ruins at Paestrum, or you can take a ferry across the Bay of Naples to the island of Ischia, or sail back around the Peninsula for another look at the Amalfi Coast from the deck of a boat. Lunch and dinner on your own.



Sorrento





Rome, the Spanish Steps



The Roman Forum



Rome, St. Peter's Basilica

## Monday, April 9 –

### The Heart of Rome

This morning we'll journey north to the Eternal City, Rome.

After dropping off our luggage, we'll take a walking tour of the highlights of Rome's Baroque quarter. You'll see the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, Piazza Navona and Campo de' Fiori. This is the Rome of Romance, the backdrop of classic films with Audrey Hepburn and Federico Fellini, and postcard-perfect streets and shops that exude La Dolce Vita.

Tonight you'll enjoy a classic Roman style menu at an historic restaurant.

Lunch on your own today.

## Tuesday, April 10 –

### Ancient Rome and the Colosseum

This morning we'll take you on a private tour of the ancient Roman Forum and the Colosseum. You'll gain entrance to the inside of the Colosseum and learn of its rich history. We'll also visit the Palatine Hill; site of Caesar's palace.

The afternoon is free for sightseeing, shopping or sipping cappuccino on a sidewalk terrace. Lunch and dinner are on your own today.

## Wednesday, April 11 –

### The Vatican and St. Peters

This morning you'll be given a private guided tour of The Vatican Museum and St. Peters Basilica – These architecturally breathtaking buildings are the seat of one of the World's great religions and archives of some of Western Civilization's greatest moments in art, politics and culture. You'll have more free time in the afternoon and evening to experience *La Dolce Vita*. Perhaps cross the river to explore the ancient Trastevere quarter or shop along the Rodeo Drive of Rome; the Via Condotti. Lunch and dinner on your own.

## Thursday, April 12 –

### Last Day in Rome

There's still so much to see and do. Maybe you'll start in the open air market of Campo de' Fiori, or wander through the old Jewish Ghetto with its delicious delicatessens and small wine shops. Shopping for excellent leather goods and the latest fashions is always an option. Don't forget the Renaissance Masters at the Borghese Gallery, or the Roman Catacombs. We'll host a Farewell Dinner tonight at a wonderful Roman restaurant. Lunch on your own today.

## Friday, April 13 - Depart Rome for your home city – *Buon Viaggio*



Rome, the Pantheon

# OUTSTANDING HOTELS, SUPERB LOCATIONS



## FLORENCE

### HOTEL SANTA MARIA NOVELLA

- A marvelous location in the center of Florence near the **Centro Storico** (Historic Center) and the San Lorenzo neighborhood with its colorful outdoor markets.

Rated among the top 10 per cent of all hotels in Florence, it earns an “excellent” to “wonderful” ratings from Trip Advisor, booking.com and Expedia. A delicious breakfast is included each morning and a rooftop terrace provides enchanting views while you enjoy an aperitif at sundown.

## SORRENTO

### IMPERIAL HOTEL TRAMONTANO

What happens when a 19<sup>th</sup>-century Grand Dame Hotel with unsurpassed cliffside views of the Bay of Naples gets a 21<sup>st</sup> century upgrade and makeover? Answer: You get one of the top old-world resorts in the Amalfi Coast area. Ocean view rooms await you as well as sumptuous breakfasts and access to the sun bathing & boating facilities at the base of the cliffs. Ensnconed in its own tropical garden and only a few steps from the town center, The Tramontano will make your stay in Sorrento a very memorable experience.



## ROME

### MARTIS PALACE HOTEL

After only two years, this newly opened hotel has earned a Trip Advisor rating as the #3 hotel in all of Rome. Modern upscale décor, efficient service and an unbeatable location between Piazza Navona and the Pantheon make this property a real winner. We were able to negotiate a favorable deal to upgrade the standard Superior category rooms to the larger Executive category to make your stay even more enjoyable.

When you return home, please don't tell your friends about this boutique gem – there are only 26 rooms and we want them all to ourselves.



## ABOUT US

*“If you are lucky enough  
to have lived in Paris as a young man,  
then wherever you go for the rest of  
your life it stays with you,  
for Paris is a moveable feast.”*

*- Ernest Hemingway -*

A quarter century after a middle-aged Hemingway uttered these lines I found myself fresh out of college, alone and broke in Paris (Not unlike the young Mr. Hemingway 50 years earlier).

That first madcap week left me hopelessly and irretrievably hooked on *The City of Light*. In the intervening 43 years and 33 return visits Paris has indeed stayed with me, holding me and taunting me with all that I have yet to discover.

Knowing of my passion for Paris and Europe, friends began asking me to help plan and eventually to host their trips to the French Capital and various spots on the Continent. Thus was born what has become my vocation: sharing Europe in general and Paris in particular; its culture, history and joie-de-vivre.

It seemed to make sense to take our tour company's name from Hemingway's observation about Paris; A Moveable Feast. Indeed, all of Europe exerts a “moveable feast” influence on those of us who return time and again and who feel its influence everywhere we go.

In 2000 I found a kindred spirit in my wife, Debbie. A longtime Pan Am Airline employee, Debbie has always had the travel bug and together we live and lust for the next adventure in Europe. I'm the history buff and logistics guru and Debbie is the shopper, social chairman, and the glue that binds us to all our travel companions.

We hope you will join us for the next Moveable Feast in Italy,

*Mike and Debbie Westra*

## The MOVEABLE FEAST Moves To ITALY

In addition to our regular escapades in Paris, we also host trips to other parts of Europe and one of our most popular destinations is ITALY. **So, by popular demand we will once again lead an Italian expedition in the spring of 2018.**

Finetuning of this itinerary over the years has enabled us to create a combination of big cities and small towns that provide a wonderful introduction to Italy's unsurpassed history, art, culture and cuisine.

For 2018 we've added an extra day in Florence to allow more time for day trips to the Tuscan countryside. We've also tweaked and improved our tours of the Amalfi Coast and the isle of Capri.

Great vacations start with great accommodation and we're very pleased with the hotels we've been able to secure for next April. Each enjoys “Heart-of-the-City” location and receives very high marks from sources like Trip Advisor and Expedia.

**VALUE** is always a prime consideration and we continually compare our **price/value** offering with major players in the escorted tour industry. Recent comparisons with companies like Perillo Tours (The number 1 tour company to Italy) show that our price matches their equivalent itinerary – The BIG advantage with us is that our price includes better hotels, significantly better restaurants, more and better excursions and much smaller groups (We limit our trips to a maximum of 8 couples; the big companies take up to 20 couples). A smaller group means a more personalized and enjoyable trip.



*Deb & Mike and a magic morning in Positano*

## CUSTOMER REVIEWS

If your goal is to see Paris and Europe in a beautifully organized fashion, with emphasis on well situated boutique hotels and historic, highly rated restaurants with just the right amount of historical info along the way, you've found the best trip planners in Mike and Debbie. We've been on three of their masterfully designed trips: Paris & Loire Valley, Italy, and Central Europe. Each trip surpassed the one before it. Their guidance is impeccable and attention to detail is constantly evident. The balance of structured and free time is just right. Traveling with Mike and Debbie Westra will quite simply provide many of the best memories of your lifetime.

**Steve S. - Santa Maria, CA**

I can't say enough great things about our trip to Paris. Mike and Debbie went out of their way to make adjustments for us when we arrived a day late, and their hospitality and generosity continued throughout the week. Everything was planned perfectly, and there was a great degree of flexibility when we wanted to tweak the agenda. The accommodations could not have been better. The walking tours were so informative and thorough, without being boring. The group dinners were exquisite. Mike's vast knowledge of the city and abundant recommendations made it easy to get the best experience possible during the week-long trip. I would definitely travel with Mike and Debbie again in a heartbeat!

**Meredith R. - Columbia, SC**

We cherish the memories of the trip we took to Italy. Mike and Debbie Westra were our hosts and tour guides. They amazed us with their knowledge of the cities and surrounding areas. Mike arranged everything with such thoughtfulness and attention to detail from spectacular hotels to boat tours and amazing & unique restaurants..... He and Debbie did it all. They gave us a carefree adventure tailor made for us. We hope to travel again with the Westras at the helm.

**Susanne P. - Langley, WA**

We had 2 of the most incredible tours that anyone could imagine; the first was to Paris & London, the other to Central Europe. Mike and Debbie were the main reasons. Their attention to detail left nothing to worry about, from the walking tours to amazing food and the great hotels. I truly believe that they put together one of the best values available.

**Boyd and Cheryl, - Wichita, KS.**

In 2012 we took the trip of a lifetime to Italy with the Westras as our guides. We had the most wonderful experience. Mike and Debbie did all the planning; beautiful hotels, wonderful meals, etc. Mike has traveled in Europe since he was a young man and is very knowledgeable. He knows the people, history, and how to get around. They are good because they love it so much.

**Linda D. - Huntington Beach. CA**



Positano



Florence Cathedral



Ravello, on the Amalfi Coast



Rome, Trevi Fountain



## ODDS & ENDS (FAQ's)

### SINGLE OCCUPANCY:

Hotel arrangements are based on double occupancy (2 to a room). While it is possible to have "single occupancy" it substantially increases the cost of the package since the individual pays for 100% of the hotel cost instead of splitting it with another traveler.

**For single occupancy rates please contact us.**

### MINORS:

Our events are designed for ADULTS.

Children under 18 are not invited. Young adults between 18 & 21 are welcome if traveling with their parent or guardian.

### EXCHANGE RATE:

Prices are quoted in US Dollars based on the Dollar/Euro exchange rate as of 06/01/17. The rate has remained fairly stable over the past year but shifts in Dollar/Euro rates may require us to add a supplemental charge.

**Any additional increase will be communicated prior to departure and will be collected before the trip.**

### ROOM CONFIGURATION: Double/Twin

Rooms are available in your choice of one Double bed or two Twin beds.

Please make sure to indicate your choice by checking either **Double Bed** or **Twin Beds** at the top of the online registration form that we'll send you when you request to join the trip. Refer to the following "HOW TO REGISTER" information for directions on registering.

## HOW TO REGISTER:

### CHECK AVAILABILITY:

Because we limit this event to a maximum of 8 couples please send us an email with the number of people in your party

We'll reply right away to confirm availability or, if the current trip is fully booked, we'll advise if other dates are available.

Once we confirm availability we'll e-mail you a registration form along with a credit card authorization. If you prefer to pay by check you may do so by mailing payment to our address below. Make check to: **A Moveable Feast**

**A DEPOSIT** of \$1,000 per person is due at time of registration. **No reservation will be considered "Confirmed" until both registration and deposit payment are received.**

**FINAL PAYMENT** is due 90 days prior to departure. We'll send you a reminder a few weeks prior to this deadline.

### CANCELLATION

Carefully review cancellation policy and other important information in the TERMS & CONDITIONS page at the end of the brochure. Receipt of your registration will constitute your understanding and agreement to all the items contained in the TERMS & CONDITIONS.

### ACT NOW WHILE THERE'S STILL AVAILABILITY

Send us an e-mail NOW to confirm availability and reserve your spot. Contact us at:

[info@amoveablefeast.us](mailto:info@amoveablefeast.us)

## A MOVEABLE FEAST

513 S. Maria Ave  
Redondo Beach, CA 90277  
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## TERMS & CONDITIONS (The Fine Print)

### **EVENT PRICE: \$4,540 PER PERSON**

Based on double occupancy.

\*For individuals desiring SINGLE accommodation

Please contact A MOVEABLE FEAST for a quote.

#### **PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- 13 nights' 4 star hotel in superior category room.
- 13 breakfasts and 4 dinners.
- Private Motor Coach conveyance throughout
- Guided tours and day trips as indicated in the itinerary
- All tips and service charges connected with meals or events listed above.

#### **PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- Air transportation & airport transfers.
- Excess baggage charges.
- Passport and visa fees.
- Laundry, room service, purchases from hotel.
- Telephone, fax or internet charges.
- Meals not specified above.
- Sightseeing, taxi or other services not listed above.
- Gifts or items of a personal nature.

#### **ESCORTS:**

The event will be hosted throughout by Mike & Debbie Westra, dba **A MOVEABLE FEAST**.

#### **DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYEMENT:**

**A DEPOSIT of \$1,000 is due at time of booking.**

No reservation will be considered confirmed without receipt of initial deposit and completed registration.

**FINAL PAYMENT is DUE 90 days prior to event** (Jan 1, 2018)

#### **CANCELLATION & REFUNDS:**

Deposits and final payments are non-transferable.

Cancellations made more than 180 days prior: full refund.

Cancellations made **between 180 and 90 days** prior to the event will receive full refund **LESS \$500** per person.

Cancellations made **between 90 and 61 days** prior to the event will receive full refund **LESS \$1,000** per person.

Cancellations made **between 60 and 10 days** prior to the event will receive full refund **LESS \$2,000** per person.

Cancellations made **less than 10 days before** the event will receive **NO REFUND**. ALL cancellations must be **IN WRITING** and received prior to deadlines indicated above.

#### **PAYMENT:**

**By Credit Card** (Visa, MasterCard, AMEX, Discover):

Initial deposit will be charged to credit card upon registration.

#### **By Check or Money Order:**

Payable to: **A Moveable Feast**  
**513 S Maria Ave.**  
**Redondo Beach, CA 90277**

#### **TRIP INSURANCE:**

Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended to protect your health and travel investment. Per the **Terms & Conditions**, portions of the event's cost are nonrefundable so you are wise to manage your risk with adequate trip insurance. Refer to this site for insurance options: <https://www.insuremytrip.com>

#### **PASSPORT & VISA REQUIREMENTS:**

It is the sole responsibility of each participant to determine the correct passport, visa or other travel documentation required. Currently, US citizens need no visa for travel to Italy, but a passport valid for SIX MONTHS AFTER their return home is required. Check the expiration date of your passport and apply for a new one if it expires less than six months after return.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY:**

**M & D Westra, Inc. dba A MOVEABLE FEAST** acts solely in the capacity of EVENT PLANNER in all matters pertaining to hotel accommodation, local transportation by bus, train, subway or motor vehicle conveyance, public or private, and as such is not liable for any damage, expense or inconvenience caused by late plane, train or ship arrival or departure, or by any change of schedule or other condition, nor the loss, injury or damage to baggage or articles belonging to the event participants, nor the loss, injury or damage to any person or property whatsoever. The event planners reserve the right to withdraw at any time, or make changes to the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgement, conditions warrant or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the event participants. In case any hotel or restaurant originally scheduled for our event becomes unavailable due to unforeseen circumstances, a hotel or restaurant of equal category will be provided in the city center at no additional cost to the event participants.

Participant understands and agrees that any activity or meal missed by participant will not be refundable.

**ACCEPTANCE:** Submittal of Registration and Deposit signify understanding and acceptance of all **Terms & Conditions**.