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A MOVEABLE FEAST
— ADVENTURES IN THE CITY OF LIGHT —



ITALY

APRIL 8 – APRIL 22, 2020

A MOVEABLE FEAST®
- ITALY, 2020 -

JOIN US IN ITALY

April 8 – April 22, 2020

Small custom group tour

Limited to eight couples



FLORENCE

**5 nights –
FLORENCE & TUSCANY**

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

**4 nights –
THE ETERNAL CITY
ROME**



SORRENTO

- Private Motor Coach
- Breakfast daily & four fabulous dinners
- Sightseeing, excursions and day trips included
- Personal Concierge Service



ROME

OUTSTANDING HOTELS, SUPERB LOCATIONS



FLORENCE

HOTEL L' ORLOGIO

- 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 19th-century Grand Dame Hotel with unsurpassed cliffside views of the Bay of Naples gets a 21st 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. Ensconced 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

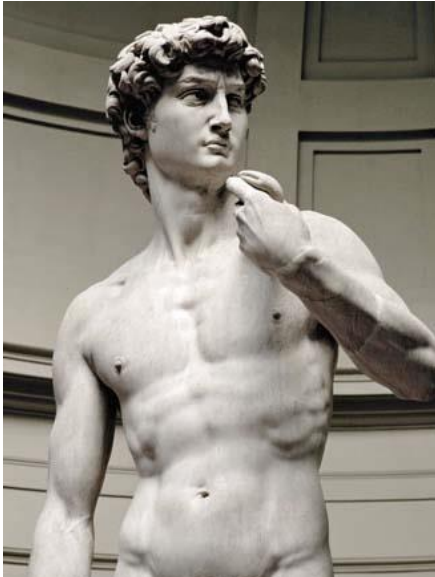
GRAND HOTEL MINERVA

Superbly situated in the very heart of Rome's Baroque Quarter, this former 17th-century mansion is now a 5-star property which has been host to the great stars, politicians and artists from the last 150 years. Within a stone's throw of the Pantheon and Piazza Navona, you'll be within easy walking distance of the Vatican, the Colosseum, Spanish Steps and all that Rome has to offer.

With one of Rome's finest roof-top terraces, you'll be able to unwind each evening over a glass of wine as you watch the sun set over the domes and spires of the Eternal City.



Florence, the Duomo



Michelangelo's DAVID



The Leaning Tower of Pisa

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Wednesday, April 8 –

Depart your home city for Florence, Italy

Make sure to book your flight to arrive in Florence by the afternoon of April 9th, in time to check in and join us for the welcome dinner.

Thursday, April 9 –

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.

Friday, April 10 –

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, including Florence's famous cathedral and Ponte Vecchio Bridge. We'll finish with a visit to the Accademia, home of Michelangelo's DAVID. The rest of the day is free to shop or explore. Dinner is on your own this evening.

Saturday, April 11 –

Exploring Tuscany – Siena and San Gimignano

Today we head south in our private motor coach 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, if weather and time permit, 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 you'll be back in Florence to sample Tuscan cuisine at one of its charming trattorias or ristoranti. Lunch and dinner on your own.

Sunday, April 12 –

Easter Sunday in Florence

Start your Easter morning in front of Florence's great cathedral to witness the 350 year old ceremony known as "Scoppio del Carro" (Explosion of the Cart) . Later that morning we've reserved tickets for you to visit the UFFIZI Gallery; one of the world's great art museums and repository of unrivaled Renaissance masterpieces. You may want to attend Mass at one of the beautiful and historic churches on this special day – for non-Catholics we can help you find a protestant church if you like. Lunch and dinner on your own today.

Monday, April 13 –

Last day in Tuscany

Florence still 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. Or, you might like to arrange a day trip on your own to the vineyards of Chianti, visit one of many charming Tuscan hilltop towns, or take a food and wine tour. Tell us what your interests are and we can help line up your day trip or tour. Don't forget to sample Italy's famed ice cream, GELATO, at one of many shops throughout the city



Pompeii



Capri



Amalfi

Tuesday, April 14 –

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.

Wednesday, April 15 -

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.

Thursday, April 16 –

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 in the 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.

Friday, April 17 –

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

Saturday, April 18 –

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 be treated to a classic Roman style menu at an historic restaurant.

Lunch on your own today.

Sunday, April 19 –

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.

Monday, April 20 –

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.

Tuesday, April 21 –

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 the old Jewish Ghetto with its delicious delicatessens and small wine shops. Shopping for excellent leather goods and the fashions is always an option. Don't forget the Renaissance Masters at the Borghese Gallery, or a marvelous Italian cooking class that Debbie highly recommends. We'll host a Farewell Dinner tonight at a wonderful Roman restaurant. Lunch on your own today.

Wed, April 22 – Depart Rome for your home city – *Buon Viaggio*



Rome, the Pantheon

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 45 years and 37 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 is a floating feast of culture, cuisine, history and art.

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 2020.**

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 2020 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. – Corona del Mar, 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 3 of the most incredible tours that anyone could imagine; Paris & London, Central Europe and Italy. 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 A. - 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 06/01/19. 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:

mike@amoveablefeast.us

A MOVEABLE FEAST

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Redondo Beach, CA 90277
(310) 980-9658

TERMS & CONDITIONS (The Fine Print)

EVENT PRICE: \$4,695 PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy.

*For individuals desiring SINGLE accommodation
Please contact A MOVEABLE FEAST for a quote.

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 13 nights' 4- & 5-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 in the itinerary.

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 in itinerary.
- 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 8, 2020)

CURRENCY FLUCTUATION ADJUSTMENT: Significant increase in Euro vs. the US Dollar over price originally quoted may require an additional surcharge. Any increase will be communicated to travelers at least 30 days prior to departure and collected prior to the trip

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 14 days** prior to the event will receive full refund **LESS \$2,000** per person.

Cancellations made **less than 14 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 cancel 90 days prior to the tour if minimum number of participants is not achieved, or 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 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**.