

PARIS IS
A MOVEABLE FEAST
ADVENTURES IN THE CITY OF LIGHT



April in Paris

March 28 – April 5, 2020



The chapel at Versailles

- Our Classic Tour -

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April is the magic month; Paris at its best. The shops, the wine bars and bistros, the museums and the galleries, all sparkle with the newness of spring.

To celebrate this fabled season we've put together a week of events and options that will allow you to experience the intimacy and the grandeur of the most beautiful and romantic city in the world. Your home base will be a wonderful 4-star boutique hotel in the best of all Left Bank districts – Saint-Germain-des-Prés.

Make this a one week destination or build a longer European vacation around it. We can help you make connections, before or after Paris, to many other exciting locales around the Continent.

If you've always wanted to visit Paris, or have longed to return, this is a perfect opportunity to do it in style and with an expert support staff at your disposal 24/7.

HERE'S WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- ✓ 7 nights' lodging at a 4 Star boutique hotel in the heart of Saint-Germain-des-Prés.
- ✓ 7 day Metro Subway Pass.
- ✓ 6 day Paris Museum Pass for front-of-the-line entrance into all the major museums and monuments.
- ✓ 7 Full buffet breakfasts.
- ✓ 2 marvelous dinners at historic upscale Parisian restaurants.
- ✓ 2 elegant & memorable lunches near the Paris Opera and the Luxembourg Gardens.
- ✓ A gourmet dinner cruise on the River Seine.
- ✓ Deluxe wine-tasting event at a Ô Chateau
- ✓ Tour of Versailles Palace
- ✓ Daily 2 hour walking tours of different areas of the city – as many or as few as you wish to take part in. All afternoons are free.

PRICE: \$3473 per person

(Based on double occupancy)



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"APRIL in PARIS"

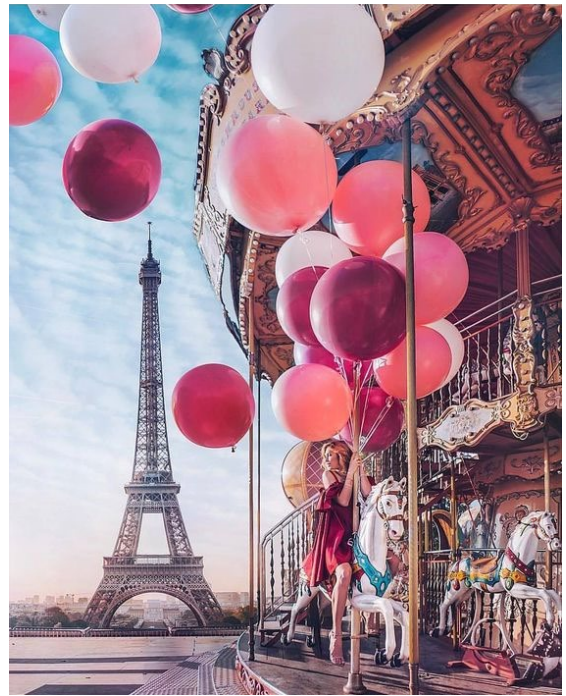
Songs have been written about it, movies have been made about it – April is the quintessential Parisian season.

Spring blossoms are bursting forth, the sidewalk cafés come back to life after the chill of winter, there's that intangible "something" in the air . . .



The summer crowds have not yet arrived, airfares are cheaper, museums are not crowded, French waiters are eager to please.

These and a thousand other reasons make APRIL the perfect time to visit the "City of Light".



Spring is a time of WHIMSY, a time for croissants at the local bakery, champagne at the neighborhood wine bar and shopping at marvelous one-of-a-kind boutiques.



April - the perfect month to enjoy the incomparable beauty and grandeur of the world's most charming and romantic city.

ITINERARY



Saturday, March 28 –

Depart your home city for Paris

Make sure to book a flight which will arrive in Paris by midday on the 21st. This will allow you to arrive at the hotel, get situated and be ready for our first short orientation stroll from 3:00 – 5:00 pm.

Sunday, March 29 –

Arrive Paris

Arrive in Paris by midday and transfer to our hotel. From 3:00 – 5:00 pm join us on a leisurely stroll around the islands in the middle of the Seine where Paris began over 2,000 years ago. You'll walk off your jet lag and see some of the city's iconic sights like Notre Dame Cathedral, Saint Chappelle and the Conciergerie. At 6:00 pm join us for a welcome reception in the hotel followed by a hosted dinner at a local historic restaurant.



Monday, March 30 –

St-Germain-des-Prés

This morning we'll introduce you to the marvelous Left Bank neighborhood around our hotel. Saint-Germain-des-Prés offers the quintessential Left Bank experience: art and antique galleries, historic cafés, gourmet chocolate and food purveyors, and boutique shopping that's unsurpassed in any other section of the city. We'll share fascinating tidbits about the many writers and artists who've called this neighborhood their home and point out little known shops and eateries that we're sure you'll love. At midday we'll treat you to lunch at an upscale art nouveau restaurant in the Latin Quarter. The afternoon is free for shopping, sightseeing or museum visits. Dinner tonight is on your own. We can recommend some charming bistros and cafés if you like, or you can set off to discover a memorable spot on your own.

Tuesday, March 31 –

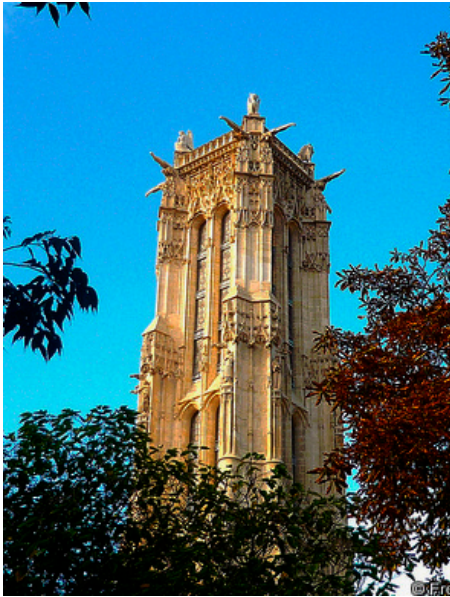
The Right Bank from the Louvre to the Opera

Today we'll explore the monumental Right Bank. The Louvre museum and Tuileries garden, the opulent Place Vendome (Site of the Ritz Hotel), and the crown jewel of Belle Époque Paris: the Opéra Garnier. You'll be our guest for an elegant lunch near the Opera. Afterward we'll escort you to the two "Grands Magasins" (Great Department Stores); the Gallerie Lafayette and Printemps. If department store shopping is not your cup of tea, go exploring – there's so much to see and do on the Right Bank. Perhaps you'll join us for a late afternoon cocktail at the legendary watering hole, Harry's New York Bar? Dinner tonight is on your own. Let us know that morning if you'd like us to make a reservation for you for supper or recommend a great little wine bar.



"We'll always have Paris."

- Humphry Bogart -



ITINERARY (Cont'd)

Wednesday, April 1 –

The Marais Quarter & Dinner Cruise on the Seine – One of the most historic and vibrant quarters of the city, the Marais was once the home of 17th-century aristocrats. After three centuries of decline it was resurrected in the latter half of the 20th Century. It's now a mecca of modern-day Parisian culture, cuisine and art. During our walk we'll visit the City Hall of Paris, the Tour St. Jacques, from whence great medieval pilgrimages began, and the oldest square in Paris: Place des Vosges. The afternoon is yours for more shopping, sightseeing or sampling the Café Culture that is such an intrinsic part of the Paris experience. Tonight you'll be treated to a marvelous dinner cruise. You'll see the illuminated monuments and churches that line the banks of the Seine as you enjoy a wonderful multi-course dinner with wine.

Thursday, April 2 – Paris at its most elegant:

From the Madeleine to the Eiffel Tower

This morning we'll visit some of Paris's most iconic monuments and grandest boulevards. From the Madeleine church and the gourmet food purveyors that surround it, we'll visit the city's largest square, Place de la Concorde. From there we'll stroll along the grandest and most famous boulevard in the world, the Champs Elysées, and peek in its luxury shops. Next is the Arc de Triomphe, monument to Napoleon's victories and site of France's Tomb of Unknown Soldier. We'll conclude the morning at the Eiffel Tower. If you'd like a memorable splurge, make reservations for lunch at the Michelin-starred Jules Verne restaurant on the second level of the Tower; pricy but worth it (Contact us to help with reservations). In the afternoon there are so many things that await you – perhaps a visit to Napoleon's Tomb or the Rodin Museum, or the Impressionist paintings at the Musée D'Orsay or the Orangerie. Admission to all these places is included with your Paris Museum Pass. In the late afternoon you'll be our guests for a wine and cheese tasting reception at one of Paris's most popular wine bars. Tonight is on your own – perhaps you'll take in a classical concert in a centuries old church, or sit in on a jam session at one of Paris's famed jazz clubs. We can help arrange all this and more.



Friday, April 3 –

The Palace of Versailles

For those who would like to make a pilgrimage to the legendary court of the Sun King, Louis XIV, we'll escort you outside the city this morning to the palace of Versailles. You'll have access to the palace and gardens along with an audio guide which explains the history of this wondrous complex. You'll see the public rooms and private apartments of the kings and queens, including the ill-fated Marie Antoinette. You'll also see the breathtaking Hall of Mirrors (pictured to the left) and the incomparable royal chapel. After a walk through Versailles' vast manicured gardens you'll return to Paris in the early afternoon. If you prefer to skip the outing to Versailles, you'll have the entire day to explore Paris on your own; what could be better? Make sure to reserve an extra special café or bistro for dinner on your own tonight. We can help with some wonderful recommendations.



“Every man has two countries; his own and France.”

- Thomas Jefferson -



ITINERARY (Cont'd)

Saturday, April 4 –

One day left and there's still so much to do.

Saturday is the day to tie up loose ends - return to the shop where you've been contemplating a purchase all week, or pick up that gift for someone special. It's your last chance to have a Café Crème on the sidewalk terrace of Les Deux Magots or Café de Flore. Or if you've been putting off your rendezvous with Mona Lisa at the Louvre, now's your chance.

For those who'd still like to explore with us, this morning Debbie and I will head to the hilltop enclave of Montmartre. We'll visit the huge white wedding cake cathedral of Sacre Coeur and take in the vistas of Paris from its steps. We'll walk around this quaint neighborhood to see the haunts of the great painters like Picasso, and Toulouse-Lautrec who lived here at the end of the 19th century. And we'll nibble and nosh at a few of the many patisseries and food shops along the way.

The afternoon is yours, or if you'd like to continue on with us, perhaps we'll pay a visit to Pere Lachaise cemetery or go on a crawl through some of the famed 19th - century covered "passages" that lace the Right Bank. There are so MANY options!

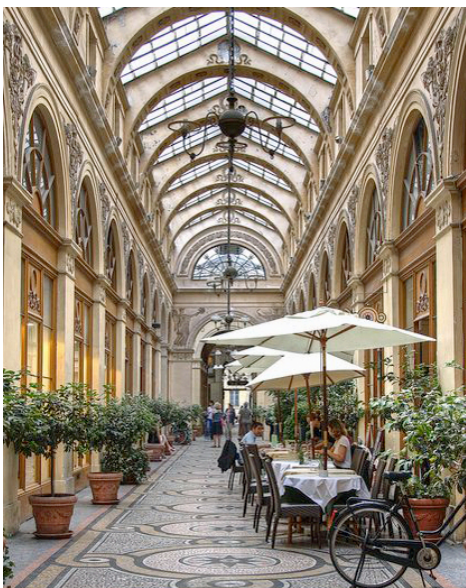
Tonight we'll host a farewell dinner at a historic upscale restaurant.

Sunday, April 5 –

Depart Paris

Breakfast at the hotel then check-out and transfer to Charles de Gaulle Airport for your return flight back home.

Bon voyage et à la prochaine!



EXTEND YOUR STAY?

If you'd like to extend your overall stay in Europe (Many of our travelers do), you can use this week as the anchor leg of a longer holiday, visiting other cities before or after Paris.

London, Amsterdam, the French Riviera or Burgundy wine region are all easily reached from Paris. Four or five days in one of these locales makes the perfect addition to your week-in-Paris. We can help you make these arrangements too.

"Paris is always a good idea."

- Audrey Hepburn -



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HOTEL RELAIS SAINT-GERMAIN

4 Star charm in the heart of Saint-Germain

In Paris's most charming neighborhood, known for its romantic cafes, antique shops, art galleries and cutting-edge boutiques, The RELAIS SAINT-GERMAIN occupies a strategic location and maintains a prestigious reputation as one of the quarter's most sought-after lodgings.

This jewel box offers 22 individually decorated chambers, with original rustic oak beam ceilings, decorator fabrics and superb views on the **Carrefour de Odeon** square.

The hotel's owner is Yves Camdeborde, the superstar chef of the adjoining restaurant, **Le Comptoir**, one of the hardest reservations to get in the City of Light. You'll enjoy your daily breakfast in the restaurant, and as a hotel guest, will have booking priority should you decide to dine at Le Comptoir one evening.

In the very heart of St-Germain, with nearby Metro and taxi connections, you'll be perfectly situated to enjoy all that Paris has to offer.



“Good Americans, when they die, go to Paris.”

- Thomas Gold Appleton -



OUR PHILOSOPHY:

We operate on the “Un-Tour” principle. We place you in an upscale hotel in City Center, provide travel tools like subway and museum passes and city walking tours, sprinkle in a few marvelous meals at historic restaurants, and lots of free time for you to explore and make your own magic. You can take part in our daily outings or spend the day on your own, shopping, wine tasting or picnicking in the park. Either way, we’re at your service to assist with dining, sightseeing and shopping recommendations.

- Think of us as your personal concierge –

**“To know Paris is
to know a great deal.”**

- Henry Miller -

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, wide-eyed and penniless in Paris (Not unlike the young Mr. Hemingway 50 years earlier). That first madcap week left me hopelessly and irretrievably hooked on *La Ville Lumiere*. In the intervening 44 years and 36 return visits Paris has indeed stayed with me, holding me and taunting me with all that I have yet to discover.

Over the years 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 and passion: sharing Europe in general and Paris in particular; its culture, history and joie-de-vivre.

More than just a moveable feast, Paris is also a moving target. Keeping up with its ever evolving trends and fashions is a full-time job. Just monitoring the restaurant scene is a daunting task, but one I relish.

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 the City of Light. I’m the history buff and logistics guru and Debbie is the shopper, social chairman, and glue that binds us to all our travel companions.

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

Mike and Debbie Westra





CUSTOMER REVIEWS

For me, seeing Paris with you, even after having been there four times before, I feel I saw the city almost for the first time. You are incredibly good at conveying information, excitement and finding the very best dining. A well informed guide is essential. Your passion for the most beautiful city in the world is contagious. Thank you! Big hugs to both you and Debbie.

Janice S. - Driggs, ID

Dear Mike and Debbie,
What can I say about the most fabulous vacation ever? Sumptuous hotel, decadent (and delicious) meals, amazing tours (and an adorable tour guide!!), and truly perfect travel mates. I think that this was my favorite trip yet of the four we've done with you. Thank you for all you did behind the scenes to make everything so wonderful and seamless. I just reviewed some of our pictures.... wow; we really did a LOT of amazing things. Your choices, tour route, and of course the meals will live in my mind (my "happy place") for a long time. I hope you know how very much I (and everyone else) appreciate all that went into making the past week so very memorable. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

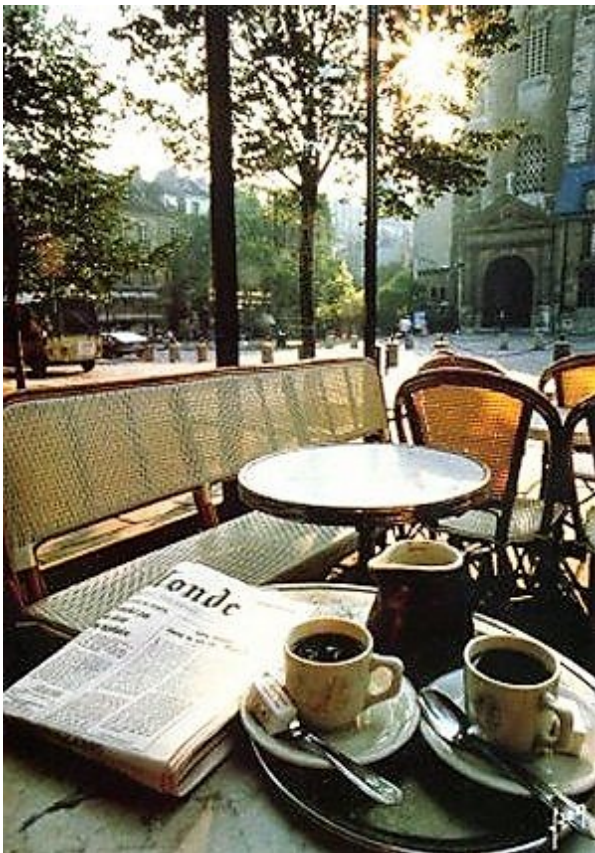
Diane L. - Orinda, CA

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



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 05/10/19. Shifts in Dollar/Euro rates may require us to add a supplemental currency variance charge. Any additional increase will be communicated prior to departure and will be collected before the trip.

UPGRADE YOUR ROOM?

All our rooms are "Deluxe" category in choice of Double or Twin bed configuration. Breakfast is included each day. In case anyone wants to upgrade, we are holding one SUITE on a first come, first serve basis. If you'd like to upgrade to this larger room, contact us immediately.

The supplement for this upgrade is \$740 for the week (\$370 per person).

Contact us ASAP if interested in upgrading to this larger suite.

TO REGISTER:

Because we limit this event to a maximum of 5 couples please **send us an email with the number of people in your party to**

info@amoveablefeast.us

Once we confirm availability we'll e-mail you a registration form along with a credit card authorization. **It's VERY IMPORTANT that you complete and return both of these right away to insure your spot.**

A DEPOSIT of \$1,000 per person is due at the time of registration. No reservation will be considered "Confirmed" until both registration and payment forms 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 space and reserve your spot.

Contact us at:

info@amoveablefeast.us

(310) 980-9658

**"Oh, London is a man's town, there's power in the air;
And Paris is a woman's town, with flowers in her hair"**

- Henry Van Dyke -

TERMS & CONDITIONS (The Fine Print)

EVENT PRICE: \$3473 PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy.

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

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 7 nights' 4 star hotel in "Privilege" category room.
- 7 breakfasts, 3 dinners, 2 lunches, 1 wine tasting
- 7 day Metro Pass and 6 day Paris Museum Pass
- 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 services not listed 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.

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):

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 France, but a passport valid for **SIX MONTHS AFTER** your 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 (5 couples), 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**.