

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

# ENGLAND, SCOTLAND & WALES



**SEPT. 26 – OCT. 11, 2020**

**WINDSOR, BATH, THE COTSWOLDS,  
CHESTER, YORK, EDINBURGH**

**DELUXE HOTELS**

**FINE DINING**

**PRIVATE MOTOR COACH**

**SIGHTSEEING & EXCURSIONS**

**LIMITED TO 9 COUPLES**

**A MOVEABLE FEAST®**

**- THE BRITAIN THAT MANY NEVER SEE -**

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- **SMALL CUSTOM GROUP TOUR**
- **LIMITED TO NINE COUPLES**
- **\$4889 PER PERSON, (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)**



**WINDSOR Castle**



**BATH, the Abbey and Pump Room**

- **2 NIGHTS - WINDSOR**
- **3 NIGHTS - BATH**
- **1 NIGHT - BROADWAY**
- **2 NIGHTS - CHESTER**
- **2 NIGHTS - YORK**
- **4 NIGHTS EDINBURGH**

- **PRIVATE MOTOR COACH**
- **BREAKFAST DAILY, 1 LUNCH, 6 DINNERS**
- **SIGHTSEEING, EXCURSIONS AND DAY TRIPS INCLUDED**
- **PERSONAL CONCIERGE SERVICE**



**CHESTER, The Rows**



# OUTSTANDING HOTELS, SUPERB LOCATIONS

THE LODGINGS ALONE ARE WORTH THE TRIP!



Christopher Wren Hotel, Windsor



Chester Grosvenor Hotel, Chester



The Gainsborough, Bath



The Grand York, York



The Lygon Arms, Broadway, the Cotswolds



The Balmoral, Edinburgh

## **THE LODGINGS . . . Will make this trip truly memorable . . .**

We are especially excited about this year's collection of top notch hotels. Each has been personally inspected by us. Each is located in the historic city-center and each is acknowledged as the city's finest hostelry. To enjoy the history and beauty of Great Britain by day and the luxurious accommodation and service of 5 star hotels by night will make this vacation something very special indeed.

### **WINDSOR – The Sir Christopher Wren Hotel.**

The charming town surrounding Windsor Castle is endowed with only a few top flight hotels. We inspected all of them before selecting the Christopher Wren. This historic property was the home of the great architect Christopher Wren (St. Paul's Cathedral). It enjoys a position along the Thames River and is a stone's throw from the Castle.

### **BATH – the Gainsborough Hotel and Spa.**

This elegantly appointed Georgian structure is dead center in the historic heart of Bath. Bath has been a Spa town since Roman times and The Gainsborough offers its guests the use of its own thermal spa and wellness center.

### **BROADWAY, The Cotswolds – The Lygon Arms.**

This 17<sup>th</sup>-century coaching inn exudes the country charm of the Cotswolds region. Warm honey-colored walls, flagstone floors, mullion windows and ancient beam ceilings take you back to the days of Jolly Olde England.

### **CHESTER – The Chester Grosvenor Hotel**

The leading hotel in Chester since its opening in 1865, The Grosvenor offers old school comfort and service. It also boasts a Michelin-starred restaurant & we encourage you to reserve a table there one evening.

### **YORK – The Grand York**

The only 5-star property in the cathedral city of York, the Grand is perfectly situated to explore the museums, churches and medieval streets of this gem of Northern England.

### **EDINBURGH – The Balmoral**

Acknowledged as the finest hotel in Edinburgh, the Balmoral has hosted royalty and celebrities since its opening in 1902. Its location between the Royal Mile and the elegant shopping district of George St. make it the perfect location from which to explore Edinburgh.





Salisbury Cathedral



Bath, the Roman Baths



Chipping Campden, the Cotswolds

## ITINERARY – England, Scotland & Wales, Autumn 2020

### Saturday, September 26 –

#### Depart your home city for London Heathrow Airport

Make sure to plan your flight to arrive in London by the afternoon of Sept. 27th.

### Sunday, September 27 –

#### Arrive London Heathrow Airport, transfer to Windsor

Arrive London Heathrow Airport by mid-afternoon and make the short transfer to our Windsor hotel. Relax or stroll the historic streets of Eton and Windsor prior to being hosted to a welcome dinner.

### Monday, September 28 –

#### Explore Windsor

The Queens' official residence, Windsor Castle, dominates the colorful town of Windsor. You'll have the day to visit the Castle as our guest, dine at local restaurants and shop the many interesting boutiques. Dinner on your own tonight

### Tuesday, September 29 –

#### From Windsor to Bath with visit to Stonehenge

This morning our private motor coach will take us to Salisbury Cathedral (The tallest in England). After lunch in Salisbury we'll visit the legendary prehistoric monoliths of STONEHENGE before continuing to the elegant Georgian city of Bath. Tonight, you'll be our guest for dinner at an historic Bath restaurant.

### Wednesday, September 30 –

#### Bath

The entire city of Bath is a UNESCO World Heritage site, and with good reason; Roman baths, Medieval Gothic Churches and stunning Georgian architecture make it one of England's truly great cities. You'll gain complimentary entrance to the Roman baths and have the day to explore and shop.

Dinner is on your own tonight, and there are many wonderful eateries to choose from.

### Thursday, October 1 -

#### Bath

Continue your exploration of Bath's many sights. Take a tour of the locales made famous in Jane Austin's novels, visit the Georgian Costume Museum or take a cab to have high tea in the nearby village of Castle Combe; voted the loveliest village in England. Dinner is on your own tonight

### Friday, October 2 –

#### Cotswold's villages

Today we'll drive through the incredibly scenic region of the Cotswolds and visit three of its most iconic villages: Bourton-on-Water, Stow-on-the-Wold, and Chipping Campden. You'll have time for lunch, sightseeing and antique shopping before we arrive at our final Cotswolds village, Broadway, and check into the legendary 17<sup>th</sup>-century coaching inn, the Lygon Arms.

You'll be our guest for dinner tonight at the hotel.



Caernarfon Castle, Wales



The York Minster, York



Edinburgh, Prince Street

**Saturday, October 3 -  
Stratford-on-Avon & Chester**

This morning you'll tour the birthplace of William Shakespeare at Stratford-on-Avon. After lunch we'll motor to the beautiful Half-timbered city of Chester where you can stroll the 17<sup>th</sup>-century arcades known as "The Rows". Dinner tonight is on your own.

**Sunday, October 4 –  
Chester & Welsh Castles**

Today you have options. You can remain in Chester to walk its medieval walls, visit its cathedral and shop along "The Rows", or you can join us on a day trip through the countryside of Wales to visit two of the great Medieval Castles of Europe; Caernarfon and Conwy. Caernarfon Castle is the site of the investiture of the Prince of Wales; most recently Prince Charles, Queen Elizabeth's son and heir to the Throne.

Tonight, you'll be our guest for dinner at the hotel.

**Monday, October 5 –  
York**

Today we'll drive north to York; a marvelously preserved walled city whose history dates to the Romans and Vikings. We'll give you a short orientation walk around the city before treating you to dinner this evening.

**Tuesday, October 6 –  
York**

There's lots to see in York. Walk the city walls, visit the Roman or Viking museums, or if you're a train buff, the Railway museum is truly fascinating. Just strolling the well-preserved pedestrian shopping streets is a pleasure. Dinner tonight is on your own.

**Wednesday, October 7 –  
Edinburgh**

We'll motor from York to Scotland and arrive in Edinburgh in the afternoon. You'll have time to explore the city center in the late afternoon and scout out a local restaurant for Dinner tonight (On your own).

**Thursday, October 8 –  
Edinburgh**

This morning we'll host you on a morning walking tour of the "Royal Mile" and Edinburgh Castle. We'll also direct you to the elegant "New Town" side of the city with its Georgian neighborhoods and upscale shops on George Street. The rest of the day is on your own to shop and explore the many sights of this sophisticated city.

**Friday, October 9 –  
Stirling Castle and Gleneagles**

Another day for options – Stay in Edinburgh to sightsee or join us on a day trip to historic Stirling Castle, followed by lunch at Gleneagles Hotel (Overlooking its world-renowned golf course), then a tour of a Highland Whiskey distillery on the way back to Edinburgh. Dinner on your own tonight





Walter Scott Memorial, Edinburgh

### **Saturday, October 10 –**

#### **Edinburgh**

Your last day in Edinburgh and there's still so much to do – perhaps a visit to Holyrood Palace or a tour the Queen's Royal Yacht BRITANNIA. You golf aficionados may want to make a pilgrimage to the mecca of golf – St Andrews. The quality and variety of shops and boutiques in Edinburgh will also attract your attention today. Tonight, you'll be our guest to a gala farewell dinner.

### **Sunday, October 11 –**

#### **Depart for home**

After breakfast at our hotel, check out and depart for the Edinburgh Airport for your return flight home.

Bon Voyage!!!

## **- THE LONDON OPTION -**

It is a fact that 80% of all visitors to England never leave London. Our tour is specifically designed to get you out of London to see the other marvels of the Sceptered Isle.

That notwithstanding, some of our travelers may want to add some time in London to their itinerary. You can easily do this by arriving a few days early to explore London before transferring to our hotel in Windsor.

You can do this on your own, or if you prefer, you are invited to join us since we will be in London for three days prior to the start of our trip. We'll show first-time visitors all the major sights (Westminster Abbey, Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, etc.) as well as some of our favorite hidden shops, pubs and restaurants. Veteran visitors may want to come along as well to re-explore their favorite haunts and enjoy some wonderful dining and entertainment options with us.

### **IF YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN US IN LONDON - - -**

Contact us ASAP for more details on our London Add-On excursion.

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(310) 980-9658



Stirling Castle, Robert the Bruce



Big Ben, London

## 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 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 40 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 banquet, a “moveable feast” of sights, scenery, food, wine, art and culture.

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.

**Why go to Europe with strangers?  
Come experience it with us!**

*Mike and Debbie Westra*

## The MOVEABLE FEAST Moves To GREAT BRITAIN

In addition to our annual escapades in Paris, we also host trips to other parts of Europe and this year we're adding Great Britain to our destination list. We spent the Autumn of 2019 in England researching our itinerary to finetune each castle, cathedral and hotel.

Our efforts have produced an itinerary that's a combination of large cities and small towns that provide a wonderful introduction to the heart of England and Scotland, along with an excursion to Wales.

Great vacations start with great accommodation and we're very pleased with the hotels we've been able to secure for this trip. Each enjoys “Heart-of-the-City” location and receives the very highest 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 show that our price matches or beats equivalent itineraries – And the BIG advantage with us is that our price includes much better hotels, significantly better restaurants, and much smaller groups (We limit our trips to a maximum of 8 or 9 couples; the big companies take up to 20 couples). A smaller group means a more personalized and enjoyable trip. And while this year's trip is a few hundred dollars more than recent tours, it includes 14 full days, compared to the usual 12 day trips of the past; a real bargain considering the length of the trip and the particularly high level of accommodation on this tour



*Debbie & Mike at Castle Combe, voted England's Loveliest Village*



## CUSTOMER REVIEWS

If your goal is to see 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 Westra's 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 and Cheryl, - Wichita, KS.**

We took the trip of a lifetime to Italy with the Westra's 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**



York, the medieval "Shambles" shopping street



Stonehenge



One of Edinburgh's many PUBS



Shakespeare's Birthplace, Stratford-on-Avon

## 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/Pound exchange rate as of 12/21/19. Shifts in Dollar/Pound 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 (Queen or King, depending on hotel) 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 9 couples **please send us an email with the number of people in your party**

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](mailto:mike@amoveablefeast.us)

## A MOVEABLE FEAST

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## TERMS & CONDITIONS (The Fine Print)

### **EVENT PRICE: \$4,889 PER PERSON**

**Based on double occupancy.**

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

#### **PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- 14 nights' 5-star hotels in superior category room.
- 14 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 6 dinners.
- Private Motor Coach conveyance throughout.
- Guided tours and day trips as indicated in 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 per person 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** (June 29, 2020)

**CURRENCY FLUCTUATION ADJUSTMENT:** Significant increase in British Pound 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 60 days** prior to the event will receive full refund **LESS \$500** per person.

Cancellations made **between 60 and 31 days** prior to the event will receive full refund **LESS \$1,000** per person.

Cancellations made **between 30 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**  
**173 Polk Place Drive**  
**Franklin, TN 30764**

#### **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 Great Britain, but a passport valid for **SIX MONTHS AFTER** their return home is required. Check the expiration 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 (6 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**.