

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



Prague, Vienna, Budapest

April 16 – 27, 2024

A MOVEABLE FEAST®

Best of Central Europe -2024

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- Custom group tour
- Limited to eight couples
- **\$4496** per person,
(Double occupancy)



PRAGUE, Charles Bridge



VIENNA, Schönbrunn Palace

- 4 nights – Prague
- 3 Nights – Vienna
- 3 Nights - Budapest

- **DELUXE PRIVATE
MOTOR COACH**
- **BREAKFAST DAILY &
5 DINNERS**
- **SIGHTSEEING AND
CITY TOURS INCLUDED**



BUDAPEST, Parliament

As you consider this trip . . .

Compare our customized “Coach Cruising” to comparable River cruises.

COACH Cruising vs. River Cruising.

RIVER CRUISING has become extremely popular in recent years. It definitely offers a fun and easy way to sample some of Europe’s best locales. However, it also suffers from some shortcomings.

- Small cabin accommodations,
- Dining in the same place every night
- Very short exposure to the cities on the itinerary – often only a few hours in each port.
- Large sightseeing group - 20 to 40 passengers on a city tour.

CRUISING OVERLAND with us in a large private motor coach offers solutions to these challenges.

- Spacious 5-Star Hotels
- Dining in a variety of top restaurants (Hand picked by us for history, atmosphere, and cuisine)
- 3 and 4 days in each city – time to really explore, shop, and experience each place.
- Small group sightseeing, a maximum of eight couples on our morning walking tours.

And speaking of hotels . . .

We are always proud of the quality and location of the hotels we arrange for each trip, but this year is, without a doubt, the finest selection of 5-Star properties we have ever assembled.

Each is at the top of its class in accommodation, location, and amenities. We are especially excited about our Vienna property. The HOTEL IMPERIAL is acknowledged as Vienna’s finest and most historic hotel. Dating from 1873, it has hosted princes, presidents, and Hollywood stars. We can’t all be like Meghan Markle and marry a prince, but for three nights next spring you can live like Royalty.

Please take a look at these three videos about each of our hotels. The one for Hotel Imperial was produced as a marketing piece for weddings, but the background shots tell you all you need to know.

HOTEL GRAND MARK, Prague

<https://www.grandmark.cz/video/legrill-garden.webm>

HOTEL IMPERIAL, Vienna

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JKdrRfiCdQQ>

HOTEL KEMPINSKI CORVINUS, Budapest

<https://www.kempinski.com/en/hotel-corvinus-budapest>

OUTSTANDING HOTELS, SUPERB LOCATIONS

THE LODGINGS ALONE ARE WORTH THE TRIP!



- PRAGUE - Grand Mark Hotel

5-Star hotel where every room is a two-room executive suite. The best sleeping rooms in Prague.

<http://www.grandmark.cz/>



- VIENNA - Hotel Imperial

The Crown Jewel of Viennese Hotels. 5-Star elegance since 1873.

<https://hotelamstephansplatz.at/?lang=en>



- BUDAPEST – Hotel Kempinski Corvinus

5-Star luxury in the heart of Central Budapest. Unsurpassed location and modern luxury rooms.

<https://www.kempinski.com/en/budapest/hotel->



Prague



Prague, St. Vitus Cathedral



Prague, Charles Bridge

ITINERARY – Central Europe, April 2024

Tuesday, April 16 –

Depart your home city for Prague, Czech Republic

Make sure to schedule your flight to arrive in Prague by the afternoon of April 17th. NOTE: In the past, a few travelers have been confused about departure date and arrival date for the start of our trips. You will need to depart from your home city in the USA on the 16th, in order to arrive for the start of the tour on the 17th.

Wednesday, April 17 -

Arrive Prague

Arrive in Prague by mid-afternoon and transfer to our hotel. Relax or stroll the historic streets of Old Town Prague prior to a welcome reception and dinner at an authentic Bohemian restaurant.

Thursday, April 18 -

Explore Prague

This morning we will introduce you to the capital of ancient Bohemia with a morning walking tour of Old Town. Its elegant streets present delights around every corner. We will visit its famous Jewish Ghetto and Wenceslas Square where defiant Czechs overthrew the Soviet Empire. Coffee houses and Bohemian beer halls abound. Try one of these for lunch today. Dinner is on your own this evening.

Friday, April 19 -

The OTHER side of Prague

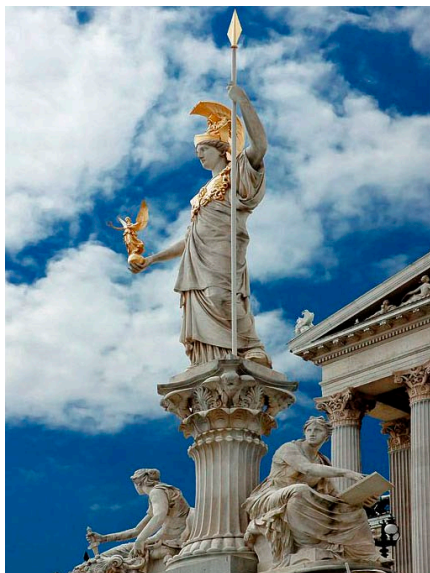
Today we will cross the Vltava River to explore Prague Castle and the marvelous St. Vitus Cathedral, then wend our way down the winding streets of the Malá Strana neighborhood before crossing back to Old Town via the famous Charles Bridge. There's more free time this afternoon for shopping and sightseeing. Scout out a lovely restaurant (On your own) for tonight's supper.

Saturday, April 20 -

Free day in Prague

Now that we have the sightseeing out of the way, the day is yours to relax and truly fall in love with this magical city. Sample gourmet food and wine purveyors, explore the side streets, go back to that shop you saw on the first day.

Tonight, you will be our guest for an elegant dinner in a 16th Century restaurant frequented by Czech politicians and international celebrities.



Vienna, Parliament



Vienna, Karl's Church



Vienna, City Hall

Sunday, April 21 -

From Prague to Vienna

This morning our private Motor Coach will transport us on the 3-and-a-half-hour drive to Vienna, the capital of Austria. On the outskirts of Vienna, we will make a stop to visit Schönbrunn, the Summer Palace of the Hapsburg Emperors, often referred to as the “Versailles” of Vienna. After checking into Hotel Imperial in the late afternoon, you will sample Viennese cuisine as our guest for dinner at a charming and historic restaurant in the City Center.

Monday, April 22

Morning tour of Vienna's *Innere Stadt* (Old Town)

We will visit many of the city's highlights on this orientation walk – St Stephan's Cathedral, The Burghof - home of the Holy Roman Emperors, the Spanish Riding School, Parliament, and several of Vienna's famed cafés and coffee houses. And we will point out some of the world's great museums which you can visit over the next two days.

The afternoon and evening are yours – there is so much to see and experience in this, the “Paris of Central Europe”. Ask us for dining recommendations and suggestions for sightseeing. Whether it be where to get the best Wiener Schnitzel, or the restaurant where both Mozart and Beethoven dined, the restaurant options are wondrous. (Dinner on your own tonight)

Tuesday, April 23

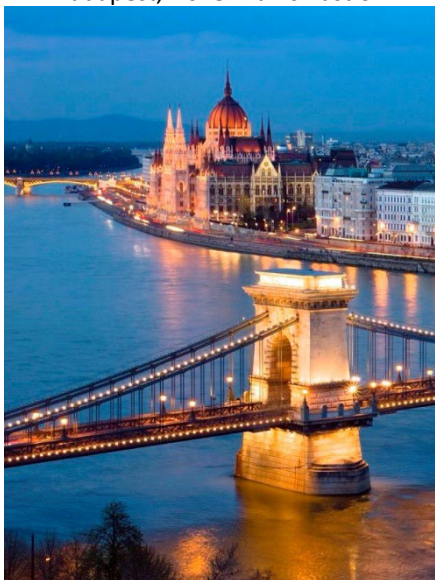
Vienna awaits you!

See Gustav Klimt's famous portrait, “The Kiss”, at the Belvedere Palace, attend a rehearsal of Lipizzaner stallions at the Spanish Riding School, have Lunch at **Café Central**, visit Baroque churches and world class museums, have a slice of **Sacher Torte** at hotel Sacher, take a sightseeing bus around “The Ring” for a glimpse of all that Vienna has to offer. And don't forget the upscale shopping in the **Graben** quarter, or the blocks long NASCHMARKT street market for produce, delicacies, clothing and antiques.

Tonight, we will host a dinner and concert at the **Kursalon**. Enjoy Mozart and Strauss waltzes like the Blue Danube, performed in the very room where Johann Strauss conducted, and royalty danced in the 19th -century.



Budapest, Fisherman's Bastion



Budapest, Chain Bridge & Parliament



One of Budapest's famous thermal Spas

Wednesday, April 24 - From Vienna to Budapest

It is only a few hours' drive aboard our private coach from Vienna to the Hungarian capital of Budapest. We'll arrive at midday and after a quick lunch near our hotel, we'll take you on a short orientation tour of the "Pest" side of the Danube River (The "Buda" in Budapest is the area on the western bank of the river, you'll explore that later).

You will see St Stephen's Cathedral, the imposing Hungarian Parliament building, the largest Synagogue in Europe and learn the tragic story of the Holocaust's effect on Hungary. We will point you to the key shopping streets and suggest some restaurants for dinner this evening (Dinner on your own). Budapest is a majestic and well laid-out city, you will have this afternoon and evening to sample it.

Thursday, April 25 Budapest – Free Day

You now have your bearings, so it is time to EXPLORE!

There is the wonderful pedestrian shopping street, "Váci Utca" which begins at our hotel and ends at Budapest's famous Great Market Hall. You can cross the Danube on the "Chain Bridge" and take a funicular up to Castle Hill to explore the Buda Side of the river. And don't forget to stop into a wine shop to sample some of Hungary's famous TOKAY wine. If beer is your preference, microbreweries abound in the Synagogue neighborhood. Have a sidewalk café lunch on Franz Liszt Square (Liszt Ferenc), or at the architectural marvel, the New York Café. Dinner tonight on your own and there are so many wonderful eateries to choose from.

Friday, April 26 - Last Day in Budapest

There is still so much to do – take a tour of the Parliament building (Highly recommended), Shop along the upscale Andrassy Avenue, join us for High Tea at the Four Seasons Hotel (Debbie's favorite treat), pamper yourself and your partner with a spa treatment at one of the city's famous natural thermal spas. Tonight, we will host a gala farewell dinner party at a fairytale castle.

Saturday, April 27 – Depart for home.

After breakfast at our hotel, depart for the airport and your home city.

Safe travels!

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 49 years and 44 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. This evolved into 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.

My inspiration and travel partner is 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 am 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 Central Europe

In addition to our annual escapades in Paris, we also host trips to other parts of Europe, and one of our most popular destinations is Central Europe. We are happy to announce that we will once again host an expedition there in April of 2024.

On this trip we will focus on the Big Three: Prague, Vienna and Budapest. These are the Crown Jewels of the Danube Region where so much history has taken place and which remain today some of Europe's most beautiful and exciting cities.

For the start of the 2024 tour we've added an extra day in Prague. This will allow you to get over your Jet Lag and enjoy a more in-depth exploration of this incredible city. We've also tweaked and improved our tours of Vienna and Budapest to maximize your time there.

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 the very highest marks from sources like Trip Advisor and Expedia.

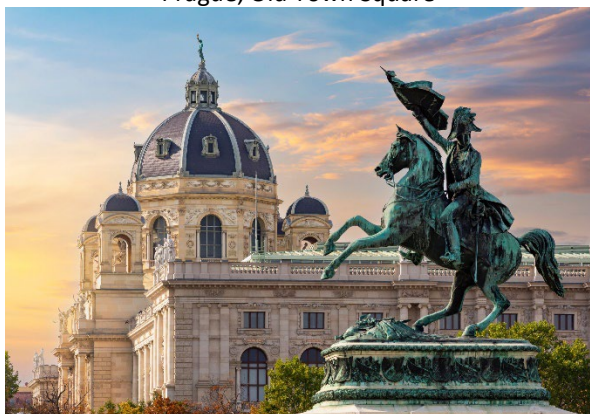
VALUE is always a prime consideration and we continually compare our **price/value** offering with major players in the escorted tour industry. Recent comparisons show that our price matches or beats equivalent itineraries – The BIG advantage with us is that our price includes better hotels, significantly better restaurants, 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.



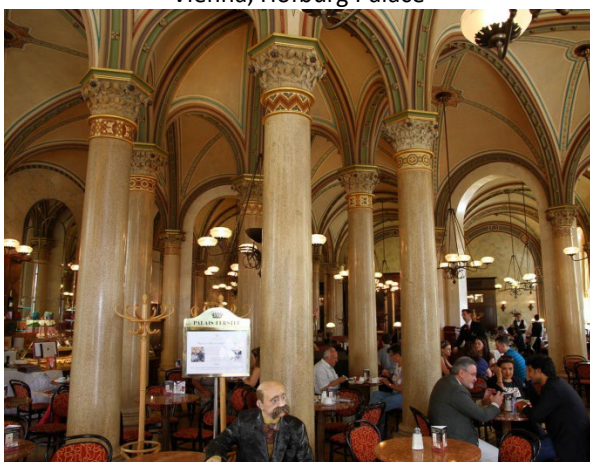
Prague, the city of a hundred towers



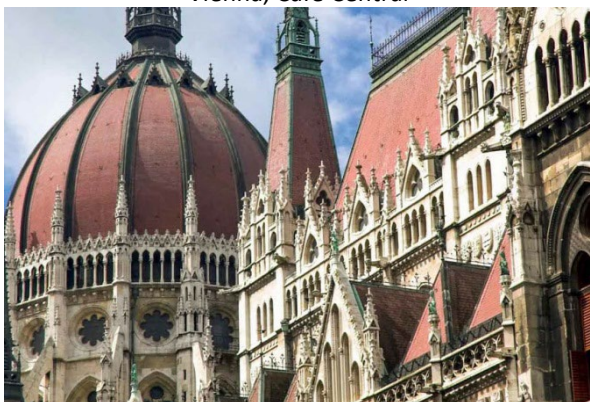
Prague, Old Town Square



Vienna, Hofburg Palace



Vienna, Café Central



Budapest, Parliament Building

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 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.

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

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 07/01/23. 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 (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 8 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

A MOVEABLE FEAST
1608 Cooper Creek Lane
Franklin, TN 37064

TERMS & CONDITIONS

EVENT PRICE: \$4496 PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy.

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

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 10 nights' 5-star hotels.
- 10 breakfasts, 5 dinners.
- 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 91 days prior: full refund.

Cancellations made **between 90 and 61 days** prior to the event will receive full refund **LESS \$750** per person.

Cancellations made **between 60 and 31 days** prior to the event will receive full refund **LESS \$1,500** 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):

By Check or Money Order:

Payable to: **A Moveable Feast**
1608 Cooper Creek Lane
Franklin, TN 37064

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 may be nonrefundable, so you are wise to manage your risk with adequate trip insurance. Refer to this site for insurance options: <https://squaremouth.com>

PASSPORT & VISA REQUIREMENTS:

It is the sole responsibility of each participant to determine the correct passport, visa, Covid or other travel documentation required. Currently, US citizens need no visa for travel to our destination, 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, LLC 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 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**.