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**Moira Fitzpatrick Presents Springtime!**

**Dear Colleague,**

Spring has finally arrived along with longer days, spring flowers, cherry blossoms and the promise of warmer weather – time to plan spring and summer travel. We are pleased to recommend exciting travel opportunities and world-class destinations.

After a marathon trip with Relais & Chateaux to seven major US cities in late February and early March, it was encouraging to find that most travel advisors are extremely busy and optimistic about luxury travel – we look forward to a successful and rewarding year.

**Post Hotel & Spa**, a world-class Relais & Chateaux resort set in the heart of the Canadian Rockies in Lake Louise, will celebrate the Annual Wine Summit May 30 – June 2 (limited space available) showcasing Louis Roederer Champagne and Taylor Fladgate Port, to name just a couple of the world famous winemakers attending this prestigious event. A recipient of the Wine Spectator Grand Award for 11 consecutive years, the hotel has earned the respect of oenophiles worldwide.

**Le Pignonnet**, a 5-star, 18th century hotel located close to the centre of Aix-en-Provence, France, has recently completed the first stage of renovations and welcomed Chef Philippe Jourdin to add a new flair to the hotel's fine dining. Please read further for details on extra amenities provided by Moira & "The Escape to Provence Package" \*\*\*.

**Borgo Santo Pietro**, a new member of Relais & Chateaux, is a restored 13th-century Tuscan villa nestled in quiet seclusion just 30 minutes from Siena. This magnificent property was winner of Best Boutique Hotel in the World 2012. [See Details](#) of the "Wakeup Spring Package".

**HOTEL ORFILA** ([www.hotelorfila.com](http://www.hotelorfila.com))

Near the Prado, Thyssen Bornemisza and Reina Sofia Museums, and a few minutes from Old Madrid and the Golden Mile (city's most exclusive shops), this small 20-room, 12-suite palace, built in 1886, offers guests an oasis of quiet in the centre of the cultural and business centre of Madrid.

**ABADIA RETUERTA LE DOMAINE** ([www.ledomaine.es](http://www.ledomaine.es))

Set among magnificent vineyards along the banks of the River Duero, about one hour by train NW of Madrid, this elegantly restored, 12<sup>th</sup> century abbey includes a lounge and bar, a Mediterranean restaurant and tapas bar, which serves an excellent selection of tapas, a specialty of the area.

### **SPECIAL DUO-HOTEL PACKAGE**

These two hotels are offering a 3-night and 5-night joint package, with special amenities in room, available until Dec 13, 2013 (Orfila will be closed in August). The 3-night package includes two nights at the Orfila plus buffet breakfast, tapas tasting menu for two and welcome cava drink, plus one night at L'Domaine, a la carte breakfast, gourmet dinner for two, guided visit through ancient Abbey, roundtrip transfer from Madrid. The cost is 980€ for two ([See Details](#)). The 5-night package (3 nights at Orfila; 2 nights at L'Domaine) includes, in addition, transfer from airport to Orfila and a Mediterranean lunch at L'Domaine, at a cost of 1,540€ for two ([See Details](#)).

**Relais & Chateaux properties in Spain (17 hotels; 8 Grand Chefs) and Portugal (6 hotels; 1 Grand Chef) are sprinkled over different regions – each with its own traditions, cuisine and culture.**

**LA TORRE DEL VISCO** ([www.torredelvisco.com](http://www.torredelvisco.com)) Set in unspoiled rural surroundings 2.5 hr west of Barcelona, this 15<sup>th</sup> century estate house with its tower includes an 89 hectare farm and romantic garden, bordered by a river and mountains. The hotel is offering a **3-night package** that includes accommodation, full breakfasts/brunches, 3-course dinners, and one picnic – valid April through June from Sun to Thurs for 765€ per room. **Itineraries for scenic walking routes** in the area include a 5-hr walk to the small village of Fuentespalda; a 6-hr circular route to the village of Valderrobres and its castle; and another circular route to the medieval village of La Fresneda, which includes a waterfall, monastery ruins, restaurants and shops. **Please contact Moira for a special amenity in the room.** ([See Details](#))



**FORTALEZA DO GUINCHO** ([www.relaischateaux.com/guincho](http://www.relaischateaux.com/guincho)) Set on a rocky promontory along the edge of the Atlantic, just 7 km from Cascais and 30 km from Lisbon, this 17<sup>th</sup> century fortress, complete with canons and preserved interiors, offers princely rooms, superb cuisine and a beach. The hotel's one Michelin-star restaurant combines French and local cuisine. The wine list of more than 800 choices has won awards from Wine Spectator Magazine. The hotel is offering **Three Nights in a Fortress, for the price of two**, valid through July 15, 2013. The package includes accommodation in superior room, buffet breakfasts, welcome Port, fruit and mineral water, 3-course dinner for two plus paired wines for 540€ for two. **Please contact Moira for a special amenity in the room.** ([See Details](#))



**HOTEL NERI & RESTAURANT** ([www.hotelneri.com](http://www.hotelneri.com)) Located in Barcelona's romantic Gothic quarter, this restored 12th century medieval palace and 18th century stone house combine echoes of history with contemporary style. The hotel's roof top provides a perfect spot to enjoy views of the city while sipping a cocktail or tasting tapas. The hotel's **Gastronomic Tour of Boqueria Market and Tasting Menu** includes one night's accommodation, breakfast buffet, welcome drink, tour of the market where guests choose fresh produce that the chef uses to prepare a 7-course custom tasting lunch menú with wine pairing – at a cost of 450€ per room double occupancy, including VAT. Package available from Tuesday to Saturday. **Please contact Moira for a special amenity in the room.** ([See Details](#))



**THE YEATMAN** ([www.the-yeatman-hotel.com](http://www.the-yeatman-hotel.com)) Located in the heart of Porto, one of Europe's most important wine capitals, The Yeatman offers an oasis of calm in the city, featuring beautiful gardens with breathtaking views over the city and Douro River. The hotel's 1-Michelin Star restaurant boasts one of the most comprehensive collections of Portuguese wines, and features Wine Dinners on Thursdays. The hotel also offers the Caudalie Vinotherapy Spa, gym and two swimming pools. Its **Summer Package** includes min. 2 night's accommodation in superior room, buffet breakfasts, free bed & breakfast for children, 20% discount for the Vinotherapy Spa, guided tour of Yeatman Wine Cellar. Prices start at 264€ per night, double occupancy; valid May 1 through Sept 30, 2013. **Please contact Moira for a special amenity in the room.** ([See Details](#))



## Relais & Chateaux Hotels

**BORGIO SANTO PIETRO** ([www.borgiosantopietro.com](http://www.borgiosantopietro.com)) This restored 13th-century Tuscan villa nestles in quiet seclusion 30 minutes from Siena, offering panoramic views of the Serena Valley. The hotel, which re-opened Mar 28, is offering a **Wakeup Spring Package** that includes welcome gift, daily gourmet breakfasts, and **30% off any stay of three or more nights** in Apr and May. Rates start at 277€ per room, per night; service and VAT included. Borgo is also offering **20% off holistic spa treatments** (body scrub, oil massage, facial) – discounted price is 144€. In addition, the following activities are available: pottery classes (learn how to decorate Tuscan pottery pieces) Apr 8 – 14; cooking classes Apr 15 – 21; horseback riding adventure Apr 22 – 28. **Please contact Moira for an amenity in the room.** ([See Details](#))



**THE POST HOTEL & SPA** ([www.posthotel.com](http://www.posthotel.com)) This legendary hotel and spa in the Canadian Rockies will hold its ninth annual **Wine Summit Lake Louise 2013**, May 30 – June 2, featuring vintage wines from prominent wineries in Bordeaux, France, Italy, California, New Zealand, as well as Port and Louis Roederer Champagne. Available to be purchased separate from the Summit is a Super Tasting, May 30, at 10 am, exploring Bordeaux's 2003 vintage through some of the region's most renowned producers. For those taking Rocky Mountain Railtours this spring & summer, the Post offers a free shuttle to transfer guests from the train station in Lake Louise to the hotel. **Please contact Moira for a special amenity in the room.**



**MANOIR HOVEY** ([www.manoirhovey.com](http://www.manoirhovey.com)) This 5-star, century-old Quebec manor, now a **Virtuoso member**, offers a variety of packages as well as custom packages. Guests can choose from a variety of activities – golf, cycling, canoeing, horseback riding – or culinary and relaxation experiences. The **Relaxation & Fine Dining** package combines a couples' massage with a 6-course tasting menu, including different wines and wine commentary with each course. Rates start at \$344 pp dbl per night ([See Details](#)). Partnering with nearby **Spa Nordic Station**, Manoir Hovey offers the **Wellness** package, which includes gourmet dinners, breakfasts, simultaneous 1-hour couples' massage and access to all Spa amenities, including therapeutic baths. Rates start at \$259 pp dbl per night ([See Details](#)). Both packages are available for 1 or 2 nights. **Travel Agent Commissions are paid twice monthly. Please contact Moira for a special amenity in the room.**



## Luxury Boutique Hotels

**HOTEL LE PIGONNET** ([www.hotelpigonnet.com](http://www.hotelpigonnet.com)) Located close to the centre of Aix-en-Provence, this 5-star hotel currently offers 40 rooms, 2 junior suites and a presidential suite, with more suites and junior suites opening in April, plus a suite for handicapped guests opening in May. An indoor bistro, Le 5, will be available in low season. The hotel's new Chef, Philippe Jourdin, comes with impeccable credentials and will now treat Pigonnet guests to his Mediterranean-influenced gastronomic creations. The hotel features some packages, including \*\*\* **Escape to Provence**, which offers two night's accommodation starting at 330€ per person based on double occupancy. **Book directly with Moira and receive 12% commission, a deluxe buffet breakfast, bottle of wine, fruit basket and upgrade at time of check-in if available.** ([See Details](#))



**CLAYOQUOT WILDERNESS RESORTS & SPA – Virtuoso** ([www.wildretreat.com](http://www.wildretreat.com)) The resort will offer its first annual **Wine & Culinary Weekend** (June 6 -9) featuring musical performances by Jim Cuddy, special cuisine by resort's chef and acclaimed winemakers from M. Chapoutier, France, and Le Vieux Pin, BC. The weekend will include tastings and pairings, wine glass samplings and many Clayoquot adventure activities. The resort is also booking the following adventures for the 2013 season from May 19 to Sept 29: Swift Water Kayaking, Surfing, Fly Fishing; Heli-Tour/Fishing, Day or Overnight Hike; West Coast Local Native Art & Culture. **Agents receive booking commissions of 10% on the total value of resort packages. Please contact Moira for bookings and receive a shipment of BC Sockeye smoked salmon.** ([See Details](#))



**EXECUTIVE HOUSE HOTEL** ([www.executivehouse.com](http://www.executivehouse.com)) This European-style boutique hotel, which is situated in the heart of Victoria, BC – recently ranked the **Most Romantic City in Canada** by Amazon.ca's annual list – includes casual and fine dining, meeting and banquet rooms and spa. The hotel offers a plethora of packages for spring and summer that include **Whale Watching** tours with close-up views of Orcas, Seals, Sea Lions, Eagles and more; admission for two to the famous **Butchart Gardens**; **Cycling and guided Kayaking** tours; **Relaxation and Rejuvenation** with spa treatments and massages; **Perfect Date** with romantic carriage ride; **Bed & Breakfast, Picnic in the Park** and more. **Please contact Moira for a special amenity in the room.**



**VILLA LA VEDETTA** ([www.villalavedettahotel.com](http://www.villalavedettahotel.com))

This romantic neo-renaissance villa, just steps away from Ponte Vecchio, offers breathtaking city views and an ideal base for travelers who wish to explore Florence during the day and spend the evenings relaxing in a quiet urban retreat. The 5-star hotel includes the Onice Restaurant, bar, swimming pool and Jacuzzi, fitness room, its own private Italian garden and a spacious centuries-old park. The hotel is offering **Bellavista's Dream** through April 30 – a package that includes one night's accommodation in Bellavista suite, full breakfast, tour of Florence in horse-drawn carriage, candlelight dinner for two, welcome bottle of sparkling wine, afternoon tea with pastries, and more. **Please contact Moira for best available rate and bottle of Chianti in room.**



**For reservations, brochures, an amenity in the room or to VIP your clients please contact Moira Fitzpatrick of Exquisite Hotels & Resorts at 1-604-602-1282 or [mfcons@bismail.com](mailto:mfcons@bismail.com)**

Very best wishes,

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