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# **Moira Fitzpatrick Presents Springtime!**

### Dear Colleague,

We are very pleased to begin the year with the addition to our portfolio of four exciting new properties, including the new **Relais & Chateaux Borgo Santo Pietro** in Tuscany, a restored 13th-century Tuscan villa, nestled in quiet seclusion near Siena – winner of the Best Boutique Hotel in 2012! Closed for the winter, the hotel re-opens March 28, 2013.

Le Pigonnet, a 5-star, 18th century hotel located close to the centre of Aix-en-Provence, France, was frequented by Paul Cezanne and more recently has welcomed celebrities, such as Princess Caroline, Iggy Pop and Clint Eastwood.

Abadia Retuerta Le Domaine, a new member of Relais & Chateaux, is an elegantly restored 12th century abbey nestled among magnificent vineyards along the banks of the River Duero, about 2 hr north of Madrid.

**The Bela Vista,** a Relais & Chateaux property, lovingly restored 19th century family house with formal gardens overlooking the ocean, became the first hotel in the Algarve, a sun-drenched region in the south of Portugal.

**Hotel Orfila**, an exclusive 5-star boutique hotel in the heart of Madrid, Spain, is offering **Cultural Madrid**, **a 3-night package** that includes accommodation, a welcome bottle of sparkling wine, breakfasts, 1 lunch and a Madrid Card 48 hours, which offers free entrance to more than 50 museums, Discover Madrid walking tours, the Teleferico cable car, discounts in restaurants, shops, shows, and more – starting at 950 Euros for two people.

**The Neri Hotel & Restaurant,** located in Barcelona's Gothic quarter, is offering a **Spring Special**, including welcome drink, daily breakfast buffet, 15% discount on dinner a la carte or tasting menu, starting Feb/Mar at 195 euros pp per night. Offer bookable until **March 15** and subject to availability.

**Casa da Calcada's Largo do Paço Restaurant** (Michelin 1-Star), Amarante, Portugal, **was voted #3 Best Restaurant in Europe in 2012 in the European 50 Best** – a leading, online consumer-generated list. For interested foodies, the hotel is offering a **Gourmet Package** that includes a gourmet dinner with selected drinks available through Dec 30, 2013 for 123.50 euros pp dbl for one night. This Relais & Chateaux property is located less than an hour from Porto.

Please call Moira at 604-602-1282 or 1-866-322-7199 to book these properties.

Many of our hotel properties have received TripAdvisor's Travelers' Choice Awards 2013. To see details please follow the link: http://tinyurl.com/TripAdvisor2013

# 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.

**HOTEL BELA VISTA** (<u>www.hotelbelavista.net</u>) In 1934, a 19th century family-house overlooking the ocean became the first hotel in the Algarve. The Bela Vista has now been refurbished and is an immaculately preserved oceanfront resort hotel with formal gardens. This elegant 34-room, 4-suite hotel includes a swimming pool, two meeting rooms (the largest accommodating up to 70 guests), two bars and two restaurants – a gourmet restaurant with a large terrace overlooking the ocean and a poolside bar/lounge restaurant. Just opened in March 2012, the hotel spa includes five treatment rooms, sauna, hammam, wet relaxation area and fitness lounge. The hotel's **Spring Special** (March 1 – May 31) for two, includes 3 nights in deluxe, sea-view room, breakfasts, one dinner for two, couple-massage, and room upgrade at time of check-in based on availability, for 830 euros. **Please contact Moira for a special amenity in the room.** 



### ABADIA RETUERTA LE DOMAINE (<u>www.ledomaine.es</u>)

An elegantly restored, 12<sup>th</sup> century abbey, located near Valladolid, Spain, includes a lounge and bar, a Mediterranean restaurant and tapas bar, which serves an excellent selection of tapas, a specialty of the area. Set among magnificent vineyards along the banks of the River Duero, the hotel features the world of wine, from the vine to the glass – wine seminars, guided winery tours and lunch among the vineyards, wine tasting, wine tasting courses and even an opportunity to take part in harvesting of the grapes. The hotel also includes massage and treatment rooms and offers guided tours of the historic Abbey. Nearby activities include cooking classes, mountain biking, horseback riding, archery and ballooning. Closed for winter, the hotel re-opens March 3, 2013. <u>Please contact Moira for a</u> <u>special amenity in the room.</u>



#### HOTEL A QUINTA DA AUGA (www.aquintadaauga.com)

Tucked away in the World Heritage City of Santiago de Compostela, the final destination on the St. James Way pilgrimage route, this transformed 18<sup>th</sup> century paper mill nestles near a woodland surrounded by the Sar River. Set on expansive grounds, the eco-hotel and spa provides an urban oasis, less than two km from the spectacular historical downtown. This 45-room/suite hotel, which includes a restaurant, spa, hammam, sauna and indoor pool, is offering a **Cathedral Rooftops Package** – a tour of the Santiago de Compestela Cathedral offering unforgettable views of the city and close-up inspection of the building's amazing architectural details. The package includes one night's accommodation, buffet breakfast one access pp for Spa circuit and one visit pp to Cathedral. **Please contact Moira for a special amenity in the room.** 



# **Relais & Chateaux Hotels**

#### BORGO SANTO PIETRO (www.borgosantopietro.com) A

restored 13th-century Tuscan villa, this 15-room hideaway nestles in quiet seclusion 30 minutes from Siena, offering panoramic views of the Serena Valley. Celebrating the start of the 2013 season, Mar 28, the hotel is offering a **special package** that includes Champagne, aperitifs, 6-course tasting dinner, grand fireworks and Prosecco served at 11 pm, dancing followed by more fireworks -- for 75 euros pp, taxes included. A 35% room discount is offered overnight guests. The hotel's **Grand Easter Adventure**, Mar 28 – Apr 1, includes 3 night's accommodation for two (additional nights 40% off); complementary Easter Egg Hunt with treats along the way; 5-course gourmet Easter Sunday lunch; 40-min massages at hotel's spa, welcome bottle of Spumante, fresh fruit platter and fresh flowers; gourmet breakfast; freshly squeezed juice daily. Package starts at 995 euros. **Please contact Moira for an amenity in the room.** 

**THE POST HOTEL & SPA** (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. In addition, the hotel is featuring **Winemakers' Dinner Series 2013**, Feb 22, Mar 8, Mar 22, Apr 12 – pairing wines from Chile, Burgundy, Washington & Napa with award-winning cuisine. 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. <u>Please contact</u> <u>Moira for a special amenity in the room.</u>





MANOIR HOVEY (www.manoirhovey.com) This award-winning, 5-star, century-old Quebec manor offers three room-nights for the price of two, with dinners, breakfasts and gratuities included in the first two nights; valid through June 13; not available Saturdays. The hotel partners with two nearby spas – Balnea Spa and Thermal Reserve and Nordic Station Spa – to offer epicurean and spa experiences; available for 1 or 2 nights. The Relaxation & Fine **Dining package** combines a simultaneous one-hour couples massage in the Manor's massage room with the Manoir Hovey celebrated 6-course Discovery Menu, including different wines and wine commentary with each course; available for one night or more. To top it off, the hotel offers a Romantic 2-night Getaway that includes accommodation, welcome bottle of sparkling wine, in-room continental breakfasts; fine cuisine dinners and first-night, turndown service with rose petals sprinkled throughout the room. Travel Agent Commissions are paid twice monthly. Please contact Moira for a special amenity in the room.



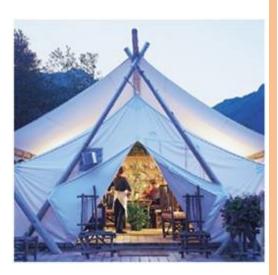
# **Luxury Boutique Hotels**

**HOTEL LE PIGONNET** (<u>www.hotelpigonnet.com</u>) Located close to the centre of Aix-en-Provence, this 5-star hotel includes a restaurant, outdoor bar and lounge, lounges, meeting facilities, wellness area and spa, outdoor swimming pool, fitness room and hammam. Currently, the hotel offers 40 rooms, 2 junior suites and a presidential suite, with more suites and junior suites opening in April, featuring outdoor Jacuzzis on roomy terraces overlooking the famous Mt. St. Victoire. A suite for handicapped guests will open in May. An indoor bistro, Le 5, will be available in low season, offering a brassiere menu, and excellent selection of wines, cocktails, champagnes and cognacs, with the possibility of cigars on a heated terrace. Chef Philippe Jourdin, who has worked his culinary magic in Paris, Geneva, Monaco, earning Michelin stars, will now treat Pigonnet guests to his Mediterranean-influenced gastronomic creations. **Please contact Moira for a special amenity in the room.** 



# CLAYOQUOT WILDERNESS RESORTS & SPA – Virtuoso

(www.wildretreat.com) The resort is now booking the following adventures for the 2013 season from May 19 to Sept 29: Adventure 1: Swift Water Kayaking, Surfing, Fly Fishing (3, 4 or 7-night packages available May, June); Adventure 2: Heli-Tour/Fishing, Day or Overnight Hike (3, 4 or 7-night packages available Sept); Adventure 3: West Coast Local Native Art & Culture (7-night package available May, June, Sept); Adventure 4: Wine & Culinary Weekend (3-night package available June). This safaristyle luxury tent camp and adventure resort has recently garnered the Most Excellent Eco Resort in the US & Canada in Conde Nast Johansens' 2012 Awards for Excellence, as well as a Certificate of Excellence in 2012 from TripAdvisor. Agents receive booking commissions of 10% on the total value of resort packages. <u>Please contact Moira for bookings and receive a shipment of BC</u> Sockeye smoked salmon.



# EXECUTIVE HOUSE HOTEL (<u>www.executivehouse.com</u>)

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 – offers a plethora of packages. The **Winter Weekday Special** is available through Apr 30, Sunday to Thursday, for just \$79 for a standard room; upgrade to a view room or suite for only \$15. The **Evergreen State Exclusive Special** offers Washington State residents a night's stay in a standard room for \$79, including a \$15 food voucher for **Belmiro's Restaurant**; upgrade for only \$15, through April 30<sup>th</sup>. One-night packages include **Romance** (carriage ride, bottle of wine, breakfast); **Relaxation** (two 1hr massages), **Rejuvenation** (choice of facial) and **Butchart Garden** (two tickets to the Gardens). <u>Please contact Moira for a special amenity in the room.</u>

# VILLA LA VEDETTA (www.villalavedettahotel.com)

This romantic 18-room/suite, five-star hotel sits atop Piazzale Michaelangelo, just steps away from Ponte Vecchio, offering breathtaking city views and an ideal base for holiday travelers who wish to explore Florence during the day and spend the evenings relaxing in a quiet urban retreat. The hotel includes the Onice Restaurant, mentioned in international gastronomic guides; bar; swimming pool and Jacuzzi; fitness room. This neo-renaissance villa is surrounded with its own private Italian garden and a spacious centuries-old park that slopes toward the Arno River. Facilities and services include complimentary shuttle service to/from Florence city centre, use of private sauna and gym, wifi internet and car parking. <u>Please contact Moira for best available rate and bottle of Chianti</u> **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 <u>mfcons@bismail.com</u>

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