Dear 10th Mountain Fellow Travelers:

As most of you know by now, our trip committee has decided to postpone the Italia 1945-2020 trip and reschedule for June of 2021. It is our hope that by rescheduling our Italy reunion to next June, much of the uncertainty and anxiety that exists today will be in the past. We believe we now have allowed ample time to reschedule an enjoyable and safe trip for everyone, including our hosts in Italy.

While postponing we also considered moving this trip to the Fall, however the committee felt that even if things were to clear up, Italy potentially will need months to recover. We also did not want our long-time friends in Italy to be burdened with thinking about or planning for 200 guests to visit this year.

**How does this decision impact all of us?**

*Where do we stand today?* Our current approach is to reschedule this trip to June 2021. We are working with our hosts in Italy as well as our travel partner, InterTrav Corporation to determine if revisions need to be made to the itinerary for 2021.

The travel committee has set a deadline of **August 1, 2020** to determine if a trip in June 2021 is viable. Assuming that is affirmative, the itinerary, all the facts, and options for you to choose from will be resent to you. With airlines changing their travel policies daily, we have decided, “a sit and wait approach” would be a better course of action through 1 August. There are too many variables currently.

During this time, and until approximately June 1, 2020, InterTrav Corporation will be closed. This move is to protect their employees and to follow all relevant state and local restrictions. Please do not attempt to reach InterTrav during this time. InterTrav, as other travel companies are “swamped” with emails and phone calls.

**Deposits:**

Expect to receive information by mail in several weeks, requesting your confirmation to continue with trip plans for 2021, or to totally cancel your trip to Italy. Based upon your “confirmation” letter, InterTrav will determine the handling of “deposits” already made.

Those travelers registered for the 2020 trip to Italy will have the opportunity to register again for the 2021 trip when the revised plans are finalized. For those who elect to do so, InterTrav will credit $400 of the existing deposits to next year’s deposit. Those electing not to do so at this time will receive $400 of their $500 deposit refunded as soon as possible. You must realize that our travel partner, InterTrav Corporation has already incurred expenses for the June 2020 trip that they will be unable to return. InterTrav will contact you in the event of any additional monies due that you have prepaid.

*Please see over...*
Air Fare:

If you made your air travel arrangements with InterTrav Corporation, they will work with you to resolve your specific situations. In some cases, Mark House is already working to secure traveler refunds from the airlines.

If you made your own arrangements, we suggest contacting your carrier to fully understand the airlines current policy on cancellations, refunds, etc. In most cases, this information may be found on their respective websites. As mentioned, airline policies seem to change daily as the pandemic escalates. As soon as possible, we will give you the new 2021 Italy itinerary and dates so you will have all the information required to rebook the air portion of this amazing tour. Our hope is that the airlines will offer to rebook for future travel without penalty if done within a defined period. For our part we will be sure to determine the dates for the 2021 trip well in advance of any cutoff imposed by the airlines.

For now, we request that you do not attempt to contact InterTrav Corporation. All efforts by InterTrav on behalf of our organization are being thought out and planned carefully in order to make a smooth transition to a new date, and a system for refunding of monies if necessary.

As many travel companies are experiencing a “nightmare” currently, time and patience are of the essence in order to create a smooth game plan. We will speak with you again soon. In the meantime,

Stay healthy and happy!

The 10th Mountain Division Descendants Italy Trip Committee.