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Dates: 19th to 25th April 2015 (6 nights)

4 participants

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19/04/2015:arrival to Madrid

At arrival, meet & greet by our representative and panoramic tour of the city on route to Los Galayos for lunch

A perfect introduction to Madrid's famous sights from the Gran Via and Castellana, to famous squares including Plazas de Espana, Puerta del Sol and Puerta de Alcala. You'll visit the historic quarters and famous parks including Casa de Campo and Retiro. Madrid shows the onlooker multiple faces that history has left behind, such as its medieval origins as an Arab-fortress characterized by its ancient buildings and the smell of the taverns



The Galayos is located in La Plaza Mayor in the Austrias Neighborhood. "Los Galayos" has seen pass away the time; if the walls speak they would explain how was Madrid more than one hundred years ago, in the ages when La Puerta del Sol and La Plaza Mayor were the centre of gatherings and kingdom's special Ceremonies.

Check in

Time to recover from the journey



Dinner at Casa Botin.

Founded in 1725, Casa Botin is, according to the Guinness Book of Records, the oldest restaurant in the world. The house specialities are delicious Castilian-style suckling pig and lamb, roasted in the old wood-fired oven.

Overnight at:

NH COLLECTION PALACIO DE TEPA

<http://www.nh-hotels.com/hotel/nh-collection-madrid-palacio-de-tepa>

or

INNSIDE MADRID SUECIA

<http://www.melia.com/es/hoteles/espana/madrid/innside-madrid-suecia/index.html>



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20/04/2015: Royal Palace & Toledo

Breakfast at the hotel.

Seventy kilometers from Madrid lies the Imperial City of Toledo, which presents the most characteristic ensemble of all that genuinely Spanish land and civilisation have ever been. Declared National Monument by the Spanish State, Toledo seems to be a large museum. Hardly another town is so well conserved in its historical style. Toledo, a fortified hilltop city surrounded by the Tajo river, was also the hometown of the great painter El Greco.

Toledo is one of the most important centers of European medieval history.

It was capital of Spain from the Gothic epoch until 1560, fact that explains its really impressive medieval architecture. Walking through its streets one feels like having stepped back into the Middle-Ages, but in the best sense of it, and perhaps you will search your pockets for a few gold-ducats to buy some of Toledo's fine handicrafts or just to enjoy of its highly recommended cuisine.

Lunch at Alfilerito 24, where the 14th-century surroundings of columns, beams and barrel-vault ceilings are snazzily coupled with modern artwork spread over 4 floors.

Back to Madrid and visit of the Royal Palace.

Home to the Kings of Spain from Carlos III to Alfonso XIII, Madrid's Royal Palace is now open to the public. Though it is no longer the royal family's home, it continues to be their official residence and used by His Majesty The King of Spain, for official ceremonies such as award ceremonies, royal audiences and banquets and important events such as Spanish National Day.

No visit to Madrid would be complete without a stop at Chocolatería San Ginés.

CHOCOLATE with CHURROS: a quintessential Madrid treat!

The classic Chocolatería San Ginés has been around since 1894 and is the most centrally located chocolatería. It looks about the same, as it must have appeared on its opening day more than a century ago.

It is an admittedly attractive space, with velvety green seats, marble tables and lots of mirrors. Chocolate and churros consists of light, delicious fried batter that resembles links of sausage in shape.

Instead of a formal dinner, today you will discover Madrid through its palate.

Walk along the old city visiting centennial taverns, tasting their specialties and drinking wines from different Spanish grapes.

History, fun anecdotes and new flavors in the city of 20.000 bars with a local "Madrileño" guide.

There are two "Madrids": the one you can't help but see, and the one you need a local person to show you. We'd like to invite you to enjoy the experience of "ir de tapas", as Madrileños do. You will discover hidden spots, even in the very heart of Madrid and our local guide will choose for you the wines and dishes each bar stands out for.



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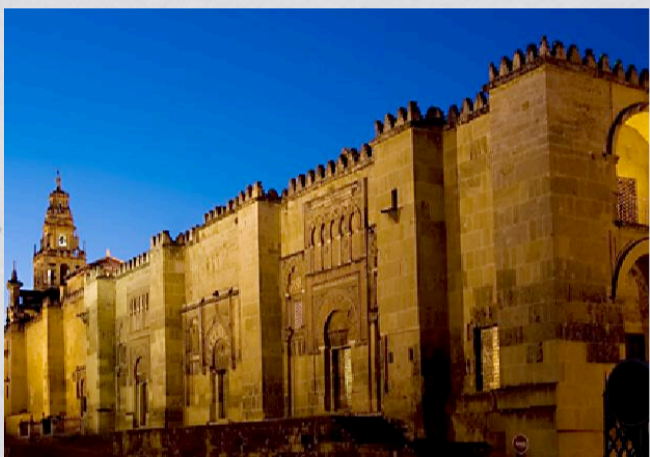
21/04/2015: Cordoba

Breakfast at the hotel

Departing for Cordoba

There can be no doubt that Córdoba, sheltered by mountains on the banks of the Guadalquivir, is one of the most emblematic cities in Andalusia.

Described as the “flower of Spain” by one who most loved this city, the poet Góngora, Córdoba is a lively, attractive, enchanting place, full of colour, a rich combination of heritage going back thousands of years and modern development.



Córdoba's historic centre, which was catalogued as World Heritage in 1994, embraces the Mosque and surrounding area, Cordoba was founded by the Romans and due to its strategic importance as the highest navigable point of the Guadalquivir River, it became a port city of great importance, used for shipping Spanish olive oil, wine and wheat back to Ancient Rome. The Romans built the mighty bridge crossing the river, now called “El Puente Romano”. But Cordoba's hour of greatest glory was when it became the capital of the Moorish kingdom of El-Andalus, and this was when work began on the Great Mosque, or “Mezquita”, which – after several centuries of additions and enlargements – became one of the largest in all of Islam.



See the magnificent Cathedral, converted within an original mosque when the Christians conquered Cordoba in 1236. Modifications took 234 years, so the original Gothic style is combined with Baroque and Renaissance elements. Remarkable are the Cardinal's Chapel and its treasure, including a monstrance of Enrique de Arfe, an ivory crucifix of Alonso Cano and important sculptures and paintings.

Also visit the Alcazar de los Reyes Cristianos, the Palace of the Christian Kings, built in 1328 by Alfonso XI. In the interior of the palace there are remarkable Arabian baths, Roman mosaics and a sarcophagus of marble from 3rd Century.

We suggest you to lunch at EL CABALLO ROJO (not included in the total cost) Located right next to the Mezquita and one of Cordoba's most famous restaurants



Ancient Córdoba is a complex labyrinth of narrow streets, a tightly-packed blend of Roman, Moorish, Jewish and Christian town planning featuring such universally-known images as the white walls contrasting with pots of red geraniums, tiny squares and nooks and crannies, oases of peace and beauty so accurately described by another poet, Antonio Machado, as “silent Córdoba”.

Back to Madrid



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22/04/2015: Arrival into Barcelona

Breakfast at the hotel

Check out

Transfer to the train station Atocha to board the speed train AVE to Barcelona

At arrival, meet & greet by our representative and transfer to the Olympic Port for lunch

Lunch at Marina Bay, in the emblematic Marina Village, a must-visit place for those who wish to taste the best rice dishes.

The menu, which changes each season, offers traditional paellas prepared with the finest market-bought products, and special tapas, which you can try in any of their comfortable dining rooms, with views of the sea and the Olympic Port, or on the terraces overlooking Frank O. Gery's famous "Golden Fish" sculpture.

The most privileged views can be enjoyed from a wonderful terrace overlooking the Mediterranean where you can sample good seafood.

After lunch, transfer to the selected hotel

Check in and time to refresh

Dinner at the Xalet

The differential feature of Montjuïc El Xalet, apart from its excellent culinary quality, is the large panoramic terrace and revolving room from where spectacular views of the city can be enjoyed.

On the way to the restaurant, you'll enjoy the night view of Montjuïc.

We'll stop at Plaça d'Espanya for the Magic Fountain Show: approx. 15-minute spectacular display of light, water and music.

Overnight at:

MURMURI

<http://www.murmuri.com/en/>

or

OMM

<http://www.hotelomm.es/en/barcelona-5-star-hotel/>



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23/04/2015: Discovering Barcelona

Breakfast at the hotel

The beautiful city will be visited through the eyes of Gaudí: one of the outstanding figures of Catalan culture and international architecture: it is in Barcelona where we find most of his work.

Casa Batllò

The house was originally built between 1875 and 1877. The building is a stunning and original work with a facade made of sandstone covered with colorful trencadis (a Catalan type of mosaic). and, typical of Gaudí, straight lines are avoided whenever possible...

You will be visiting the Sagrada Família: with no doubt the most famous work of Gaudí, and the one that identifies Barcelona all over the world



Park Güell.: In 1990, Mr. Güell entrusted Gaudí with the edification of what had to be a 60 dwellings private estate, and ended up as Public Park in 1922, with only two houses built. The architect clearly let his imagination run free, incorporating a lot of naturalistic elements.

A special tasting in the Borne quarter.

Experience with us new sensations of the palate and delights to the senses.

It's about sharing the experience of wine and food among friends. It's about learning to appreciate the finer things in life in a friendly environment.

Tasting, an activity that surprises by its innovation.

Pairing, a sensory experience that combines flavors in a way that you would have never imagined, providing you with exciting surprises on your palate.

The activity begins by making a sensorial taste to educate and to prepare the tongue and the senses. We will go through all the stages and shades of flavors and tastes. Sweet, bitter, salty, spicy,... all of them thru a variety of products, aromatic plants, fruits,...

A trip thru the tasting world.

Each tasting is a single activity, which you can combine with other tastings.

Tastings:

- Wine Tastings: traditional (vertical, horizontal), surprising (cava versus champagne), specials
- Cheese Tasting
- Iberico ham Tasting
- Olive Oil Tasting
- A trip to all your senses!



Continuing with a cooking class and lunch with the Chef in his own premises.

Dinner at the Opium Mar Club

in front of the beach of Barceloneta, a playful and multipurpose space that perfectly combines the own advantages of a day-restaurant, with the greatest terrace of Barcelona next to the sea, with the concept of leisure that presently offers the restaurant-bar-discotheque for the nights.

The spectacular location, the maximum quality in service and the restoration, together with its innovating design, which is cool and modern, make Opium Mar a unique place.

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24/04/2015: Montserrat & Cava region



Breakfast at the hotel

Depart for The 100 Peak Mountain.

A unique ecological setting in the world, nestled between the peaks for centuries this centre of the Catalan faith contains and protects "La Moroneta", the Black Madonna and a great collection of famous paintings.

Situated on a mass of rock rising to some 4.000 feet above the Spanish plain, is probably the most extraordinary yet fascinating landscape in Catalonia.

After a half an hour drive, the cable car provides access to Montserrat in just 15 minutes giving the participants a breath-taking view of the valley and the unique mountains....

Here you'll find the oldest surviving music school left in Europe.

It was declared a Natural Park in 1987.



Lunch at Abat Cisneros in the Stone Dining Room

Housed in a historic building, now converted in part of the Hotel Hostal Abat Cisneros

The ceiling in what is now the dining room (used as stables in the 16th century) consists of a great stone arch, whilst the walls are bare rock.

The restaurant provides a peaceful, pleasant atmosphere where you can enjoy excellent traditional Catalan cuisine

After lunch, the Penedes region awaits you.....



Visit of Codorniu Cellars

Located in the locality of Sant Sadurní d'Anoia on the west of Barcelona in the wine-growing of Penedés, the birthplace of cava. It was here in 1872, at the hands of Josep Raventós, that the most international of Spanish products was born:

CAVA. King Juan Carlos I declared it a National Monument in 1976. Its glasswork, brickwork and arches conceal a collection of antiques, all relating to the thrilling world of wine.

The Codorniu cellars contain more than 30 kilometres of galleries on five levels in the depths of the earth, making them the most extensive subterranean cellars in the world.

These cellars are the great secret that Codorniu invites lovers of Cava to enjoy.



After the visit with a small train, enjoy Cava tasting before heading back to Barcelona.

Dinner at Torre de Altamar

Seventy five meters (75m) above sea level, in the impressive Tower of San Sebastián, with the best panoramic views of Barcelona and near the International Maritime Ports (touristic, commercial etc...) is the most privileged and "avant-garde" restaurant in town: ALTAMAR.

The San Sebastian Tower was designed in 1926 for the 1929 Barcelona Universal Exhibition and to connect Barcelona's port and the Montjuïc Mountain by cable car. This one hundred per cent Barcelonan restaurant, situated in an historical tower, offers a gastronomic concept of high quality based on the combination of product quality and traditional Mediterranean cuisine specialized in fish

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25/04/2015: Departure

Breakfast at the hotel.
Check out

Before you leave Barcelona, a walking tour, an immersion in the beautiful neighborhood known as the Gothic Quarter, so called because it used to be the Roman village and thus has some remnants of its glorious past. In fact, is full of history. There, the rests of what it was a Roman city as well as a set of buildings from the Middle Ages where the Catalan Monarchy was seated for five hundred years .

These days because of the constant modernization it is very possible to spot an ancient building right next to one built in the 90s.

The narrow, winding streets create quite a labyrinth and means that it may take a while to get your bearings.

The Cathedral, "El Palau de la Generalitat" (a XVI century Renaissance palace located in Plaça de Sant Jaume), Plaça del Rei, El Call (Jewish quarter), the unforgettable churches of "Del Pi", Sta M^a del Mar and of course the world & public walkaway with more human warmth and colorful of Barcelona, Las Ramblas full with street performers!



Lunch at El Pintor

Classic little restaurant in the Gothic Quarter given that it once served as a painter's workshop during the late 19th century. The rustic stone walls and wooden ceiling beams recall bygone eras and provide the perfect setting for the traditional charm and cuisine that El Pintor is known for.



Transfer to the port accordingly your cruise schedule

This is an exclusive experience.

Please understand that we did not have the chance to know you thoroughly. It has been prepared only for you based on the information you have provided. Just imagine what we could do if you would share more of your secrets with us.

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