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SPAIN

BIENVENIDOS WELCOME AND CHEERS!

Hola! (Hello! as we say in Spanish)

AMBIA TOURS SPAIN INCOMING is a tourism company based in Valencia. It was founded in 2008 by a young and professional team and the goals of this brochure are to unveil you some of the wonders of Spain as a destination, and suggest some of the singular experiences that you can only live in the Iberian Peninsula.

We tailor make our tourism services according to your needs: tours, itineraries, ground services for private, group or corporate travellers around Spain and Portugal. Ambia Tours is focusing on special interest, gastronomy and wine tours. We are always ready to help our customers to explore the undiscovered corners of Spain!

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DAY 1. VALENCIA CITY

VALENCIAN WINE TASTING AND TAPAS

Arrival to Valencia. Transfer to the hotel. Meet and greet the sommelier guide at the hotel. Go out for dinner in a very different way, first learning about Valencian wines through a tasting and after drinking those wines with local tapas (small dishes of typical recipes). Return to the hotel.

DAY 2. ALBUFERA NATURAL PARK

THE BOMB RICE, THE SECRET OF THE PAELLA

The Albufera is a lake separated from the sea by dunes and surrounded by rice fields. Here you will have the chance to enjoy a paella class where you will discover all the secrets to prepare this recipe "perfectly" thanks to our paellamaster in a beautiful location, in the middle of the rice crops of Albufera. After the class and the lunch you will take a short boat ride and you will learn all about the cultivation of the rice. Because rice has always had an important part to play in Valencia life, and for centuries has been one of the area's major exports, as well as the mainstay of regional cuisine. We return to Valencia, evening free and night's accommodation.

DAY 3. REQUENA

THE OLDEST WINE REGION IN SPAIN

Departure to one of the interior counties of Valencia, Utiel Requena, the most important wine-producing regions where the Bobal is a supreme grape variety. Here our first visit will be to the original underground caves of Requena village that were used as a wine cellars. Afterwards, we will visit the first winery, where you will try a selection of wines followed by a delightful lunch in a very special place. Ending

with a second winery with another selection of wines. Return to Valencia, evening free and night's accommodation.

DAY 4. VALENCIA

VALENCIAN TAPAS

Tapas in Spain means little dish or a small starter that normally friends & family share. This is the objective today, prepare some tapas and enjoy them. Here you will have the chance to learn how to use the ingredients to prepare delicious bites. Afterwards you will have free time to discover Valencia by yourself.

DAY 5. SEGORBE - SAGUNTO - ALBORAYA

OLIVE OIL, CHEESES AND TIGERNUTS

Segorbe is located in the north of Valencia, in the heart of a natural park known for the millenary olive trees; here you will discover the oil museum with a tasting, the history of this medieval city and light bites of local products. Then we will stop in Almenara, in a shop of an artisan cheese factory, here you will taste some of the delightful cheeses of Valencia.

Afterwards, we will go directly to Sagunto and we will combine Roman, Moorish and Jewish history with a wonderful pairing menu. Once we have visited this great spot in the Mediterranean, we will take you to authentic 'Valencian orchard', here you will see all the agriculture that Valencia is based and also the most famous organic drink that is famous for, The Horchata, made of tigernuts, water and sugar. We return to Valencia, evening free and night's accommodation.

DAY 6. VALENCIA

GOODBYE

Transfer to the airport. End of our services.





WINE REGIONS



VALENCIA ●

REQUENA ●

TERRES
DELS AFORINS ●

ALICANTE ●



DAY 1. VALENCIA

Arrival to Valencia. Transfer to the hotel.

DAY 2. CASTELLÓN

In the morning trip to Castellon, we'll visit one of the wineries which is producing interesting wines influenced by the specific soils of the area. For lunch, why not try seafood paella by the beach of Castellon, mainly because the fish is so fresh, having been fished in the Mediterranean Sea, directly before us. After the lunch, we will visit an olive oil museum with a tasting session conducted by an expert in olive oils; following on from this we head for an artisan cheese factory where you will see the cheese-making process. We return to the baroque seaside city of Valencia; our evening is free to do as we please. Enjoy its famous nightlife! Night's accommodation in Valencia.

DAY 3. REQUENA

In the morning we depart for Requena; in the old town we'll visit the imposing Caves of the Villa de Requena, an ancient series of underground caves which were used as storage chambers for food and wine. Afterwards we visit a local winery in Requena and taste their wine while the vintners explain what makes this area so special. Time for lunch in a local restaurant with typical food from the area. For dessert you will visit a winery that has one of the best cavas (sparkling wines) in the area. Return to Valencia, evening free. Night's accommodation in Valencia.

DAY 4. VALENCIA

In the morning, you will visit one of the biggest wetlands in Spain, the Albufera Natural Reserve, enjoying the view of the rice fields aboard a traditional boat in the lake. Afterwards, you will prepare a traditional paella valenciana with an expert local cook and you will have the chance to learn about and taste our local cocktail, Agua de Valencia. Return to the hotel, evening free and accommodation in Valencia.

DAY 5. TERRES DELS ALFORINS

In the morning we depart from Valencia and head due south to Fontanars. In that area called Terres dels Alforins, also known as the La Toscana valenciana, the Valencian Tuscany, you will visit the ruins of a pre-Roman Iberian village and learn about their culture. After the visit you will stop by at a winery with ancient wine traditions; here they produce very special and excellent quality wines aged in clay jars. After the visit, you will enjoy a delicious lunch in a Renault restaurant. Afterwards, the tour will take you to an ecological winery that has won many awards for their superior quality wines which come straight from the surrounding nature and terroir. Finally you will discover the beauty of the small town of Bocairent. Evening free and night's accommodation.

DAY 6. ALICANTE

Departure to the coast of Alicante to visit one of the most important wineries in the region to taste their strong personality wines which have earned for themselves a respectable position among top wines in Spain. Afterwards, visit the village of Jijona, most famous for their Turrón (nougat) and the Nougat museum which is so typical of Alicante's foodstuffs. In the afternoon we travel to Novelda, where the winemaker will guide you through a perfect wine pairing lunch after a visit to the winery. Finally for the dessert we will go to another winery to taste Fondillon, the typical aperitivo or dessert wine from Alicante that Alexander Dumas was so fond of. Return to Valencia, evening free and accommodation.

DAY 7. VALENCIA

Transfer to the train station/airport. End of our services.

● VALENCIA
● JUMILLA
● REQUENA

WINE REGIONS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

“Did you know that part of wine culture in Spain was introduced by the Phoenicians, Greeks, Iberians and the Romans? So, the wine from Alicante, Designation of Origin, has one of the greater histories of all Spain, the most famous wine “Fondillon”. Jumilla with Designation of Origin as well, is the youngest of the 3 wine routes; it is considered one of the best Monastrell growing areas in the Mediterranean region in terms of quality. Also Utiel-Requena, Designation of Origin, takes its name from the area, but brings together a total of 10 municipalities. Don’t miss the chance to discover the oldest documented winemaking area in Spain: dating back 2700 years linked to wine history.



DAY 1. ARRIVAL TO VALENCIA

Meet and greet the guide. Transfer from airport/train station to the town to Alfaz del Pi, two hours distance from the capital, Valencia. Visit to Enrique Mendoza Winery, one of the most established cellar which dates back to the 70's and where it will offer a wine tasting and snacks. Afterwards, transfer to Alicante, and check in at hotel, free time to explore Alicante at your own disposal. Dinner at a popular local taberna.

DAY 2. JUMILLA

After breakfast, a panoramic tour with the guide to discover the Alicante highlights. Then, transfer to Jumilla, province of Murcia, visit the Luzon Winery, with 100 years of an excellent wine production, which will offer a wine tasting, ending with a lunch in one of the most emblematic restaurants in Jumilla. Then, transfer to Alicante and free time. Dinner at your own disposal.

DAY 3. REQUENA

After breakfast, transfer to Requena, 200 kilometers from Alicante. Once there, visit to Oli Oli oil mill, where biodynamic extra virgin olive oil is obtained. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional lunch menu, in a unique natural landscape. Then the program continues with a guided tour to Chozas Carrascal winery, belonging to the wine route Utiel-Requena. Afterwards, the cultural visit of the historic centre of Requena begins: entrance to the underground Caves of the Villa (underneath caves what is now the Plaza de la Villa, used as a silo of cereals, wine cellar, refuge and even an ossuary), Homage Tower (Arab remains) and churches of St. Nicholas (13th century), Santa Maria (14th century) and Salvador (14th-16th centuries). Later, check in at a cozy hotel, located in the heart of the old town of Requena, dinner in a local restaurant.

DAY 4. REQUENA-VALENCIA

After breakfast, visit to a local butchery Carnicas Yeves, specialized in different meats for several generations, keeping the gastronomic tradition of the area producing fresh and cured meats and hams as well as different meat preserves. The next stop will be at the organic Aranleón winery, located in a natural park Hoces del Cabriel, Afterwards, lunch at acclaimed restaurant El Yantar, where the chefs successfully combine traditional cuisine with modern culinary style. Then arrival to Requena, free time and dinner on your own.

DAY 5. REQUENA-VALENCIA

Check out after breakfast. Visit Vera de Estenas Winery, an interactive activity called “Make your own wine” will be on schedule, to learn how to make the wine blending different varieties that will be tasted in situ ending with a lunch. Afterwards the tour continues to Valencia, panoramic tour in Valencia making a photo stop at the City of the Arts and Sciences. Check in at a hotel, one of the best possibilities of accommodation in Valencia. The day will end with a wine tasting and gourmet dinner in the city center.

DAY 6. VALENCIA

After breakfast transfer to the wetlands Natural Reserve called Albufera, located 10 kilometers from the city. This incredible park is home to the most genuine species of birds of Valencia, as well as the organic rice crops, here the lunch will be the “National Dish” Paella (dish made of chicken and rabbit in Valencia, or only seafood according to preferences of customers), later a boat sail to explore the Lake, learning about the origin of the gastronomy of the region observing the rice crops. Return to Valencia. Free time and Farewell dinner in Valencia center.

DAY 7. VALENCIA

Check out after breakfast. Transfer to airport/train station. End of our services



BARCELONA
PENEDES
VALENCIA
REQUENA
ALICANTE

CATALONIA VALENCIA

DAY 1. BARCELONA

Arrival to the airport. Meet and greet the guide. Transfer to the hotel, check in. Rest of the day free to explore Barcelona on your own. Accommodation in Barcelona.

DAY 2. VALLS.

Breakfast. Departure to Milmanda Castle, a Torres winery. Lunch in a restaurant. Visit the Poblet monastery and the archeological site of Montblanc. Check in at the hotel, accommodation in Valls.

DAY 3. VILAFRANCA DEL PENEDES

Breakfast. Visit Vilarnau winery where you could enjoy a fantastic Nordic walking along vineyards. Lunch in Freixenet wineries, afterwards you will get to see the traditions of this important winery. Check in at the hotel in and accommodation in Vilafranca del Penedes.

DAY 4. PENEDES AREA

Breakfast. Segway tour along the vineyards in Torres. Afterwards a visit in Nadal Cavas where you will have a cheese pairing lunch. Next, visit the Celler Cal Costas where you will discover an intense 4x4 safari tour through the vineyards with a wine tasting. Return to hotel. Free time. Accommodation in Vilafranca del Penedes.

DAY 5. TARRAGONA – VALENCIA

Breakfast. Departure to Valencia, en route you will have the chance to discover Tarragona, a historic Roman city. Arrival to Valencia, check in at the hotel. Dinner in a typical Valencian House "Barra-ca". Transfer to the hotel. Accommodation in Valencia.

DAY 6. CASTELLÓN

Breakfast. Trip to Castellon, one of the wineries which are producing interesting wines with the particularity of the soils of the area. For lunch you will try seafood paella in the Beach of Castellon, special local dish made of fresh fish which comes straight from the Mediterranean Sea. After the lunch, we will visit an olive oil museum with a tasting led by an expert in olive oils, following with an artisan cheese factory where you will see the process of cheese making. Return to Valencia, evening free. Accommodation in Valencia.

DAY 7. REQUENA

Breakfast. In the morning departure to Requena, and visit its ancient underground caves which were used as a food and wines deposit just beneath the Villa de Requena. Afterwards you will visit a local winery nearby and taste their wines while the vintners explain

what makes this area so special. Time for lunch in a local restaurant with typical food from that area. For dessert you will visit a winery that has one of the best "cavas" (sparkling wine) in the area. Return to Valencia, evening free. Accommodation in Valencia.

DAY 8. VALENCIA

Breakfast. In the morning, you will visit one of the biggest wetlands in Spain, the Albufera Natural Park, enjoying the view of the rice crops from a boat ride in the lake. Afterwards, you will prepare a traditional paella valenciana with an expert cook and you will have the chance to learn about our local cocktail, Agua de Valencia. Return to the hotel, evening free and accommodation in Valencia.

DAY 9. TERRES DELS ALFORINS – BOCAIRENT

Breakfast. In the morning departure to the south of Valencia, Fontanars. In that area called Terres dels Alforins you will visit the ruins of one Iberian village and learn about their way of living. After the visit you will stop by in a winery with ancient wine traditions that produces unique and excellent quality wine aged in clay jars. After the visit, you will enjoy a delicious lunch in a Michelin star restaurant. Afterwards, the tour will take you to an different ecological winery, highly awarded for their superior quality wines which come straight from the surrounding nature and terroir. Finally you will discover the beauty of a small village Bocalrent. Evening free and accommodation in Bocalrent.

DAY 10. ALICANTE

Departure to the coast of Alicante to visit one of the most important wineries in the region to taste their wines with a strong personality which places them amongst the top wines in Spain. Afterwards, visit Jijona village most famous for their Turrón (almond sweets) which is one typical foodstuff from Alicante; and the Nougat museum. In the afternoon you will travel to Novelda, where the wine-maker will guide you to a perfect wine pairing lunch and afterwards to complete a visit though the winery. Finally for the dessert we will go to another winery to taste Fondillon, the typical aperitif/ dessert wine from Alicante that Alexander Dumas was so fond of. Return to Valencia, evening free and accommodation in Valencia.

DAY 11. VALENCIA

Transfer to the train station/airport. End of our services.





RIOJA RIBERA



DAY 1. LAGUARDIA (RIOJA ALAVESA – BASQUE COUNTRY)

Arrival to the airport. Meet and greet the guide. Transfer to the hotel, check in. Accommodation in Laguardia.

DAY 2. LAGUARDIA

Breakfast. Visit Marques de Riscal, unique winery with a very special luxury hotel designed by Frank Gehry. Afterwards you will visit Ysios winery and have lunch in Paganos village. Rest of the time you could discover the famous subterranean winery “El Fabulista” and the village of Laguardia. Accommodation in Laguardia.

DAY 3. HARO – SAMANIEGO – LAGUARDIA

Breakfast. Visit Viña Tondonia, a winery established in 1877 and nowadays very modern but with a strong tradition of winemakers. After this visit you will enjoy a visit in Bodegas Baigorri which has a concept of architecture to the service of the human being, lunch in the winery. Rest of the day free to enjoy wineteraphy in the spa. Accommodation in Laguardia.

DAY 4. BRIONES – SAN MILLAN DE LA COGOLLA – VALLADOLID

Breakfast. Departure to Briones to visit the most complete wine museum, typical lunch in a restaurant. Then the tour will take you to impressive medieval architecture the Monasteries of Suso and Yuso. Departure to Valladolid. Accommodation Valladolid.

DAY 5. RIBERA DEL DUERO

Breakfast. Departure to the Golden Mile of the wineries: Cepa 21, Emilio Moro, Matarromera, Viña Mayor, Protos, Dehesa Canonigos, Pesquera, etc. Lunch in a restaurant. Transfer to Curiel de Duero, visit the castle of Peñafiel. Accommodation in Curiel de Duero.

DAY 6. RIBERA DEL DUERO

Breakfast. Departure to La Legua Winery. Lunch in Fuensaldaña. Return to Valladolid. Check in hotel, rest of the day free. Accommodation in Valladolid.

DAY 7. TORDESILLAS

Breakfast. Visit the Royal Monastery. Afterwards you will visit a very modern winery, Quinola Garage Wine in the designation of origin of Toro, lunch in the winery. Transfer to the last winery, Yllera, one of the most important of the region where you will taste a great varieties of wines. Return to Valladolid. Accommodation in Valladolid.

DAY 8. VALLADOLID

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport. End of our services.

DAY 1. LISBON

Arrival to the airport. Meet and greet the guide. Transfer to the hotel, check in. Rest of the day free time to discover the capital of Portugal. We suggest to explore Parque das Nações where the Expo'98 took part. Dinner in a restaurant to get acquainted with classic Portuguese cuisine. Accommodation in Lisbon.

DAY 2. LISBON

Breakfast. Panoramic tour of Lisbon, Alfama Quarter, Belem Tower, Los Jeronimos Monastery, etc. Lunch in the port area (fish and seafood). Optional tour to Sintra, Cascais, and Estoril. Before dinner an obligatory visit to taste the classic Belem cream pastries. Dinner in a modern cuisine restaurant. Accommodation in Lisbon.

DAY 3. LISBON – FATIMA – NAZARE – LISBON

Breakfast. Departure to Fatima, important pilgrimage center, free time to discover the Basilica. Lunch in Nazare seaside village tasting its famous sardines. Return to Lisbon. Special meat skewer dinner. Accommodation in Lisbon.

DAY 4. LISBON – CACERES – MADRID

Breakfast. Departure to Caceres. Free time to discover the main square, considered Mankind Heritage by Unesco. Lunch with local cheese (Torta del Casar) and cured ham (Iberian Guijuelo) tasting. Afterwards direction to Madrid. Freestyle tapas dinner in San Miguel gourmet market. Accommodation in Madrid.

DAY 5. MADRID

Breakfast. Panoramic tour in Madrid visiting the main highlights Royal Palace, Prado Museum, Plaza Sol, and the commercial area of Gran Via. Lunch in a fusion cuisine restaurant (traditional dishes with a modern touch). Afternoon free time. Accommodation in Madrid.

DAY 6. MADRID

Breakfast. Free day to discover the capital of Spain.

DAY 7. MADRID – SEGOVIA – SALAMANCA

Breakfast. Departure direction to Segovia. Guided tour in Segovia with an authentic lunch "Roasted Segovian piglet". Afterwards, direction to Salamanca. Traditional local dishes dinner. Free time and accommodation in Salamanca.

DAY 8. SALAMANCA – VALLADOLID

Breakfast. Panoramic tour in Salamanca, one of the most famous university city of Spain. Afterwards, direction to Valladolid, capital of the Autonomous Region Castilla Leon, stopping by in a white wine specialist Rueda area winery for a visit, wine tasting and lunch. Arrival to Valladolid for a local tapas dinner (modern and classic). Accommodation in Valladolid.

DAY 9. VALLADOLID – PEÑAFIEL – MADRID

Breakfast. Panoramic tour in Valladolid, visiting the most representative monuments. Afterwards a visit to Peñafiel offers you a winery visit with wine tasting ending with a delicious lunch in a former convent. Return to Madrid. Accommodation in Madrid.

DAY 10. MADRID

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport. End of our services.

LISBON

MADRID

SALAMANCA

VALLADOLID



GASTRONOMIC PORTUGAL AND SPAIN



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- VALENCIA
 - MORELLA
 - GANDIA
 - ALICANTE

DAY 1. VALENCIA

Arrival to Valencia. Transfer to the hotel.

DAY 2. PEÑISCOLA – MORELLA

In the morning we will go to Peñíscola, a city at the seaside of the Mediterranean. The fortress castle of Peñíscola was once the residence of the Pope Luna and was also the film set for the epic Hollywood production of “El Cid” starring Charlton Heston. In the afternoon we will have lunch in one of the many restaurants that Peñíscola has to offer. Why not try fresh fish or delicious seafood paella? Afterwards we will go to the interior of Castellon, to one of the rugged highlands of the Valencian Region known as Els Ports; our destination is Morella, a beautiful medieval fortified town high in the mountains near the Valencian-Aragonese border. The imposing walled city was built by the Templar Knights in the 13th century. We’ll see the 14th century aqueduct and Morella Castle which sits defiantly on the hill in the old Citadel. It was built by the Arabs during the Moorish occupation. Inside, we’ll see the upper ramparts, the Governor’s Palace, the old prison and the tower. This small town also has a Palaeontology Museum which is another visit option. Apart from containing many samples of local fossils, its collection includes a well-preserved, nearly intact dinosaur skeleton. Overnight accommodation in Morella.

DAY 3. SEGORBE – SAGUNTO – ALBORAYA – VALENCIA

After breakfast we go directly to Segorbe; there we will meet an expert who will guide us in the Olive Oil Museum. In this educational visit we will learn about the attributes of olive oil. On route we will pass orange orchards and discuss their distant origins, including the origin of the Valencian orange. In the afternoon we will stop for lunch in Sagunto, a beautiful place surrounded steeped in history. Sagunto is the town that defeated Hannibal’s troops during the Punic wars and thereafter established Rome’s dominance of the Iberian Peninsula.

Afterwards we will visit the orchards in Alboraya, and stop at one of the small farms of the coastal plateau. There we learn all about horchata, the sweet, refreshing, regional vegetarian drink of Valencia. We will see how the small tubercular known as the chufa (tiger nut), is turned into the delicious drink, horchata. It is grown in furrowed fields and then it is dug up, ground, separated and filtered as maceration. At the end of the day we check into our hotel in Valencia. Evening free and night’s accommodation.

VALENCIA BONITA

DAY 4. VALENCIA

After breakfast we start a full day in Valencia with a walking tour. We first visit La Lonja de la Seda (Silk Exchange), built by the city's prosperous silk merchants (circa 1483), and a masterpiece of late-Gothic architecture and, arguably, Valencia's best known monument.

We then walk across the street to leisurely explore the art nouveau or Modernist-style Central Market, a jewel among the markets of the world. After we walk to La Plaza de la Virgen, where the baroque Basilica de la Virgen de los Desamparados (Basilica of the Virgin Mary, patron saint of Valencia), is located. The Plaza de la Virgen is an emblematic place, on the crossroads of two major Roman thoroughfares and having witnessed a turbulent and dramatic history. The excavation site has since been converted into an underground archaeological museum known as La Almoina displaying artefacts of the city's 2,000 years of history spanning 5 periods or empires — the Roman Republic, High Roman Empire, the Visigoths, the Islamic caliphate, and the Christian Kingdoms. Afterwards we will travel to discover the Turia Riverbed and pass by the verdant and landscaped river park and to learn of the River Turia's historic bridges. The river's original course was diverted in the 1950s due to a devastating flood and the old riverbed was converted into a green belt of parkland and gardens. In 1997, work commenced on the futuristic City of Arts and Sciences. Local celebrity architect, Santiago Calatrava, was commissioned to design the entire project, which has resulted in one of the most stunningly elegant, modern-day architectural accomplishments in Europe. We do a photo stop before heading south to the Albufera Natural Reserve for lunch. The Albufera is a lake separated from the sea by dunes and surrounded by rice fields. Here we will first taste authentic paella valenciana before enjoying a short boat ride to learn about the cultivation of rice. Rice has always had an important part to play in Valencian life, and for centuries has been one of the area's major exports, as well as the mainstay of regional cuisine. We return to Valencia, evening free and night's accommodation.

DAY 5. UTIEL-REQUENA "CAVAS AND CAVES"

Departure to the interior counties of Valencia, Utiel-Requena, one of the most important wine producing regions where the Bobal is a supreme grape variety. Here we first visit a famous winery and enjoy a wine-tasting session. Afterwards we will continue our route to explore the original underground caves of Requena village that were used as wine cellars, followed by a delightful lunch in a local restaurant. Return to Valencia, evening free and night's accommodation.

DAY 6. GANDIA – GUADALEST – ALFAZ DEL PI

Departure to the southern region of Alicante. First we visit Gandia and see the residence of Los Borgia one of the most influential families in the history of Valencia. Afterwards we will have some free time for a lovely lunch at the beachfront. Then we will continue to Guadalest, a small village perched upon a hill and with many tiny streets with great views over the rugged terrain. On this day the tour finishes in a village well known for its tourism, Alfab del Pi. Hotel check in, evening free and night's accommodation.

DAY 7. ALICANTE

Departure to Alicante. Here we will have a tour in the old Lucentum baptised by the Romans, Lacent by the Arabs and finally Alicante by the Christians. It is a Mediterranean city with an imposing castle in the heart of the old town and it reflects the by gone golden years of flourishing trade routes. Free time for lunch and return to Valencia. Hotel check in, evening free and night's accommodation.

DAY 8. VALENCIA

Transfer to the airport. End of our services.





A TASTE OF SPAIN



Barcelona is blessed with a delightful climate and a population celebrated for intelligence and progressive ideas, linked through trade, commerce, and cultural exchanges to France, Italy, and the entire Eastern Mediterranean. Barcelona is renowned as a city of great art and architecture, as well as great food.



BARCELONA

FIGUERES

GERONA

MONTSERRAT

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DAY 1. BARCELONA

Arrival to Barcelona and transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Barcelona. Depending on arrival time, we will be able to visit Montjuïc Hill to get a spectacular overview of the city and Barcelona's Port.

DAY 2. BARCELONA

Guided tour through Barcelona's Gothic Quarter to discover the charm of its streets, squares, hidden and corners. Visit the Cathedral Santa Maria del Mar, the only completed Gothic church in Catalonia, and the impressive Barcelona Cathedral. At the "Boqueria Market" you can stock up on local delicatessen. After lunch, free time in the afternoon to enjoy Barcelona.

DAY 3. BARCELONA

Panoramic tour of the city's main landmarks to give you a view of Barcelona's myriad personalities. Enjoy a 40-minute visit at Gaudi's bizarre Park Güell, which has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. At Paseo de Gracia you will be able to see Gaudi's most famous "Modernist" apartment buildings including Casa Batlló and La Pedrera. The afternoon tour continues to the La Sagrada Familia (Holy Family) Cathedral, Gaudi's unfinished masterpiece and Barcelona's most famous landmark. Free time. Overnight in Barcelona.

DAY 4. GERONA - FIGUERES

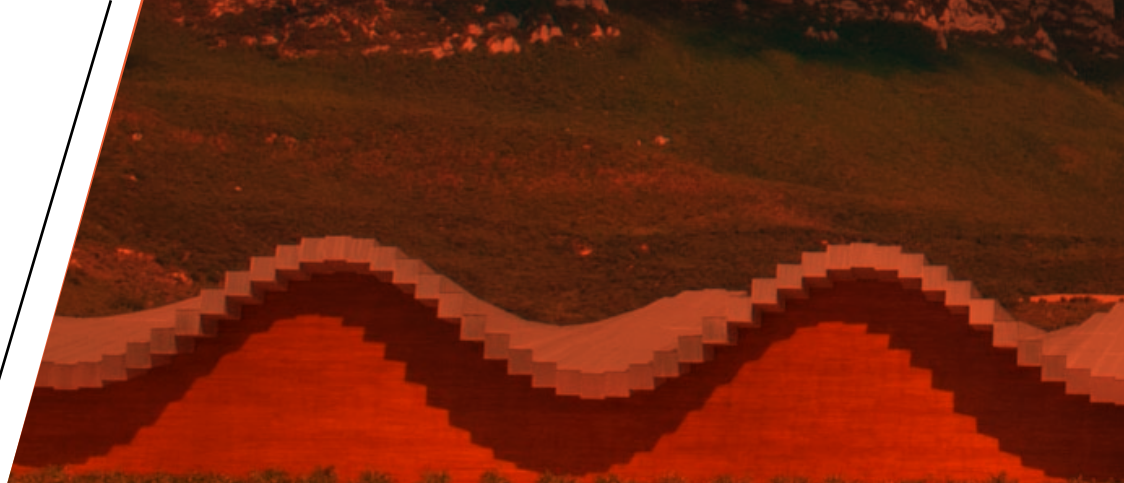
Gerona is a beautiful walled city. The Old Town is one of the most evocative historical centers in Catalonia, with certain elements that are unique in Europe such as the Carolingian wall with a spectacular path running around the ancient walls dating from Charlemagne (9th century). Enjoy a 2 hour guided walking tour through the Jewish quarter – one of the best preserved in Europe and lose yourself in the alluring labyrinth of narrow streets which still reflect its two centuries of Moorish occupation. Explore the Arabic baths, a Romanesque building inspired by the Roman public baths with three pools, each with different water. After lunch we depart to Figueres, hometown of Salvador Dalí. You'll be amazed by the fascinating, surrealist world of Salvador Dalí in his birthplace, Figueres. The Dalí Theatre-Museum is the largest surrealist building in the world, replacing the town's former Municipal Theatre which was destroyed in the Spanish Civil War. Not only is the museum an artwork in itself, it's also the home to many famous works by Dalí, one of the world's most famous surrealist artists. Whether you are passionate about his surrealist art or just have fascinating interest in Dalí, this is an essential day trip from Barcelona. Overnight in Barcelona.

DAY 5. MONTSERRAT - Penedés

After driving through picturesque little villages you will arrive at the incomparable setting of the craggy mountain of Montserrat, which rises majestically up from the plain to 1,235 meters and has amazing views. The Royal Basilica of Montserrat has been one of Spain's most important pilgrimage sites for hundreds of years, due to its famous 12th-century Romanesque carving of the Virgen Moreneta, the Black Virgin. At 1pm on weekdays there is the opportunity to hear one of Europe's oldest children's choirs, La Escolanía de Montserrat. Take a once in a lifetime opportunity to ascend Montserrat mountain by cog-wheel train. The journey follows the remarkable forms of the mountains and provides spectacular views over Montserrat which can only be seen from onboard the cog-wheel train. After lunch we leave Montserrat to visit one of the most famous wineries of the Penedés region, Codorniu. Visit their vast wine cellars, sample the product and see why this sparkling wine has acquired international fame. Overnight in Barcelona.

DAY 6. BARCELONA

Transfer to Barcelona airport and end of our services.



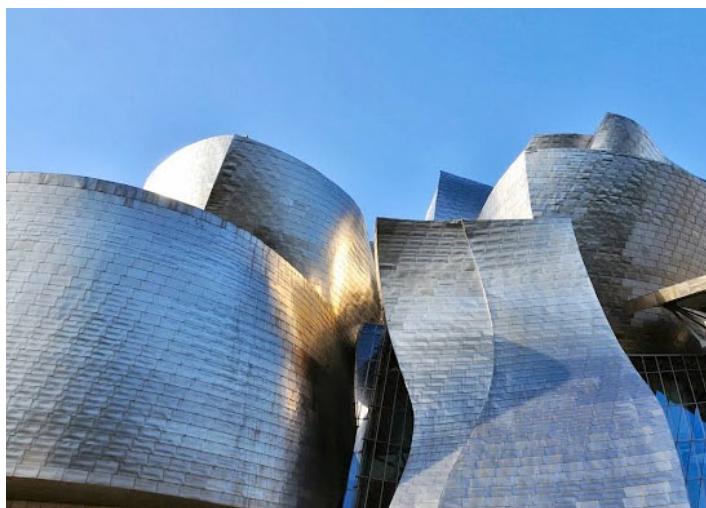
- BILBAO
- RIOJA WINE REGION

MODERN ARCHITECTURE & WINERIES



This 5-day trip starts with a visit of the town of Bilbao in the North of Spain, famous for its unique architecture, from the Guggenheim museum by Frank Gehry, and the emerging star architecture along the riverfront, to the medieval Casco Viejo.

To understand the 'Guggenheim Effect' you need to visit Bilbao. After the stagnation of their steel and shipbuilding industries in the 80s, the Basques came up with an ambitious plan in the shape of Frank Gehry's gleaming Guggenheim Museum, which sparked a tourist boom and a city-wide regeneration, with Norman Foster, Philippe Starck, Zaha Hadid and Santiago Calatrava behind the new projects. The city is now so much more than the museum that put it on the map. But 21st-century architecture is not the only draw: the Basques have a reputation as the best chefs in Spain, so there is plenty of gastronomic delight as well...



DAY 1. BILBAO

Modern architecture and riverfront: the Guggenheim, the Zubizuri bridge, Foster's metro, the Euskalduna Congress Palace. Lunch in the renewed Alhóndiga complex (Philippe Stark). Our hotel is the centrally located design hotel. Dinner in a renowned restaurant.

DAY 2. BILBAO

'Classic' Bilbao: Plaza Nueva, Ayuntamiento, Mercado de la Ribera, Cathedral of Santiago, Arriaga theatre... Dinner consisting of visiting some of the best 'pintxos' bars in the historical centre.

DAY 3 AND 4. LA RIOJA WINE REGION

After two days in Bilbao we are now travelling inland to the Basque province of Álava, to visit the wine region of Rioja Alavesa. Apart from enjoying the beautiful landscape, wine and excellent gastronomy, we will visit the lovely medieval town of Laguardia, as well as some of the most stunning wineries in this area, both in architecture and wine, such as Bodegas Ysios by Santiago Calatrava, Marqués de Riscal y Frank Gehry, Baigorri by Iñaki Aspiaz. Guided visits of the wineries, wine tastings, and meals in excellent local restaurants. Hotel options include boutique wine hotels.

DAY 5. LA RIOJA WINE REGION

Free time for a spa visit and/or some last wine shopping, until the transfer to the airport.

FOODIES EXPERIENCES CALENDAR IN SPAIN

These are some of the proposals to enjoy slow food in Spain according to the season of the year. The climate contrast between what is known as the Mediterranean in the South and the Atlantic in the North, makes Spain an interesting place to enjoy traditions and local festivals which have their main theme of food & wine. If you are fond of the joie de vivre of its people and the local cuisine heritage, we offer the perfect opportunity to feel them in person through these visits that explore all the ways of the Spanish culture.



JANUARY

THE BLACK DIAMOND "THE BLACK TRUFFLE"

[RUBIELOS DE MORA]

Full day activity: A guided tour through the forest where the truffle is cultivated. Collection of truffles. Tasting some tapas made of these truffles. Afterwards a delicious lunch based of this ingredient in every dish.

Access point: Valencia

CALÇOTADA

[CATALONIA]

Full day activity: A guided tour of the Public Contest of the best harvester with the Calçots (leeks). A popular lunch of calçots for the visitors. Folkloric dances of the region.

Access point: Barcelona

FEBRUARY

TRADITIONAL PIG SLAUGHTER IN BURGO DE OSMÁ [CIUDAD DE OSMÁ]

Full day activity: A guided tour through this festival that celebrates the traditional pig slaughter and the resulting gastronomic range of pork delicacies. The process is described and visually explained in the town of the event. After the slaughter and the visit of the Pork Museum, there is a meal based on pork meat and derived products.

Access point: Madrid

MARCH

ORANGES, PAELLA AND CHURROS IN THE FESTIVAL OF LAS FALLAS [VALENCIA]

Day 1. Visit the orange fields and try the diversity of this fruit in a delicious menu based of oranges. Afterwards explore a pagan festivity that originally was for welcoming the spring: explore the Fallas (sculpture made of Papier mache). In the evening enjoy a great churros with chocolate and the Light contest on the streets. At night enjoy the fireworks of the city.

Day 2. Visit of the most spectacular Fallas, ending with a noisy show of fireworks meanwhile you are tasting light bites. Afterwards, the tour takes you to one of the biggest wetlands in Spain, Albufera Park where the rice crops are grown. Here the farmers will show you how to cook a real paella. After that, some free time to relax before the evening for a colossal ending to see how the Fallas are burnt.

Access point: Valencia

APRIL

REBUJITO AND PESCAITO FRITO IN THE COLOURFUL SEVILLE [SEVILLE]

Full day activity: a guide will show you why Seville has a special color in April, its way of welcoming the Spring by dancing, drinking rebujito (dry white wine with soda water) and eating pescaito (fried fish) and observing the fabulous parade of horses and Sevillanas dances.

Access point: Seville

MAY

NATIONAL SPANISH CHEESE FESTIVAL [TRUJILLO]

Full day activity: a guide will lead you in this incredible contest for the cheese lovers where you will be able to try more than a hundred varieties of different best Spanish cheeses.

Access point: Madrid/Lisbon

JUNE

THE WINE BATTLE [HARO]

Full day activity: a guide will give you the best tips how to survive in this battle. White clothes and a container to keep red wine will be needed! The battle begins after a mass held outside the town in a nearby chapel dedicated to its saint patron San Pedro. Purple dyed participants come back to the town for further fiesta.

Access point: Bilbao

JULY

SAN FERMIN

[PAMPLONA]

Full day activity: this tour will show you one of the most famous bull traditions, from the beginning of the party "el chupinazo" and the atmosphere of the people running in front of the bulls.

Access point: Bilbao

CIDER FESTIVAL [NAVA]

Full day activity: this tour will show the differences of the Spanish cider and you will have the possibility of taste the most natural ciders and a sample of the gastronomy of this village of Asturias.

Access point: Oviedo/Bilbao

AUGUST

SARDINE FESTIVAL [VIGO]

Full day activity: probably the fish that defines a region like Galicia, is the sardine. That's why they have during a few days a wide range of possibilities to eat the best sardines available. Come and try them!

Access point: Santiago Compostela /Oporto

TOMATINA – TOMATO BATTLE [VALENCIA]

Full day activity: nowadays it is an important and worldwide known festival but originally it was a local fight of the excess tomatoes of farm workers of the neighbourhood. Currently it is one of the most important "battles" in Spain.

Access point: Valencia

SEPTEMBER

WINE HARVEST IN RIOJA [RIOJA ALAVESA]

Full day activity: September is the festival of the famous wine region of Spain, Rioja. In this wine harvest you will learn how to press the grapes, you will also enjoy a very typical dish on the terroir: roasted lamb chop on vine shoot fire.

Access point: Bilbao

OCTOBER

SEAFOOD FESTIVAL IN O'GROVE [GALICIA]

Full day activity: Galicia is the cradle of the seafood, that is why people celebrate this festival to enjoy eating all types of seafood as much as possible, if you like this great nourishment do not hesitate to come.

Access point: Santiago Compostela/ Oporto

CAVATAST

[SANT SADURNI]

Full day activity: Sant Sadurni is the biggest vineyards of white grape varieties, and the harvest season is September. In October all the winemakers want to offer their seasonal sparkling wine "cava", in this day you can have a chance to taste more than a hundred cavas. Cheers!

Access point: Barcelona

NOVEMBER

CURED IBERIC HAM FAIR [MADRID]

Full day activity: in Spain the most delicatessen product is cured ham, in this fair the visitor could taste a wide range of this exquisite product and discover the different qualities.

Access point: Madrid

DECEMBER

OLIVE FESTIVAL

[MARTOS]

Full day activity: this territory is the land of olives trees, in this festival the visitor will have the chance of observe a great demonstration how the olive oil and the seasoned olives are made. Don't miss the opportunity to try all the products that the olive tree provides!

Access point: Cordoba/Granada

T-BONE STEAK FESTIVAL [TOLOSA]

Full day activity: Basque Country is one of the places in Spain with the best reputation of its meat. There are only two days in the year when the visitor can taste the best "chuleton" of Spain (beef T-bone steak).

Access point: Bilbao



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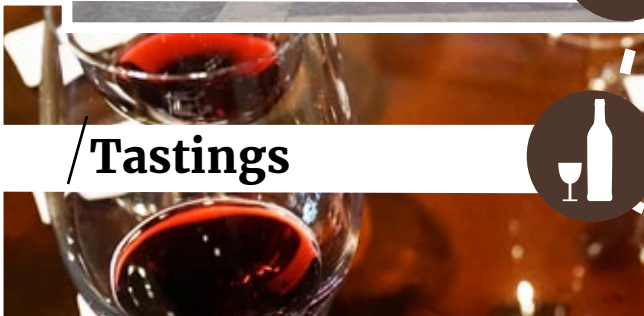
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