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Spain & Portugal



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MADE FOR

Spain & Portugal

Made for Spain & Portugal is a luxury travel agency and destination management company that specializes in luxury, customized holidays in Spain and Portugal, where we have been working with the world's most discerning travelers for nearly twenty years. We delight in providing insider access to extraordinary people and the most exclusive places.

Whether you dream of creating classic Portuguese dishes with a master chef or of being inspired on a private tour of Madrid's museums with a Spanish artist, we can make it happen for you. With incomparable attention to detail and the highest of standards, we will transform all of your desires into the trip of a lifetime.

We look forward to welcoming you into our home, and sharing the culture, heritage, gastronomy and joy that make life spectacular here on the Iberian Peninsula.

“WHAT CAN I SAY BUT WOW. THERE IS A REASON I TELL ALL MY COLLEAGUES YOU ARE TRULY THE BENCHMARK FOR ALL ON SITES AND TRULY WE WORK WITH GREAT PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD.”

F. PETER HERFF II
Herff Travel, Inc.

“BUT FOR SOME TRAVELERS, MONEY ISN'T THE ISSUE; IT'S GETTING EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANT, WHEN YOU WANT IT. AS ROZANNE SILVERWOOD OF RESTON, VA., SAYS OF HER FAMILY'S RECENT TWO WEEKS WITH LOCAL OPERATOR MADE FOR SPAIN & PORTUGAL: IT WAS A DREAM TRIP IN EVERY WAY. OUR GUIDES WERE SUPERB, AND DRIVERS MADE THE EXPERIENCE A VACATION RATHER THAN A HEADACHE. THEY EVEN MANAGED TO ENGAGE OUR THREE TEENAGE DAUGHTERS IN THE LOCAL CULTURE, NOW THAT'S REALLY SAYING SOMETHING.”

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER
November-December 2008

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OUR *services*

“I WANTED TO COMPLIMENT YOU ON YOUR STAFF. THEY HAVE MADE OUR EXPERIENCE IN SPAIN ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS... THE GUIDES WERE SO VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE THAT THEY MADE THIS ONE OF OUR MOST MEMORABLE TRIPS. I WOULD RECOMMEND MADE FOR SPAIN & PORTUGAL. WITHOUT QUALIFICATION.”

CAROL DODGE
Traveler

- Vacation trips, day trips for cruise ship passengers, pre- and post-cruise stays, honeymoons, family celebrations, multigenerational trips, and for special interest groups and incentive trips.
- Accommodation, private transportation with driver, vehicle rental, train and domestic flight tickets, and restaurant reservations.
- Guided visits, guided walks, shopping tours with designers on architecture, contemporary art or focusing on tapas; bicycle guides or accompanied by an art historian...
- Flamenco, photography, painting, pottery, bullfighting, and Spanish conversation classes.
- Visits to markets, tasting of typical Spanish products (olives, olive oil, cheese, ham, chorizo, bread), cooking classes.
- Shows: concerts, musicals, flamenco, bullfights, and soccer.
- Golf, Camino de Santiago, bike holidays, wineries, wine tastings, pairings, city stays, multi adventure trips, fly-fishing holidays...



THE PEOPLE

who make it possible



Virginia Irurita

I was born in northern Spain in 1962. Coming from a family of travelers, I am always on the road exploring Spain, Portugal and the rest of the world. After more than a decade working in Citibank both in Madrid and in London, I realized I could not go on living such a boring life, so I decided to follow my passions: I love art, history, archeology, taking pictures, reading biographies and traveling to discover other cultures, and to learn about different ways of living. My favorite things about the Spanish lifestyle are the aperitif time in busy tapas bars, eating out, spending time with friends, visiting them in their homes, and exploring the countryside, and I feel right at home in Portugal, where the people share the same joy for life. I am such a fan of Spanish and Portuguese wines that I even bought a vineyard in the Ribera del Duero a few years ago! It became clear that my love for the Spanish lifestyle and our history, culture and art was taking me away from my work, so I left the bank to live the wonderful adventure of hosting travelers in Spain by founding Made for Spain in 1999.

Over the years of planning travels throughout Spain, I began to feel that we were lacking something. My love for the Portuguese culture and history called to me constantly, and I realized that our clients were missing out on an important part of Iberia. In January 2016 we expanded our services to include Portugal, and I feel overjoyed to see how our two countries complement each other perfectly, and to see our clients discover the same. Our company has finally become what it was always meant to be: Made for Spain & Portugal, serving inspired travelers throughout the Iberian Peninsula and our islands.



Alonso Alvarez de Toledo

Once, when I was about 15 years old, I was on top of a ski lift 8,000 feet over the French Alps and I thought to myself: one day I would really love to have a newspaper and a travel agency. I assumed these were thoughts one has when lacking sufficient oxygen, but a few years later I ended up being the editor of my school newspaper, and further down the road becoming a co-owner of Made for Spain & Portugal, probably one of the best travel agencies in the world. Having lived in 7 different countries and visited around 35 countries all over the globe, I must admit there is nothing like Spain, and I feel very lucky to be able to share our beautiful, interesting, exciting, fun and surprising country with you...

On a personal note, I love to run, be with my friends, read, travel (of course) and, above all, spend time with my wife, Leticia, and my two adorable children, Tomas and Isabella. But something has happened recently, which has shaken my "quiet" life. Made for Spain has become Made for Spain and Portugal and thus a new exciting challenge will be the next mountain to climb whether by ski on foot.

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& PORTUGAL

Our Panel of Experts

Mencia González-Barros

Lifestyle

Mencia González-Barros Caruncho is a fashion designer that comes from a family with more than a century of experience in the art of haute couture. When she isn't designing, she loves to lead our Made for Spain & Portugal clients on shopping tours of Madrid, showing them the ins and outs of Spanish fashion.

Mencia was named "One of World's Greatest Tour Guides" by Travel+Leisure magazine:



TRAVEL+
LEISURE

"SHE MAY BE FAMOUS FOR HER ON-TREND STORE ARQUITECTURA HUMANA, BUT WHAT MANY PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE IS THAT SHE ALSO HOSTS INSIDER FASHION TRIPS. MENCIA KNOWS MADRID FASHION. A DESIGNER HERSELF, SHE OWNS TRENDSETTING STORE ARQUITECTURA HUMANA. SHE ALSO LEADS PRIVATE TOURS OF THE CITY'S LEADING STYLE CIRCLES..."

www.travelandleisure.com/slideshows/worlds-greatest-tour-guides/14

Jaime Gros Irurita

Photography

"I collaborate with top Spanish photographers, as well as local and international magazines. I do fine art photography, and I love to take pictures of people, lifestyle, and landscapes... I especially like expressing myself through photography because it helps me transmit how I see and feel the world, so I always try to capture the soul of the people in my photos. I love to travel and collect pictures of all the magic I see. This is my philosophy in life and I attempt to transmit it in everything I do, including editorial, weddings, portraits and travel photography."



"IN MADRID WE ENJOYED THE GUIDANCE THROUGH ART WITH THE VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE PABLO ALVAREZ DE TOLEDO. JAIME GROS IRURITA INTRODUCED US TO A SIDE OF MADRID WE WOULD HAVE NEVER FOUND ON OUR OWN. HIS KNOWLEDGE OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILM SPOKE DIRECTLY TO JIM'S INTEREST. BOTH WERE ENGAGING AND DELIGHTFUL MEN TO LEARN ABOUT MADRID WITH."

ANA AND JIM LASSEY
Travelers

Pablo Alvarez de Toledo

Art and Culture

"I'm a painter myself, with more than twenty years of professional experience, with many gallery shows in Spain and abroad. I hold an MFA from Yale University and a BFA from Cooper Unión School of Art. When I'm not discovering the secrets of the Spanish Masters with Made for Spain & Portugal clients, the excitement of Madrid's contemporary artistic scene, or the city itself, you will find me in my studio, either painting or, as a PhD candidate, researching the entrepreneurial character of contemporary art gallerists."





Pablo López Navarro

Art Historian and Cinema Expert

Pablo is an art historian and a master of cinema, creative writing and literary critique, who is fluent in five languages. He will guide you in Madrid, Castilla y León and the Rioja wine region with fizzy, contagious enthusiasm. He believes that guiding is essentially sharing: we share our knowledge and our understanding of modern Spain, its people, its cheerful lifestyle, its food and wine, and its mesmerizing art; but, most importantly, we share our fascination for our country's complexity... and the fun of being a Spaniard!



Fanny Marino

Wine and Food Expert

Fanny grew up in the gastronomic world in northern Spain: her father owns a winery, and her mother hails from San Sebastian, the culinary capital of the Basque Country, making her the perfect person to show you the best food and wine the city has to offer. Fanny delights in sharing the San Sebastian lifestyle with guests, taking them pintxo-crawling through the old quarter, shopping in local boutiques, and discussing the history of the enigmatic Basques over a glass of Txakoli.



Jeff Koehler

Culture and Food

"I grew up north of Seattle, studied at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington, and then hit the road. The next four years were spent traveling in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Asia. I am the author of five books, including "Spain", named one of best cookbooks of the year by the New York Times. I have been living and writing in Barcelona since 1996."



Martín Fernández de Navarrete

Winery Owner and Wine Expert

Martín Fernández de Navarrete is a businessman who dedicates his life and work to the wonderful world of wine. His family has owned the Ábalos Palace in La Rioja for nearly 700 years, and he runs the Real Divisa winery within the property. He is an expert on everything there is to know about wine, and welcomes guests for tastings and more to both his palace and winery in Ábalos, as well as his private club in Madrid. Join him to hear all about his family's aristocratic history, their relation to famous Spanish knight, El Cid, and, of course, the booming business of wine.



And many more experts...

WHAT THE *media say*



Made for Spain & Portugal was awarded *“Best Local Destination Management Company Worldwide”*

By Luxury Travel Advisor magazine in 2014 and 2015.

Virginia Irurita has been named

- **Top Travel Specialist for Spain** by Condé Nast Traveler USA magazine.
- **Travel + Leisure USA A-List Agent for Spain and Portugal.**
 - **Wendy Perrin WOW List - Trusted Travel Expert for Spain and Portugal.**

Made for Spain & Portugal – Awards

- Awarded **Best Virtuoso On-Site 2011 & 2012.**
- Awarded **Best Virtuoso Voyager Club Experience 2014.**

The New York Times

Virginia Irurita wants travelers to go to Spain and enjoy a long lunch; make that many long lunches. As the founder of Made for Spain & Portugal, a custom trip planner in Madrid, she creates itineraries that show travelers the best of her country; savoring a lengthy midday meal as the locals do is one of her top recommendations... Ms. Irurita has plenty of insight on how to take advantage of the lower prices, what places tourists should not miss and how to experience a getaway to her homeland like a Spaniard.

SHIVANI VORA

www.nytimes.com/2015/07/26/travel/money-saving-travel-tips-for-madrid-and-spain.html

WHAT TRAVEL *agents say*

“Made for Spain & Portugal is an essential resource for anyone seeking richer, deeper, more authentic experiences when visiting the Iberian peninsula. The company has the experience, contacts, creativity, resources, and a team of outstanding professionals that are second to none. Virginia and Alonso are driven by a passion for excellence and a commitment to showcase the very best Spain and Portugal have to offer. The Signature Network is proud to have Made for Spain & Portugal as one of its leading Destination Specialists within its worldwide portfolio of travel partners.”

IGNACIO MAZA | STN

“Made for Spain & Portugal has been, for many years, a very important partner for Teresa Perez Tours in Spain. They provide us with trustworthy advice and carefully designed itineraries according to our needs and philosophy. Every detail is taken into account in order to give a better service, no matter how demanding the client. They always return very satisfied from Spain, full of memorable experiences.”

TERESA PEREZ | Teresa Perez Tours, Brazil

“I have been a travel consultant for over 25 years and thus worked with numerous suppliers but truly only a handful come to equal Made for Spain & Portugal! Thanks to Virginia and Alonso, along with their expert staff and guides, drivers, vehicles and the phenomenal contacts they have in Spain and now Portugal, make our clients trips memorable and flawless. But most importantly, Made for Spain & Portugal represent our agency

and become an extension of us while our clients are on their trip. This is something that offers comfort not only to me when turning my clients over to their care but to my clients while in their hands and in the end, they return satisfied and with the best of memories.”

BERTA AIZEN | Frosch Travel

“Virginia and the team at Made for Spain & Portugal personify the creativity and high standards that the Virtuoso brand promises. Our collaboration has meant that both organizations improve as we orchestrate dreams for the world’s most discerning travelers. But it is their personal style and humanity that makes them an extension of our global community of entrepreneurs and travel advisors, the best global suppliers and our clients.”

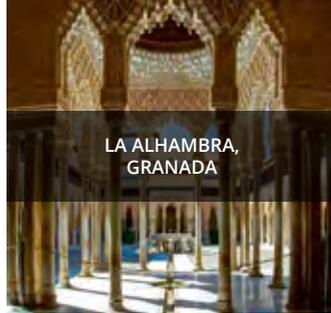
MATTHEW D. UPCHURCH | Virtuoso

“OLE! How thrilling to learn that Made for Spain has taken the giant step into Portugal completing its sweep of the Iberian Peninsula. This award winning travel company with its keen eye and distinctive style will now be marketing and selling Portugal to the same discriminating travelers as it has so successfully done for the past twelve years in Spain. And who benefits? Agents who demand top value and travelers who expect curated experiences. This is a thumbs up for tourism in Portugal. Congratulations to Virginia and Alonso for your smarts and your passion as you continue to strive to be the best.

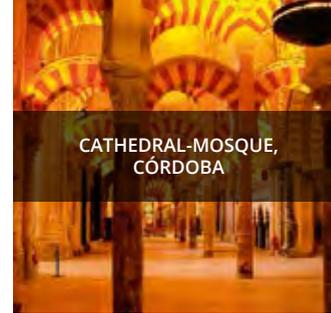
PRISCILLA ALEXANDER
Founder, Protravel International



MUSEO DEL PRADO,
MADRID



LA ALHAMBRA,
GRANADA



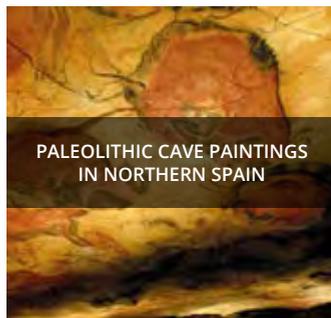
CATHEDRAL-MOSQUE,
CÓRDOBA



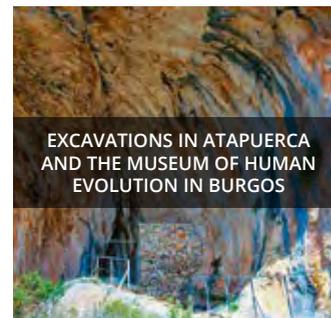
SPAIN'S *Must-Sees*



GAUDÍ AND MODERNISM,
BARCELONA



PALEOLITHIC CAVE PAINTINGS
IN NORTHERN SPAIN



EXCAVATIONS IN ATAPUERCA
AND THE MUSEUM OF HUMAN
EVOLUTION IN BURGOS



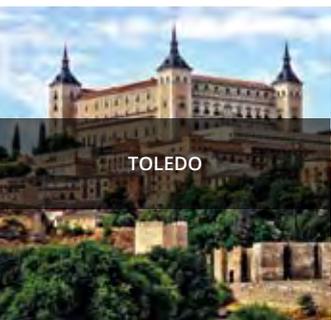
GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM,
BILBAO



SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA
CATHEDRAL AND THE PILGRIM'S
ROUTE IN NORTHERN SPAIN



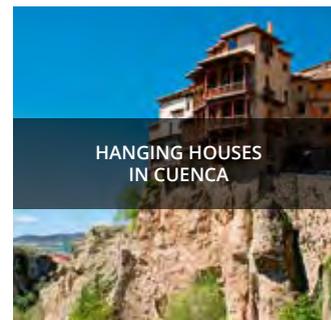
BAHIA DE LA CONCHA,
SAN SEBASTIAN



TOLEDO



SANTA MARIA CATHEDRAL,
PALMA DE MALLORCA



HANGING HOUSES
IN CUENCA

Virginia's Spain Favorites

- San Juan de la Peña and its legend of the Holy Grail in Jaca, Huesca.
- San Juan de Gaztelugatxe, Bermeo, Vizcaya.
- Roman wall in Lugo, Galicia.
- Tajo de Ronda, Andalucía.
- The Duratón River Gorges and the San Frutos Hermitage.
- The Consuegra windmills and castle.
- Higuera Tower lighthouse at Matalascañas beach, Huelva.
- The Royal Chapel of Granada and its mausoleum, burial place of the Catholic monarchs.
- Roman mines at Las Médulas.
- The banks of the Duero River with its castles, vineyards and sheep.
- Oma's painted forest by Agustin Ibarrola outside of Bilbao.
- The Cathedral-Mosque in Cordoba.

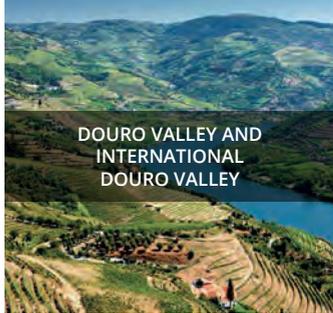
Alonso's Spain Favorites

- Torimbia beach, Asturias.
- Basilica of Santa María del Mar, Barcelona.
- The Sabatini Gardens at Madrid's Royal Palace.
- Zona de Las Negras, Cabo de Gata Park, Níjar, Almería.
- La Mola Lighthouse in Formentera.
- The Casas Consistoriales in Altas de Baeza, Jaen.
- Meditating inside San Nicolás en Puertomarín church on the Santiago Route.
- Sampling some txacoli wine in Guetaria.
- Tasting and buying local cheeses at the famous Cheese Fair in Cuerres in August, Ribadesella, Asturias.

Spain Favorites



PALACIO DA PENA
AND QUINTA DA REGALEIRA
IN SINTRA



DOURO VALLEY AND
INTERNATIONAL
DOURO VALLEY



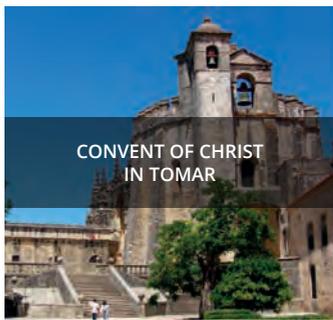
JERÓNIMOS MONASTERY
AND TOWER OF BELÉM
IN LISBOA



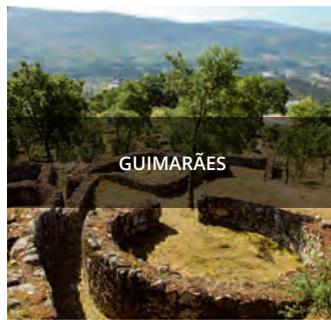
PORTUGAL'S *Must-Sees*



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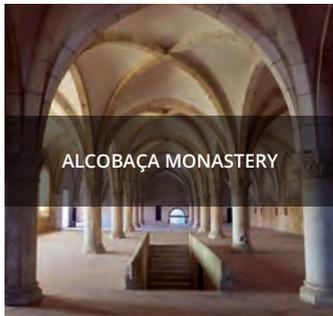
CONVENT OF CHRIST
IN TOMAR



GUIMARÃES



PORTO'S WINE CELLARS
AND HISTORICAL CENTER



ALCOBAÇA MONASTERY



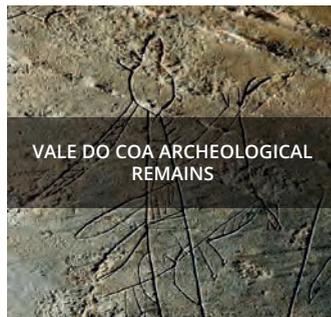
ÉVORA'S HISTORICAL
CENTER



UNIVERSITY OF COIMBRA



BOM JESUS DO MONTE
SANCTUARY IN TENÕES



VALE DO COA ARCHEOLOGICAL
REMAINS

Virginia's Portugal Favorites

- Piódão mountain village.
- Serra da Estrela National Park.
- The medieval town of Monsaraz.
- Alto Douro wine region.
- Fortress walls and old town in Elvas.
- Batalha Monastery.
- Belmonte's Jewish Quarter.
- Ducal Palace in Vila Viçosa.
- Roman ruins in Conímbriga.
- Laurisilva laurel forest in Madeira.
- Ria Formosa Lagoon, Algarve.
- Amarante.

Alonso's Portugal Favorites

- Ria Formosa Lagoon in Algarve.
- Queluz National Palace and gardens.
- Fatima's Sanctuary.
- Arrabidas Natural Park.
- CAM Gulbekian Modern Art Museum.
- Amarante old quarters.
- Estremoz town and unique landscape.
- Aveiro's gondola- shaped boats.
- Golf Camps in Algarve.
- Serralves Museum in Porto.
- Mateus Manor House in Vila Real.
- Silves Castle.

Portugal
Favorites



Turkey burger

By Alonso Alvarez de Toledo

INGREDIENTS

- 450 gr ground turkey.
- Carrots, celery and dried peaches.
- Onions and garlics.
- 1 egg, salt and pepper.

PREPARATION

Thinly chop 80 gr carrots, 50 gr celery and 100 gr dried peaches and separate. Chop very thin 70 gr onions and 2 garlics and put to simmer. After 6 minutes mix all together. Add 450 gr ground turkey, 1 egg, salt, pepper. Put to rest in the fridge for about 30 minutes. Make about 8 burgers. Grill and serve inside a bun with cucumbers.



Gambas al ajillo

By Virginia Irurita

INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 kilo of raw and peeled shrimp.
- 2 large cloves of garlic, chopped.
- 2 chili peppers, crushed.
- Oil.
- Salt.

PREPARATION

Heat the oil in a frying pan or small ceramic casserole dish, fry the chopped garlic and the crushed chili peppers, being careful not to brown. Add the shrimp and salt. Continue to stir the shrimp until they begin to turn pink. Serve immediately.



Codornices en escabeche

By Mencia González-Barros

INGREDIENTS

- 6 quails,
- 4 cloves of garlic, sliced.
- 2 small onions, julienned.
- 2 carrot, sliced.
- 1 bay leaf.
- Black pepper (both whole and cracked).
- Salt.
- Thyme.
- 1/2 cup vinegar.
- 1/2 cup olive oil.
- 1/2 cup water.

PREPARATION

Put the quails in a pan and add the onion, garlic, carrot, bay leaf, thyme, salt and pepper. Mix. Add a few peppercorns, the oil and vinegar. Cook on the stovetop at high heat until it boils. Once it boils, stir to mix. Lower the heat and leave it to cook for 25 minutes. Serve immediately. Leftovers may be served cold on a salad the next day.



Fried eggs with boletus

By Alberto Muguero

INGREDIENTS

- 4 porcini mushrooms.
- 4 cloves of garlic.
- 1 or 2 eggs per person.

PREPARATION

Clean and slice the mushrooms. Sauté garlic in 5 or 6 tablespoons of oil, being careful not to burn it. Add the mushrooms and salt to taste. Stir until the mushrooms soften and liquid is absorbed. Fry the eggs and serve them on top of the mushrooms. Serves 4.





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Spanish born LOEWE approaches 170 years as one of the world's major luxury houses. Craftsmanship progress and unequalled expertise with leather of functional products across multiple categories, including ready-to-wear, accessories, home and lifestyle. The heart of LOEWE still beats in Madrid, where all of its world-renowned leather goods continue to be manufactured.
C/ Gran Vía, 8. 28013 Madrid
T: +34 915 226 815

Opening hours:

*Monday - Saturday 10 AM - 8:30 PM.
Sunday: 11 AM - 8 PM.*

CAMPER MADRID

Contemporary footwear brand from the Island of Mallorca in Spain. Founded in 1975, it is a family business with a rich shoemaking heritage that we use to create unique designs.
C/ Gran Vía, 54. 28013 Madrid
T: +34 915 475 223

Opening hours:

*Monday - Saturday 10 AM - 9 PM.
Sunday: 10 AM - 8 PM.*

CARTUJANO MADRID

Crafting shoes from 1877, the Fluxá Family, founders of Lottusse, Camper and the heritage brand Cartujano have managed to preserve the finest of Spanish craftsmanship and tradition in the noble art of footwear and accessories.
C/ Claudio Coello, 28. 28001 Madrid
T: +34 910 506 213

Opening hours:

*Monday - Saturday 10 AM - 8 PM.
Sunday: Closed.*

MED WINDS MADRID

A Mediterranean fashion brand born in the Raval district of Barcelona. The first opening in spring 2011. Collections of clothing and accessories faithful to our Mediterranean lifestyle.
C/ Claudio Coello, 48. 28001 Madrid
T: +34 910 503 878

Opening hours:

*Monday - Saturday 10:30 AM - 8:30 PM.
Sunday: Closed.*

CUARTO DE JUEGOS (Toys)

A wide range of classic and modern board games, standard and three-dimensional puzzles and outdoor games.

C/ Jorge Juan, 42. 28001 Madrid

T: +34 914 350 099

www.cuartodejuegos.es

Opening hours:

*Monday - Friday: 10 AM - 8:30 PM.
Saturday: 10:30 AM - 2 PM and 5 PM - 8 PM.
Sunday: Closed.*

CRISTINA CASTAÑER (Old world shop)

Founded in 1927 and considered by many the best maker of espadrilles in Spain.

C/ Claudio Coello, 51. 28001 Madrid

T: +34 915 781 890

www.castaner.com

CAPAS SESEÑA (Old world shop)

From velvet-lined capes to woman's simple wrap.

C/ de la Cruz, 23. 28012 Madrid

T: +34 915 316 840

www.sesena.com

Opening hours:

*Monday - Friday: 10 AM - 2 PM and 5 PM - 8 PM. Saturday: 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM.
Sunday: Closed.*

CASA DE DIEGO (Old world shop)

Madrid's oldest fan maker (since 1853).

Puerta del Sol, 12. 28013 Madrid

T: +34 915 310 223

www.casadediego.net

Opening hours:

Monday - Saturday: 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM and 4:45 PM - 8 PM. Sunday: Closed.

SASTRERIA LOPEZ HERBON

(Old world shop)

The only traditional tailor's atelier left in Spain they operate on a one-to-one basis so prior appointment is necessary.

C/ Cedaceros, 9. 28014 Madrid

T: +34 914 297 707

Opening hours:

*Monday - Friday: 10 AM - 6 PM.
Saturday: 10 AM - 2 PM.
Sunday: Closed.*

GUIARRAS RAMIREZ (Old world shop)

The Ramirez family began making guitars in 1882 and have been hand crafting world-class guitars ever since.
C/ de la Paz, 8. 28012 Madrid
T: +34 915 314 229
www.guitarrasramirez.com

Opening hours:

Monday - Friday: 10 AM - 2 PM and 4:30 PM - 8 PM. Saturday: 10:30 AM - 2 PM. Sunday: Closed.

MATY (Old world shop)

This shop is visited by every professional flamenco dancer in Madrid. It also offers pumps, hoops earrings, hair-combs, and silk flowers.

C/ Maestro Victoria, 2. 28013 Madrid
T: +34 915 313 291

www.maty.es

Opening hours:

Monday - Friday: 10 AM - 1:45 PM and 4:30 PM - 8 PM. Saturday: 10 AM - 2 PM and 5 PM - 8 PM. Sunday: Closed.

CASA MIRA (Old world shop)

A sweets shop, owned by the Mira family since 1845 and specializing in turrón (traditional nougat usually eaten during Christmas)

Carrera de San Jerónimo, 30. 28014 Madrid
T: +34 914 298 895

www.casamira.es

Opening hours:

Monday - Saturday: 10 AM - 2 PM and 5 PM - 9 PM. Sunday: 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM and 5:30 PM - 9 PM.

LA CARTA DE VINOS (Wineshop)

The place to buy a bottle of the best Spanish wine in the city!

C/ Fernando el Santo 21. 28010 Madrid
T: +34 913 105 213

www.lacartadevinos.com

Opening hours:

Monday - Friday: 10 AM to 9 PM. Saturday: 11 AM - 9 PM. Sunday: Closed.

GUANTES LUQUE (Old world shop)

It's hard to choose among the hundreds of gloves in this eccentric old shop.

C/ Espoz y Mina 3. 28012 Madrid
T: +34 915 223 287

Opening hours:

Monday - Friday: 10 AM - 1:30 PM and 5 PM - 8 PM. Saturday and Sunday: Closed November to May. Monday - Friday: 10 AM - 1:30 PM and 5 PM - 8 PM. Saturday: 10 AM - 1:30 PM. Sunday: Closed.

CARAMELOS PAC (Sweet shop)

Founded in 1936 it is literally heaven on earth for those with a sweet tooth. Visitors can find all sorts of sweet things, from champagne or ginseng flavored sweets to jelly sweets in the shape of cold meats. If you love sweets, you'll go mad just looking at the shop window of Caramelos Paco.

Great with children.

C/ Toledo, 55. 28005 Madrid
T: +34 913 654 258

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Opening hours:

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In the early 80s, two brothers, Custo and David Dalmau, embarked on a project which unexpectedly took them into the world of fashion. They were interested in graphic design, and they began to use T-shirts instead of paper as the canvas on which to express their ideas. Surprisingly, they had created something which did not exist at that time, and which immediately became an international success. Those roots of graphics, color and a mixture of fabrics are precisely the ones that make up the iconic style of what today is Custo Barcelona.

C/ La Rambla, 109. 08002 Barcelona

Opening hours:

Every day: 10 AM - 8 PM.

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T: 934 87 80 50

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Opening hours:

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Carrer d'en Xuclà, 4-6. 08001 Barcelona
T: 933 18 34 86

www.granjaviader.cat

Opening hours:

Monday - Saturday: 9 AM - 1:15 PM and 5 PM - 9:15 PM. Sunday: Closed.

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T: 933 02 12 41

Opening hours:

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Casa Gispert is a family business which sells colonial products since 1851: nuts, dried fruits, coffee, tea, cocoa, spices such as vanilla, cinnamon, saffron ... and the interior of the store has been preserved in its original state as a museum but the business still working. Today, Casa Gispert also offers a wide range of other products, organic, extra virgin olive oils, vinegars, chocolates, candies, honey, jams, sweet wines, gift baskets, etc.

Sombrerers, 23. 08003 Barcelona

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pdg@bagues.es

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Opening hours:

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C/ Sierpes 66. 41004 Sevilla
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Opening hours:

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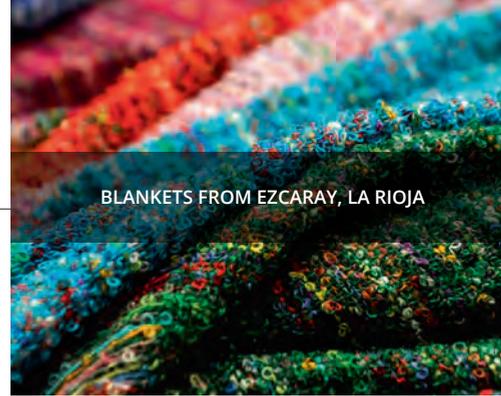
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Rua das Carmelitas 144. Porto

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Opening hours:

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Rua das Carmelitas 40. Porto

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Opening hours:

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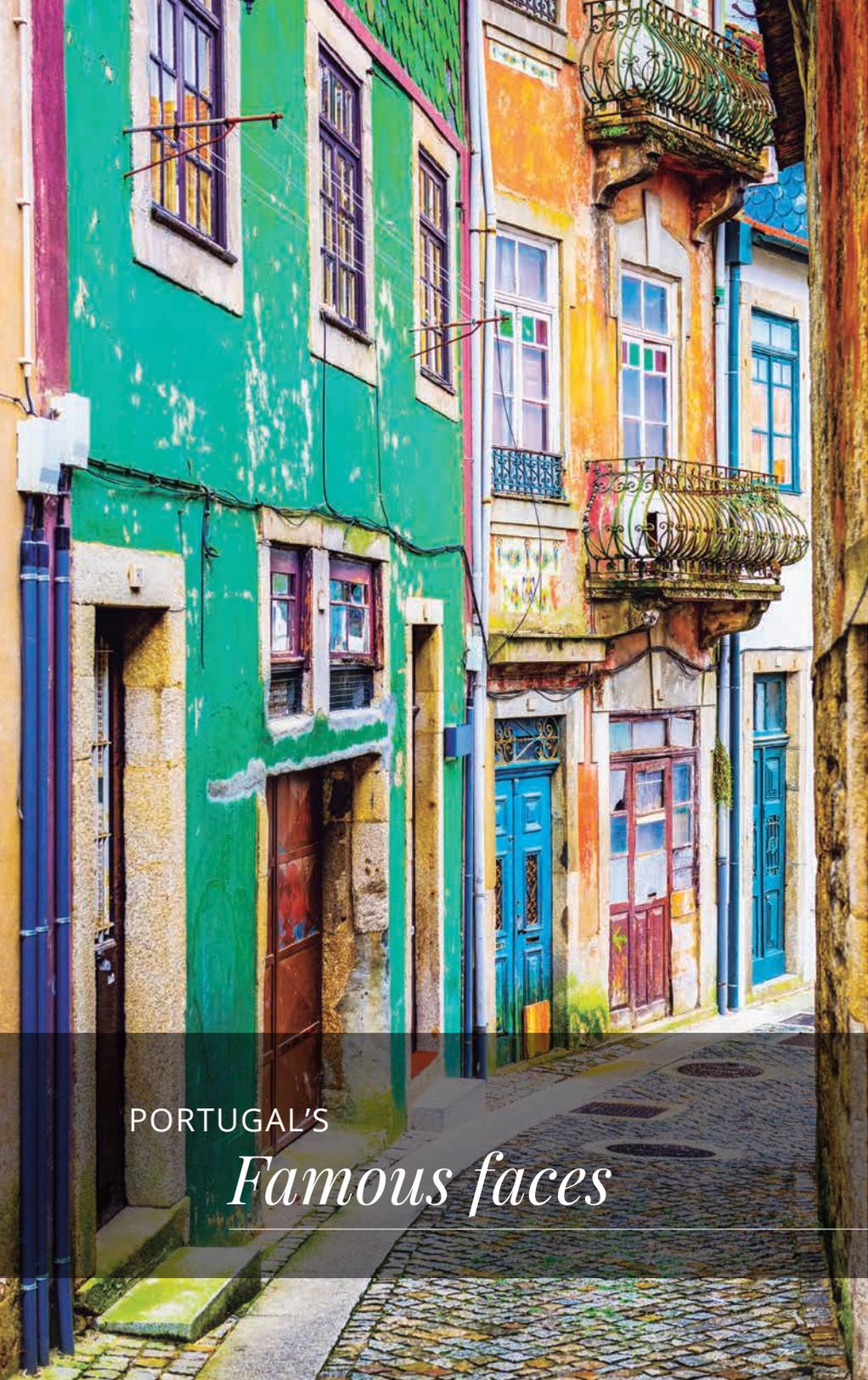
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Sun: 12 PM – 8 PM





PORTUGAL'S

Famous faces

Infante Dom Henrique

Prince Henry the Navigator, born in Porto, Portugal in the late 14th century, is widely known as the father of the Age of Discovery, but his name is a bit misleading. Prince Henry was actually not a navigator, or explorer, at all. He did, however, sponsor many expeditions, leading to the beginning of Portuguese globalization with his marine ventures along the coast of Africa. He lives on in Portuguese memory lending his name to many a monument, including the Infante Dom Henrique Bridge in Porto.



Vasco Da Gama

Born in Sines, Portugal in the mid-1400's, Vasco da Gama would later become one of the most important explorers in history. Between 1497 and 1498, da Gama continued along Prince Henry the Navigator's path along the coast of Africa, discovering a sea route connecting Portugal to India. This path established a marine trade route between East and West that would put an end to the Silk Road. His efforts are honored with three namesake monuments in Lisboa: the Vasco da Gama Bridge, Tower and Mall.



Fernando Pessoa

Born in Lisboa in 1888, poet, writer and philosopher Fernando Pessoa is known for being one of the greatest and most unique literary figures of the 20th century. He began publishing works in 1912, and became known for the repeated theme of "saudosismo," or nostalgic longing, in his poetry. He also created up to 75 pseudonyms with distinct personalities and writing styles throughout his career, adding to his quirky, enigmatic reputation.



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Amália Rodrigues

Amália Rodrigues was born in Lisboa in 1920, and 19 years later, began a career in Fado that would sweep Portugal, and the world. Her stunning voice enamored people all over the country, pushing her into superstardom. She toured internationally, popularizing Fado even outside of Portugal, and later took her talents to the screen in films. She is well-loved around Portugal to this day, and hundreds of Fado aficionados visit her home, which has been turned into a museum, every day.



Fernão Magalhães

We know him as Ferdinand Magellan, but this explorer was born Fernão Magalhães in Portugal around the year 1480. Nearly 40 years later, Magellan led the first circumnavigation of the world, sailing through South America on what would later be named the Strait of Magellan, and crossing the Pacific Ocean to reach the Spice Islands. Aside from the Strait, his name also graces one of the craters on the moon!



Marquês de Pombal

Marquês de Pombal became known as a political genius after his plans led to Lisboa being successfully rebuilt after the 1755 earthquake left the city all but destroyed. The Pombaline architectural style that can be seen in post-earthquake Lisboa, which includes earthquake-proof engineering, is even named after him. He also introduced financial reforms which helped to regulate commerce throughout the country, stabilizing the country's economic situation. To this day he watches over Lisboa, as his monument is perched over the Baixa neighborhood.



Pedro Álvares Cabral

Pedro Álvares Cabral embarked on a voyage following Vasco de Gama's route to India in 1500, but nature had other plans. A storm blew his fleet west, and he ended up in South America, where he claimed the territory that became Brazil, for Portugal. He is known as the first explorer to set foot on four continents: Europe, Asia, Africa and America. Today, we remember him with a monument in the Estrela Garden in Lisboa.



José Saramago

José Saramago was one of the greatest novelists of the 20th century, with his work focusing mainly on subversive versions historical events, and connection with humanity. His most famous works include Blindness and The Gospel According to Jesus Christ. Such novels have been published in 25 languages, and he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1998. Today, you can visit his the José Saramago Foundation at the Casa dos Bicos in Lisboa.



King Manuel I

King Manuel I was the king of Portugal from 1495 to 1521, an extremely important time in Europe's Age of Discovery. During his reign, he recognized the need for, and sponsored, many expeditions, including Vasco da Gama's route to India, and the Pedro Alvares Cabral voyage that ended in Brazil. He utilized the wealth brought in by such discoveries for construction, overseeing projects like the Jeronimos Monastery and Belém Tower in Lisboa. His structures became known for their late-Gothic style, later known as Manueline.



Luis Vaz De Camões

Luis Vaz de Camões is considered one of the greatest poets of the western world, known especially for his "The Lusiads" epic poem, dedicated to Portugal's voyages and, especially, Vasco de Gama's expedition to India. The poem is widely-read internationally to this day, and monuments in his name can be found throughout Portugal, and in the former Portuguese colonies of Macao, China and Goa, India.



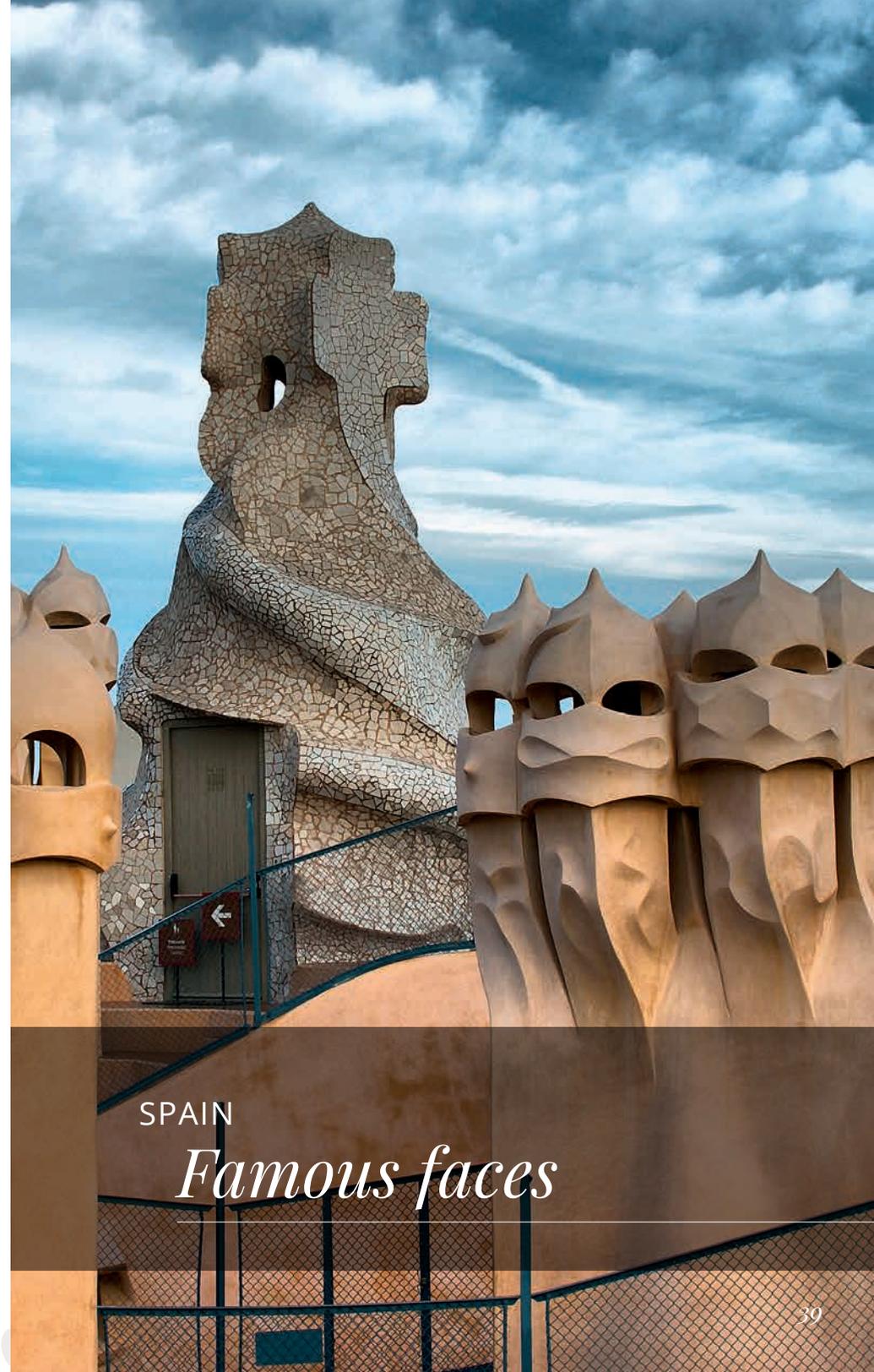
Álvaro Siza Vieira

Álvaro Siza Vieira is Portugal's most well-known contemporary architect, both nationally and internationally. He is so respected throughout the architecture world that he has been invited to be a visiting professor at both Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania, and was awarded with the Pritzker Prize in 1992. In Lisboa you may see his work at the Portugal Pavilion and multiple buildings in the Chiado neighborhood.



Joana Vasconcelos

Joana Vasconcelos is Portugal's most famous contemporary artist, and has gained even more international recognition since her piece titled "Marilyn," was sold for more than 500,000 euros at Christie's in 2010. This particular sculpture was made of pots and pans, and the majority of her pieces are made using every day items. Her creations often pop up around public spaces in Lisboa, and you can see works at the Berardo Museum and Intendente Square.



SPAIN

Famous faces

Miguel de Cervantes

Miguel de Cervantes is perhaps Spain's most internationally well-known and well-loved author, thanks to his incomparable work, Don Quijote. After losing his left hand in a military battle, being captured as a prisoner and slave, and a stint with the Spanish Armada, he published the first part of the Quijote books in 1605, which became the best selling book of fiction of all time. Follow Don Quijote and Sancho Panza's route in Castilla-La Mancha, and visit their notorious windmills in Consuegra.



Francisco de Goya

Francisco de Goya was born in 1746, and went on to be a painter in the Spanish royal court in 1779, where he was known mostly for his portraits and his keen eye for detail. He is now known for his depictions of the horrors of war during the Napoleonic invasions, and especially his Tres de mayo painting. His style changed drastically in his final years, with a series known as his Black Paintings, which you can see, along with much of his other work, at Madrid's Museo del Prado.



Cristóbal Colón

Christopher Columbus, or Cristóbal Colón, though not Spanish born, became one of the most important figures in Spanish history as his 1492 three-ship voyage was sponsored by the Catholic Monarchs of Spain. While looking for a new route to Asia, he stumbled upon the central part of the Americas, thus opening them up to European colonization and sparking Spain's globalization. His legend is visible throughout Spain today, most notably in Madrid's Plaza de Colón.



San Ignacio de Loyola

St. Ignatius was born in northern Spain in 1492. After being wounded in a battle with the French in 1521, he was greatly influenced by the story of Jesus during his recovery and became inspired to dedicate his life to God and changing the world. He went on to write Spiritual Exercises, one of the most influential books in Catholicism, and to found the Society of Jesus, or the Jesuits, who put great emphasis on education and adherence to Catholic teachings. Today, there are over 800 Jesuit educational institutions in the world.



Los Reyes Católicos

Queen Isabel "La Católica" was one half of the duo known as the Catholic Monarchs. After centuries of Muslim rule in southern Spain, Queen Isabel and her husband, King Fernando, oversaw the reconquering of all Muslim territories for Catholic Spain. The war came to an end when their army defeated the last Moorish king in Granada in 1492, allowing them to work towards uniting Spain as a Catholic nation, which included the Jewish Inquisition. You may visit their burial place today at the mausoleum in the Cathedral of Granada.



Federico García Lorca

Federico García Lorca is one of the most promising artists of the 20th century. He was born near Granada in 1898 and moved to Madrid in 1919, where he met and was influenced by many other artists, especially the other members of the "Generación del 27" artistic group, including Salvador Dalí. His most famous works include his books of poetry, Romancero gitano and Poeta en Nueva York, the latter chronicling his time at Columbia University in Harlem, as well as his three tragic plays, Bodas de sangre, Yerma and La casa de Bernarda Alba. Lorca's career was cut devastatingly short when he was murdered by Franquist forces after the outbreak of the Spanish Civil war in 1936.



Andrés Segovia

Andrés Segovia was born in southern Spain in 1893, and began studying music at a very young age. He dedicated his life to his music, namely the guitar, and grew to develop his own technique and style, becoming what many call the father of the classical guitar. Segovia toured the world with his guitar, and is credited with being the first person to garner respect for the guitar as a principle concert instrument, and not just an accompaniment. He went on to teach many students, and his work continues to inspire artists to this day.



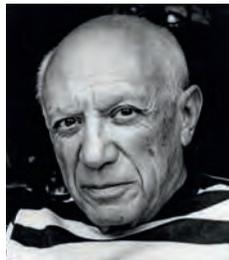
Camarón de la Isla

José Monje Cruz, commonly known as Camarón de la Isla, was born in the province of Cádiz, Andalucía in 1950. Influenced by the Gypsy artists around him growing up, Camarón became well known in the flamenco world for his shattered, emotional voice. It was his partnership with legendary guitarist, Paco de Lucía, that catapulted him to fame, as the two created flamenco magic together for 10 years straight, becoming two of the greatest artists of all time in their respective fields. Some of his best work can be found on the album, La leyenda del tiempo.



Pablo Picasso

Pablo Picasso is known as one of the founders of Cubism, as well as one of the most influential artists of the 20th century. Born in Malaga in 1881, Picasso became a sculptor, painter, ceramicist and printmaker, creating mind-boggling works of abstract art that would leave the art world forever changed. His most famous paintings include Guernica, Les Femmes d'Alger (O. J. R. M.), and The Weeping Woman. Many of his works can be seen at the Picasso Museums in Barcelona and Málaga, but you will find Guernica in Madrid's Reina Sofía Museum.



Salvador Dalí

Salvador Dalí was born in Figueres, on the northeast coast of Spain, in 1904, and showed an interest in art from an early age. After studying in Madrid, he moved to Paris in 1920 where he was influenced by other Spanish artists, such as Picasso and Miró. His works are some of the best known from the Surrealist movement, with the most famous being The Persistence of Memory, which is currently hanging in the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. To see many of his other works, you may visit the Dalí Theater and Museum in his hometown of Figueres.



Antoni Gaudí

Antoni Gaudí was a revolutionary Catalan architect whose work can be seen throughout Spain, but most notably, in Barcelona. Born in 1852, he became interested in architecture at a young age, eventually developing his own style inspired by nature and movement. He is known for whimsical structures punctuated with flamboyant geometrical styles and bright mosaics. When visiting Barcelona, one can't miss his greatest hits: the Casa Batlló, Casa Mila, Parc Güell and, of course, the Sagrada Família.



Pedro Almodóvar

Pedro Almodóvar is a modern Spanish filmmaker who rose to fame as a symbol of the "Movida Madrileña" countercultural movement following the death of Francisco Franco, the Spanish dictator, in 1975. His best-known films include Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown, Tie Me Up! Tie Me Down!, All About My Mother, Volver and The Skin I Live In and Talk to Her, for which he won an Oscar. Many famous Spanish actors, like Penélope Cruz and Antonio Banderas, can be seen in Almodóvar's films.



SPAIN *Where Today*



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The North

The northern coast of Spain seems to unfold before your eyes into moody skies, herds of grazing sheep and endless green mountains. Perhaps the most unique region of Spain, the north hosts regions like Basque Country and Asturias, where you will find world renowned restaurants and humble, rain-damaged taverns on the same street, and Cantabria and Galicia, where miles-long beaches and winding mountain chains stand within a stone's throw of each other. Pintxo-hop in San Sebastian, go trekking outside of Oviedo, or contemplate eye-popping art in Bilbao; whatever you do, prepare to be surprised. Even a Spain expert will be shocked when the wild, beautiful north sneaks up to contradict everything they thought they knew.





Madrid

Between the glory of the Royal Palace and masterpieces at the Prado and Reina Sofia museums, Madrid is home to plenty of stunning attractions, but the true magic lies in the people and the colorful lives they create for themselves among the hustle and bustle. Lose yourself in a long lunch with new Madrileño friends on a terrace, or chat with vendors as you pick up fresh produce at the traditional market before you prepare a meal with a local chef. Venture to nearby Toledo to learn about the Christian, Muslim and Jewish communities that shaped our history, or live a fairytale in the magical castles of Segovia. To know Madrid and its surroundings, all you need is a curious mind, adventurous spirit, good walking shoes, and great friends to show you the way.



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Central Spain

If Andalucía is the soul of classic Spain, then the inner regions are the heartland. Nearly all of the Iberian Peninsula's powerhouse produce comes from central Spain, namely Extremadura, La Rioja and the Castile regions. It is also an area of immense natural beauty, offering excellent opportunities for outdoor adventures. Hundreds of miles of vineyards and farmlands, where the Iberian pig roams freely alongside blossoming cherry trees, make up the home of Spain's most delectable delicacies, warranting a trip if only to savor jamón de bellota and a bottle of Ribera del Duero wine at its absolute best.



Mediterranean

Spain is blessed with many natural wonders, but our crowning jewel must be the splendid Mediterranean coast. Starting just north of Barcelona and stretching all the way down through Murcia, the Mediterranean region has a different air than the rest of Spain. Cosmopolitan cities shine with colorful mosaic-embellished buildings and ancient cathedrals, rugged mountain ranges overflow with wildlife and perfect winter ski conditions, and sleepy beach towns look like they've been pulled from a painting. Whether you're a sun-worshiper looking to spend your days on the sand in Cadaqués, or a foodie on a mission to sample every version of paella Valencia has to offer, in the Mediterranean, it's all at your doorstep.



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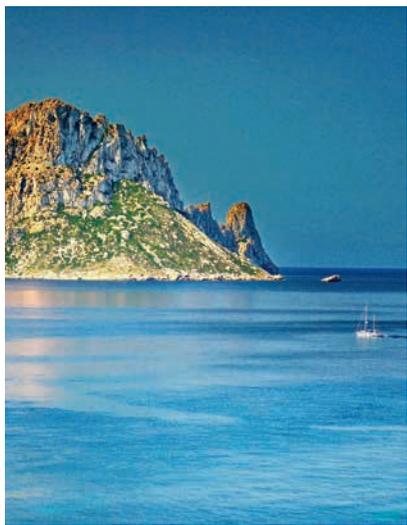
Andalucía

Welcome to mythical Andalucía, the birthplace of flamenco, bullfighting and tapas. As you travel through the undulating olive groves of Sevilla and the crumbling whitewashed villages of Cadiz, all the way past the crystal Mediterranean waters of Malaga to Granada's crimson Alhambra, you will quickly realize why so much great Spanish art originated here. This southern region is a land of passion and mystery, where Moorish kings ruled and diverse communities flourished, where artists like Hemingway and Merimée went to find inspiration and fall in love, and where travelers continue to do the same.



Islands

The oasis of the Balearic Islands is an archipelago of five sand-strewn, mountainous enclaves floating blissfully in the Mediterranean Sea. The islands are some of the most popular vacation destinations in all of Europe thanks to their fabulous gastronomy, intriguing culture, diverse geography and 300 sunny days a year. Between elegant and civilized Mallorca, tranquil Menorca, and free spirited Ibiza, each island has its own shining personality, promising much more than your average beach vacation.



PORTUGAL *Where* *Today*

The remarkable coastal country of Portugal is bursting with gems to be discovered, from northern Porto's eye-popping architecture and the vision of vibrant Lisboa reigning atop her seven hills, to the crimson cliffs of the Algarve down south. Once the world's richest and most powerful empire and now the vibrant home to powerhouse wine regions, incredible art museums and excellent surfing, Portugal never ceases to surprise.



The North

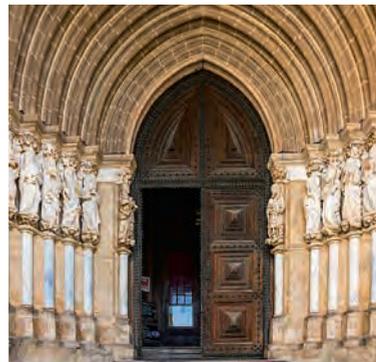
Stretching from the city of Porto, known for its production of strong port wine, all the way to the border of northwestern Spain, northern Portugal's deep green landscape is dotted with vineyards, mountains and medieval castles. Whether you're visiting palaces in Guimarães or taking shelter from the rain within the cathedrals of Braga, the mostly rural region is a wonderland of fascinating architecture, rich food and natural resources begging to be explored.



Central Portugal

Forested central Portugal is somewhat of an enigma, where rocky terrain gives way to white sand beaches, and colorful cities unfold around rushing rivers. In cities like Aveiro and Coimbra, your breath will be taken away by tile-lined labyrinths and 16th century architecture, while Belmonte will enthrall you with the story of its Jewish roots. This history and culture-packed region is a must for anyone trying to get to the bottom of Portugal's complex past.





Alentejo

Moving south from Lisboa towards the Algarve coast, we come across the sparsely populated flatlands of the Alentejo region. The Alentejo is home to some of the most beautiful villages in Portugal, including Évora, and divine wine, making it an excellent destination for a day trip or overnight. Strolling through sun-soaked olive groves, indulging in local delicacies and losing yourself in small town charm, you'll feel thousands of miles from the buzzing streets of the capital that sits just north.



Lisboa

Nestled between river and sea, curving from hill to hill, Lisboa is the sensual queen of Portugal. Her streets are filled with the song of her people: the chatter of vibrant life, the passion of Fado, and the breeze that once carried her men to faraway lands. To ensure a full sensory experience, do as the locals do and wander from the Jewish quarter up to the glorious castles on foot, take your drinks and petiscos into the fresh air, and enjoy the gorgeous climate and views that Lisboa is blessed with.



Algarve

As you watch the setting sun tinge the Algarve's white villages pink while sipping on crisp wine, with the world's freshest seafood being prepared in a nearby kitchen, you'll realize why this is one of Europe's most loved beach destinations. From surfing and golfing in Lagos and birdwatching on Ilha Deserta, to long days at the spa, the Algarve provides an ideal escape from life back home, and we are delighted to create the perfect itinerary to melt your stresses away.



Islands

Off the coast of Portugal you will find a host of magnificent islands. While Madeira is most famous for the cliffs that seem to overflow with both flowers and waterfalls, the Azores' volcanic terrain, 15th century structures and emerald green lakes more than warrant a visit. Although the archipelagos sit hundreds of kilometers from the mainland, Portuguese traditions are fused with native customs to create a fascinating culture unique to the area. On the islands you can't help but lose yourself in the breeze and get back to nature.



How in Spain and Portugal

In Spain and Portugal, we believe that life is meant to be enjoyed to the fullest, whether that be by dancing to flamenco guitar until sunrise or losing yourself while wandering through Lisboa's Bairro Alto after sharing a rousing conversation over the world's best food and wine. Once some of the world's richest and most powerful empires and now the vibrant home to powerhouse wine regions, incredible art museums and excellent surfing, Spain and Portugal are a true traveler's dream.

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Oyster Tasting with a Fisherman

Learn to choose, shuck, and eat oysters with the experts. No one knows more about local oysters than Portuguese fishermen, and today they are inviting you into their homes to share a lifetime of knowledge. Knowing how to properly dress your oyster can be intimidating, so your hosts will be sure to help you test all kinds of toppings to develop your palate. After this master class, even the pickiest of eaters is sure to find an appreciation for the succulent bivalves.

“All the drivers and arrangements by Made For Spain & Portugal were very good and on time. I’m totally spoiled now! Thanks for putting together a great trip!!”

SUSAN RUBIN
Travel Agent, Protravel International

Private Visit to Chillida–Leku with the Artist’s Son

Chillida-Leku is the culmination of one of the artist Chillida’s lifelong dreams: to create a space for his work where it could be on permanent display. This monographic museum is a faithful representation of the sculptor’s fifty-year artistic career, and the perfect setting to enjoy the full magnitude of this internationally known artist in the company of Chillida’s son, who will be your guide.

The museum is divided into four areas: a 12-hectare hillside of beech trees, oaks and magnolias that is studded with over 40 sculptures, a

service area featuring an auditorium with images of the artist at work are projected continuously, a rest area, and a gift shop. Finally, the centerpiece of the museum is the Zabalaga farmhouse, which houses smaller format pieces of steel, alabaster, granite, terracotta, plaster, wood and paper. This is an extraordinary opportunity to witness Basque modern art in motion.

“We had a fantastic time! We especially appreciate how quickly you were able to help us with the issues that came up unexpectedly...”

BELINDA HANSON
Traveler

Exploring Belmonte’s Jewish History

There have been Jews in Portugal since the Middle Ages, but the community suffered a major blow in 1497, when the king ordered Jews either to convert to Christianity or leave the country. The establishment of the Portuguese Inquisition in 1536 meant a permanent danger of persecution and an effective destruction of Portuguese Jewish culture. Today, your expert guide will introduce you to the history of the only surviving peninsular community of descendants of Sephardic Jews.

The Marranos living Belmonte, a town in central Portugal, are sometimes referred to as the “Belmonte Jews.” They are a Jewish community that has survived in secrecy for hundreds of years by maintaining a tradition of endogamy and by hiding all the external signs of their faith. Your guide will take you through the historical quarter of the town, as well as the Jewish Museum to give you a detailed look at the Jewish presence here and throughout Portugal, and the historical significance of the community.



"I wish to thank you for helping to arrange tours for me in Lisbon and Portugal. I was so happy to experience the services of Made for Spain & Portugal. Both tour guides were fabulous!!!! I had been to Lisbon before, but was part of a large group and learned so much more this time on a private tour."

MARY ANNE DONLON
Travel Advisor, Direct Travel Luxe

Culinary Experience at a Sociedad Gastronómica

Basque gastronomic societies are like private foodie clubs. They offer the ability to not only get to know the cuisine of the land, but also to actively participate in the customs of your company, good food and good drink.

Your local host will introduce you to this culinary world and help you become a cofrade, or society member, for the day. You will begin with a visit to the most traditional food market in San Sebastian where the stands of fresh fish sparkle like jewelry counters, and the gorgeous fresh produce will whet your appetite. We will then continue to the sociedad gastronómica, located at the foot of Mount Urgull, in the heart of the old part of town. Here, one of the members will tell you all about the society, and invite you to join him in the preparation of traditional Basque cuisine.

Once you're an expert chef, you will sample your efforts during lunch with the other members. Being able to witness what goes on in one of these societies is a once in a lifetime experience, and for a visitor to participate in the cooking, unheard of! After a day like this, you are no longer a foreigner, but a bona fide adopted Basque.

Barcelona Gourmet Walking Tour

For the last 10 years your host has been immersed in the field of Spanish food, and especially, in the wine sector. She is delighted to teach you about Barcelona's most emblematic foods, from the seventeenth century all the way to the present.

Start your tour at La Boqueria, the most symbolic market in the city. Here, you will savor and learn about indigenous products like Iberian hams, cured sausages, olives and chocolates, and check out some hard-to-find products such as swan eggs. You will also visit a shop specialized in Catalan and Spanish products, where you will taste a great variety of foods paired with local wine. Afterwards, stop at pastry shops, cafes, and specialized cheese and wine stores at your leisure; this is the true Barcelona life! Tasting a city's gastronomy is one of the best ways to understand it, and to immerse yourself in the culture.



Underwater Wine Experience

Throughout history, the bottles of wine found on sunken ships around the world have surprised experts with their rewarding flavors and preservation, and inspired an innovative project in northern Spain. Enjoy learning about world's first underwater laboratory. In the bay of Plentzia, 15 meters below sea level, an undersea oenological laboratory has been built, where wines, txakolis and ciders from the Basque Country as well as the rest of Spain are aged.

There are a variety of wines that wine-makers, biologists and oenologists analyze in order to study the influence which marine environment conditions have on their maturation. Founded with the purpose of studying the aging of wine (and, now, beer) under the influence of the marine environment, the innovative project is 100% respectful of the environment. You will be welcomed and guided by one of the founders and directors of the project who will teach you about the wine project first hand.

"I would like to thank you for the wonderful experience my guests had with you. Every day they wrote to me about the trip. You cannot imagine how many friends of theirs have contacted me about this program."

LUCIANA SAMANHA
Travel agent at Viavelu Turismo, Brazil

"We just returned last night. Was a GREAT trip. A lifetime memory maker for sure"

MARGARET MURPHY
Traveler

Hiking in the Arrabida Natural Park: Maravilha do Cabo

Spend a day among the lush greenery and wild coast of Portugal's great outdoors. The Arrabida Natural Park offers incomparable opportunities for hikes, as the regional vegetation seems to pour over its cliffs into the crashing Atlantic Ocean. It is one of the most beautiful and fascinating natural regions of Mediterranean influence, and remains almost untouched in its natural equilibrium. During your hike your guide will take you on the best paths to take advantage of the incredible views, and point out the dinosaur tracks along the limestone cliffs, making it a truly unique experience.

Barcelona Mosaic Workshop

Gaudí designed many amazing mosaics all over Barcelona, such as the ones found in the Guell Park. At the start of the twentieth century, this kind of approach to collage was entirely new, and artists such as Dalí and Picasso would later visit the park to find inspiration. In this workshop, you will have the opportunity to learn the techniques of the art form from an experienced mosaic artist. The workshop takes place at a local artist's studio and concentrates especially on "Trencadís," or broken tile mosaic, as well as the Glass Mosaic Technique. This unique opportunity will help your family to feel part of the cultural powerhouse of Barcelona that surrounds you, as well as create a one of a kind souvenir so that you will always remember your time in Spain.



“While Spain is a family-centered culture—it’s common for generations to live together or near each other—it isn’t child-centered. There are no such things as children’s menus. “Kids menus! You Americans are crazy!” Virginia Irurita, owner of Made for Spain & Portugal, a Madrid-based luxury tour operator, had said, laughing, when I asked her about it. “Children eat what we eat, of course!”

CHILD MAGAZINE

“My kids, husband, and I seem to be traveling the globe. In three years, we’ve been to The Galapagos, Africa, Italy, and Spain. Every place has been spectacular, but something wonderful and unexpected was found in Spain. Thank you, Made For Spain & Portugal, for helping us to find it.”

CAROLYN AMSTRONG
Traveler

Visit to an Alentejo Farm

Take a day trip to a farm in Évora, where you will enjoy a tour and a picnic lunch. The owners live on the grounds and will be delighted to share what life is like on a typical Alentejo farm, from breeding cattle horses and goats to running the equestrian school. The farm offers spectacular views of the gorgeous landscape and lake dotted with endangered cows, Lusitano mares and their fillies, and many different species of birds. If a tour isn't in the cards for the youngest guests, a pony ride along the trails will happily be arranged.

Alhambra at Sunset

Francisco de Icaza said it best: “there’s nothing like the sorrow of being blind in Granada”. This Andalusian city is a site to be savored with all five senses, and its crown jewel, the Alhambra, is the chief seductress. All the refinement, wealth and delicacy of Islamic art and architecture reached its climax in this fortress, residence and royal city all rolled into one. The floral engraving on the walls, idyllic Generalife garden and constant, calming sound of fountains embody the strength of sumptuous Muslim tradition. At sunset, the reddish-brown walls of the palace are tinged pink, and the snowcapped Sierra Nevada seems to sparkle in the background. Stroll around the grounds, where the Moorish royalty used to recite poetry with their lovers, and take in the breathtaking views of the mythical city nestled between mountain and sea.

“We liked Granada a lot and the Alhambra was incredible. Our guide Pablo was terrific... We liked Ronda and Sevilla...”

JUDIE AND RICHARD
Travelers



Romantic Dinner on a Private Boat in Porto

The best way to discover the romantic and mythical city of Porto is by boat, and this evening you will experience it in the most spectacular way. Cruise along the Douro river on your private boat and enjoy a glass of local wine as the views of soaring bell towers, Baroque churches, and stately Beaux-arts buildings are illuminated by the last streams of sunlight. Once the sun settles in for the night and the lit-up homes seem to dance along Porto's hills, the boat's staff will serve your traditional Portuguese meal. Don't worry if you arrive to the dock in a dream-like state, it's not the wine... it's the magic of Porto!

Watch the Running of the Bulls in Pamplona

Pamplona's San Fermin festival begins every year on the morning of July 7th and doesn't stop until the 14th. The San Fermin festivities are much more than the stampede that they're known for: in reality, the city of Pamplona glows for 7 days with excitement of the food, drink and merriment that will fill its streets for the whole week.

The running of the bulls is, in origin, nothing more than the movement of the bullfighting beasts to the bullring, something traditionally known as the "encierro" or enclosing. In early times, there were no trucks or other forms of transportation to haul the bulls from the farms into the pens, so they were hoarded through the streets just after dawn. Nowadays, tourists and locals join in on the run, tempting the bulls with a red scarf, and running for their lives!

Today, you will have the opportunity to experience this thrilling event without joining the masses. Enjoy spectacular views of the speeding animals and crazed runners from the balcony of your private apartment

as you munch on chocolate and churros and other tasty breakfast treats. Witnessing the event while comfortable perched above the chaos is an experience even many locals haven't had, so be sure to have your cameras ready.

Saint John's Night By Boat

Christian tradition and ancient summer solstice celebrations are fused in Porto on Saint John's Night, and it is customary to light large bonfires near the sea to celebrate. The highlights of the evening's celebrations include fireworks and great music, drawing crowds of people to enjoy the summer evening and dance until the fires die out. You will be able to share the local excitement while cruising down the Douro river on a private boat, from which you will have the most magnificent views of the fireworks and bonfire parties. Enjoy a traditional Portuguese dinner as the skies above you light up, and keep an eye out for ghostly apparitions along the coast; there is magic in the air on this special night.

"We had a call with the clients and I am so happy to let you know that they couldn't say enough about Made for Spain & Portugal. We are always so happy to hear this when we speak with our clients, and I'm sure you are as well... though it comes as little surprise to us by now! So, once again, we thank you all for your superb service, from start to finish. Well done! Gracias, gracias! All the best, and we look forward to working with all of you again very soon."

DEBRA FINI
Travel Agent, Valerie Wilson Travel



Thank you Blanca, we had a truly amazing visit to Spain, thanks to Made for Spain & Portugal. The weather was beautiful, the transportation and hotels worked perfectly, and all of our guides were excellent. Just to mention some of the highlights: Seville was wonderful (we loved that hotel) and I am so glad we stopped in Ronda on the way to Granada. And of course our visit to the Alhambra was fantastic, as was the mosque in Córdoba. I should also mention the Prado, Reina Sofia and Thyssen, and just walking around the streets and gardens of Madrid. Many for making it possible, and we hope to come back some day!

JOHN LITTLEFIELD
Traveler

Caminante, son tus huellas
el camino y nada más;
caminante, no hay camino,
se hace camino al andar.

Al andar se hace camino
y al volver la vista atrás
se ve la senda que nunca
se ha de volver a pisar.

Caminante no hay camino
sino estelas en la mar.

ANTONIO MACHADO

Wanderer, the path is your footprints,
And nothing else:
Wanderer, there is no path
The path is only made by walking.

The path is made by walking,
And when you turn to look back
You can see the path that
Shall never again be trodden.

Wanderer, there is no path,
But rather a wake in the sea.

ANTONIO MACHADO

“The quality of the tour experience that they gave me was as good as it gets. Their level of professionalism and competence surpassed my expectations... My guests were truly impressed with not only the city of Lisbon, but more importantly its people... The city of Lisbon is exceptional. And the people with whom you have connected there do represent Made for Spain & Portugal in the best way imaginable.”

NANCY PORTHANAN
Travel Agent, Noble Travel

“Flamenco show was very penetrating and memorable for us - fantastic!... We had the feeling of being part of a very authentic experience, and were completely in awe of the performers!”

SUSAN AND TONI FORCELLA
Travelers

“My daughter and I want to thank you so very much for helping us plan such a fantastic trip to Spain. It was absolutely perfect. Your company is the best of the best, and deserves all of the praise that others have given you! I don’t even know where to begin to tell you how great everything was.”

CATHY TURK
Traveler

“We want to thank you for one of the best overseas trips we have ever taken. The arrangements were flawless, we loved the itinerary, and the hotels were outstanding.”

JANE CARTER
Traveler

“Virginia has a little black book thick with the names of local experts—museum curators, architects, chefs, flamenco dancers—eager to show you their little corners of the Iberian peninsula. She can guide you to the country that is best for your needs... Her bespoke itineraries are wide-ranging: A one-day cruise shore excursion, a month-long honeymoon, a corporate retreat in the wine country, a cultural tour for museum benefactors—all are within her purview.”

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