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29th June - 7th July, 2024

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through Spain!**



Learn About Our Mediterranean Food & Culture Dream Trip

UPCOMING DATES

29th June - 7th July



Day 1 & 2



Madrid



June 29th, 2024: Madrid

Arrival. Check in at the hotel in Madrid for a short presentation of the trip and meeting our tour guides. Drinks and snack. After this, we will be heading towards one of the most famous streets in Madrid, **Gran Vía**, known for its nightlife and shops and we will be having dinner at **Hotel Riu Plaza de España**, with stunning views of Madrid.

June 30th, 2024: Madrid

After breakfast, guided walk through the historical quarter of Madrid, the Habsburg quarter, visiting the **Royal Theatre** and the **Plaza de Isabel II**, strolling through the **Sabatini Gardens** and the **Plaza de Oriente** and we will go to the entrance to the **Royal Palace** for a visit inside this emblematic building with so much history for the city. At the end of the visit, we will pass by the **Almudena Cathedral**, a building that houses three architectural styles, neoclassical on the outside, neo-Gothic inside and a neo-Romanesque crypt (entrance not included) and go up the **Calle Mayor** where we will make a brief stop at the **Plaza de la Villa**.

Visit to **San Miguel Market**, built one hundred years ago, today converted into a gourmet market where we will enjoy a delicious Spanish Omelette 'pincho' in one of its great stalls. After having an aperitif, something very typical in the city, we will cross the famous **Plaza Mayor of Madrid** to go to lunch at the **restaurant La Juana**, where we will find a delicious tapas menu full with amazing Spanish tapas: vegetarian, plant-based, we have them all! After lunch, free time.

At the appointed time, we will meet at the door of the hotel to go to our gastronomic experience. We will have a Spanish cooking class with a qualified chef and learn the tricks of the Mediterranean diet. After the elaboration of the menu, we will be able to taste the created dish in the same facilities. At the end of the activity, we will walk back to the hotel.

Day 3 & 4



Toledo



July 1st, 2024: Madrid - Toledo

In the morning, we will have a commented breakfast, where we will explain the reason of some products in the Mediterranean diet. After breakfast, we will unload our bags and get into the bus. We will take a short panoramic bus ride from the hotel to the famous "lung of Madrid", **The Retiro Park**. After a few brief indications so that you can find directions yourselves, we will leave free time to look inside the park, the **Crystal Palace**, the statue of the fallen angel or the fountain of the Galapagos, among others. At the agreed time we will meet at the door of the **Florida Park Restaurant** for lunch. The restaurant has been a famous party room where great artists and jet setters of the 80's met to celebrate big events

After lunch, we will board the bus to head to our new destination: Toledo, the city of the three cultures. After a brief panoramic tour of the Tajo Valley, our bus will leave us at one of the entrance gates to the city, at the **bridge of San Martin**, where our official guide will be waiting for us to begin our visit to this emblematic city. We will start visiting the **Synagogue of Santa Maria la Blanca**, built in 1180 by the Muslims, it was a place of prayer for the Jews and later for the Christians. After our visit to the synagogue, we will continue walking with our guide through the **Jewish quarter of Toledo**, where our guide will tell us part of the history of this beautiful city.

At the end of the visit, we will return to our hotel, where we will check in and have a little free time.

At the agreed time we will meet at the door of the hotel for a pleasant walk to our **restaurant La Hacienda del Cardenal**, a restaurant inside an old Toledo mansion with rooms and outbuildings, decorated with tiles, wood and coffered ceilings. After dinner we will walk back to our hotel.

July 2nd, 2024: Toledo

Today we have to get up a little early!

After breakfast, at the agreed time we will go to the door of one of the most imposing and important cathedrals in Spain, the **Santa Iglesia Prime Cathedral of Toledo**. Our guide will be waiting for us at the door to give us the tickets and take us on a visit to this place full of history.

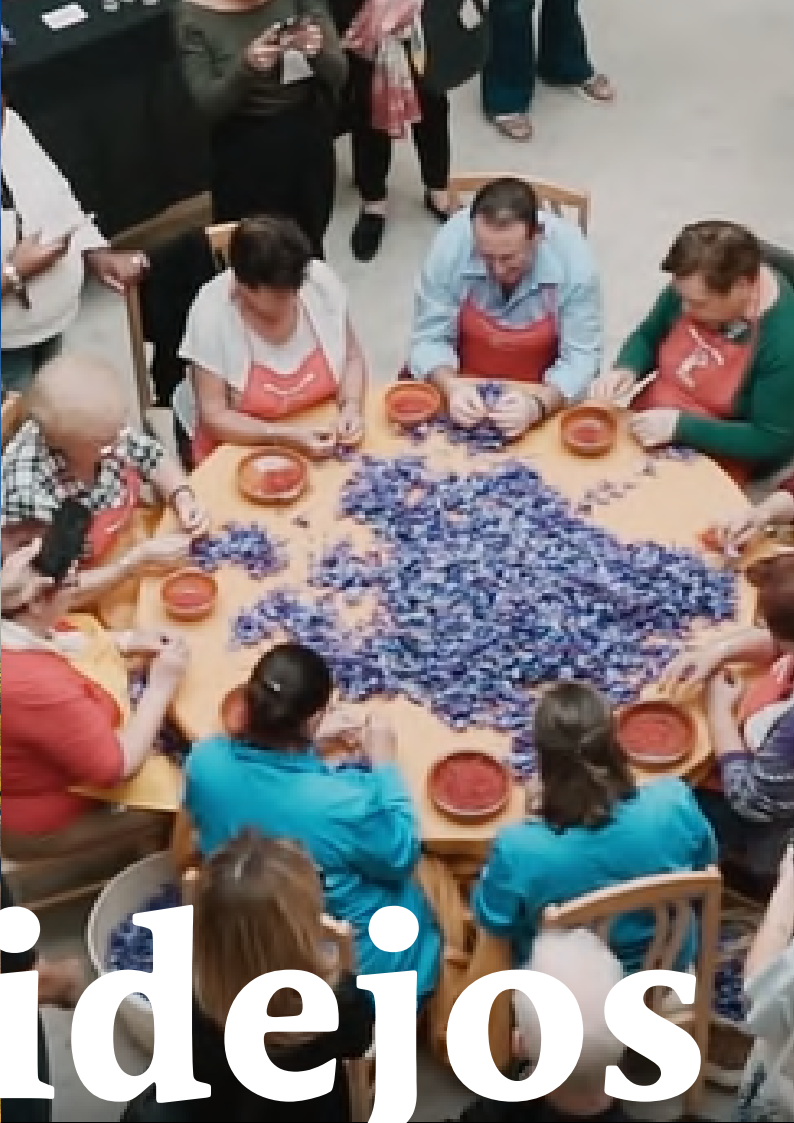
At the end of the visit, we will go to a museum, something peculiar, where the modern is mixed with the old and the music and painting are confused with cocktails. We will enjoy a museum like few others in the world, the **Cromática Museum**, where while we contemplate the exhibition, we can enjoy live music and taste a freshly made cocktail.

After this small aperitif, we will walk a few meters to have lunch on a terrace where you will be able to enjoy the best views of the city of Toledo. Take the opportunity to take pictures!

After lunch, we will have some free time and we will meet at the agreed time at the door of our hotel in Toledo, to attend a pastry workshop. **Marzipan** is the quintessential sweet of Spanish Christmas and of course, the sweet reference of the city of Toledo. Sugar and almonds are the main ingredients of a sweet that we will have the opportunity to elaborate and also taste.

After the visit to the marzipan workshop we will walk a few meters to go to our restaurant for dinner, what was once a flour factory, today is one of the restaurants where you can taste the best traditional cuisine of Toledo. After dinner, return to the hotel

Day 5 & 6



Madridejos Consuegra



July 3rd, 2024: Toledo - Consuegra - Madridejos

After breakfast, we will load our suitcases and head by bus to the land of Don Quixote, cheese and good wine, La Mancha. We will visit Consuegra and Madridejos, both towns belonging to the region of La Mancha Alta or La Mancha Toledana, both places having everything that the traveler can expect when hearing about Don Quixote.

After a short bus ride, our first stop will be at the **Artisan Cheese maker César**, a family cheese factory with a long tradition in the production of Manchego cheese, which will give us a tour of its facilities and a tasting of different cheeses so that we can learn about the different varieties of the same product.

At the end of the cheese activity, we will head to the neighbouring town of Madridejos where we will learn about the elaboration of what is called "liquid gold", our extra virgin olive oil, from the birth of our **García de la Cruz** family-owned olive groves in the plains of La Mancha to the pressing of the olives and their packaging. We will present you with a full day in the field so that we can learn about the origin of this famous product.

After lunch, our bus will take us to our hotel, we will do the check in formalities and we will have free time to walk around the village or rest.

At the agreed time, a bus will be waiting for us to take us to the highest part of the village and where the most characteristic of Castilla La Mancha is, **the windmills**. After a brief visit to the windmills, we will go inside **the castle of La Muela**, what was once a great defensive fortress today is one of the tourist attractions of this municipality. After the visit and without leaving the castle, our dinner will be served in one of the rooms of this stone giant.

At the end of dinner, return to the hotel by bus.

July 4th, 2024: Consuegra - Madridejos

Breakfast and en route to Madridejos, to learn more another of the products that are so valued in the world, if we said that olive oil was the liquid gold, today we will know the process of **saffron**, called "red gold" and its museum. We will know from the planting of the onion, to the culinary and medicinal uses that are given to this product.

After the visit to this museum, we will know another of the star products of the region. The wines. We will enter a **winery** where we will learn about the whole process of wine production, from the harvesting of the grapes in the field to its bottling.

We will also have the opportunity to taste the different varieties we have of this product.

Once the wine tasting is over, we will go to the restaurant for lunch. After lunch, free time.

In the evening, we will do an activity to learn about Spanish cuisine. If in the morning we learned about the use of saffron, now we will put it into practice, a chef will teach us to cook a typical paella that we will have the opportunity, at the end, to taste it. Vegetarian, plant-based, meat and seafood paella available!

The activity will take place at the same hotel where we are staying.

Day 7, 8 & 9



Segovia



July 5th, 2024: Consuegra - Segovia

After breakfast, we will load our bags on the bus and head for a city steeped in history : Segovia.

Today we will visit the city that was the court of the Catholic Kings during their reigns.

Upon arrival in Segovia, we are greeted by its imposing **Roman aqueduct**, our guide will be waiting for us at that point to give us a guided tour of the city. After this visit we will go to the restaurant to taste a typical Segovian menu. After lunch, our guide will take us again to one of the most beautiful palaces of the country, the **Alcazar of Segovia**, during the visit we will be able to contemplate the beautiful rooms, its stunning views and we will go up to the tower to enjoy the Castilian landscape and the city.

We will have some free time and at the agreed time, we will check in at the hotel in Segovia and head for dinner.

July 6th, 2024: Madrid

After a commented breakfast, where we will explain some of the typical products that are incorporated into our diet, we will head towards Madrid with the morning free to move around the city, shopping, visit some monuments, etc.

In the afternoon, we will meet at the door of the hotel at the agreed time to board the bus that will take us to see a **flamenco show** in Madrid, because Madrid was the home of the many gypsies who came to the big cities in search of opportunities and hence the creation of numerous tablaos of flamenco dancing.

After the show our bus will take us to the restaurant where we will have our farewell dinner.

After dinner, we will return to the hotel.

July 7th, 2024: Madrid

Breakfast and transfer to airport.
End of journey.

Questions? Email us at assistant@garciadelacruz.com





Meet your team

Montse Cobo

Trip Coordinator

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Hello my name is Montse, I work for Garcia de la Cruz and I'll be pleased to assist you with any queries related to this exciting trip! I am a native from Santander, the North of Spain, and I currently live in Madrid.

Since I came back to the capital, after ten years in London, I've been exploring the city's best spots and I am eager to share them with you!

I look forward to meeting you soon!

Aitor Guarnizo

Tour Guide

Hola! My name is Aitor and I will be the person in charge, along with another colleague, of being with you during your days in Spain! As a Madrid native, I will be delighted to show you the charms of this fantastic city and its surroundings. We are very happy to host you. See you soon!