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BOUTIQUE WINERY TOUR FOR A HONEYMOON

Friday, July 12 BARCELONA

Barcelona 8:30 am Flight arrives in Barcelona. Meet your English-speaking driver as you come out of the security area into the arrivals lounge.. He will be holding a sign with your name. Transfer to the hotel.

HOTEL MURMURI
Rambla de Catalunya, 104
08008 Barcelona

You have a Privilege room reserved and a balcony requested for 3 nights including buffet breakfast and taxes.

Saturday, July 13 - Sunday, July 14

Free time with friends in Barcelona

Monday, July 15 BARCELONA – PENEDES WINE REGION

8:30 am Take a taxi to the Sants train station. Go to the ATESA Rental Car counter to pick up your car. You have a C class car including one driver, manual shift, unlimited mileage, full coverage insurance and GPS for 7 full days (return on afternoon of July 20)

Please present your voucher at the counter.

Drive to Vilafranca del Penedes Train Station.



10:00 am meet your private wine Guru and guide, Paddy Manion, at the train station of Vilafranca del Penedes.

Today's visits can be accomplished by bike or with a private driver. Paddy will have bikes in the car in case you want to do a short ride.

The bike ride will traverse the gentle hills and back roads with a local guide for a portion of today's tour. We will visit a beautiful estate winery, producing one of the finest Cava and white wines in Spain. You'll visit the underground "cavas" where the sparkling wines age before "disgorgement". Private tour and accompanied wine-tasting of the best products. Afterwards we will have a short cultural visit to a stone ground olive oil mill, a barrel workshop or the historic castle of Sant Marti Sarroca with views of Penedès.

Next enjoy a wonderful lunch. Traditional dishes such as anchovies, tuna and cod salad (xatonada), or shoulder of goat with wild mushrooms. Lunch will be accompanied by a selection of excellent white and red wines.

This afternoon visit a prestigious boutique wine producer. Private tour of the vineyards, followed by a tour of the barrel room and cellars and an accompanied tasting of 4 excellent wines. After your tour, return to Vilafranca and end your tour with a visit to the Wine Museum and a stop at a great tavern that has wines from all over! Pick up your car and drive to your hotel for check-in.

HOTEL CAL LLOP
43737 Gratallops

You have Room 10 reserved for you for 2 nights including buffet breakfast and taxes. Standard room with a terrace that has spectacular view!



Tuesday, July 16 THE PRIORAT WINE REGION

Meet Paddy this morning for a full day tour of the Priorat Wine Region. The remote, rocky hills of the Priorat wine region produce exceptional grapes which here are transformed into internationally acclaimed wines, known for their marked character and extraordinary complexity.

The area's pristine natural beauty and long history make it a fascinating place to explore on a food and wine tour. The abrupt landscape features steep terraces similar to those found in the Douro valley. This is a wonderful place for nature lovers, since centuries of poverty meant that most of the region looks much as it did in the middle ages, with unspoilt natural landscapes interrupted by stone farm houses, small quaint villages, castle complexes like Siurana, and historic churches and chapels.

The Scala Dei winery will be our first visit. An accompanied private visit will introduce you to every aspect of this highly acclaimed boutique wine producer.

Afterwards visit to Clos d'Obac winery, Carles Pastrana was one of the first new wine makers of Priorat. Among his products are some of Priorat's famous "licorella" red wines as well as white and dessert wines. Private tour and accompanied wine-tasting of the finest products.

Lunch on own at Restaurant Les Figueres. Lunch will consist a tasting of 5 excellent dishes, each accompanied by an appropriate Priorat wine, a delight to the eye, the nose and the palate.

Afterwards return to your hotel for a relaxing afternoon.

Wednesday, July 17 PRIORAT- CAMPO DE BORJA

Depart Priorat, and drive to Campo de Borja (approx 3 hours drive time). Stop on the way in Zaragoza, if you like to see the Cathedral and the Basilica of the Virgin of the Pillar

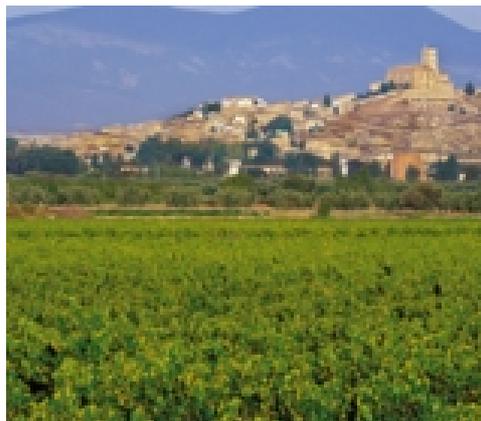
HOTEL LOS JARDINES DEL PLAZA

Borja

Tel (+34) 976 867 414

You have a double room reserved for 2 nights including the hotel's best breakfast and taxes.

***This is a small plain hotel in a tiny town but Oscar, the owner and chef will amaze your for dinner!



Thursday, July 18 CAMPO DE BORJA

We have arranged visits to 2 wineries today.

10:00 am Visit Bodegas Crianzas & Viñedos Santo Cristo



Bodegas Crianzas & Viñedos Santo Cristo

Afuera, s/n

50570 Ainzón

This is one of our client's favourite boutique winery visits.



12:00 noon Visit the Bodegas Borsao Winery You will be given a special private visit of the winery. They do not do wine tastings at this winery, but you will be able to visit their wine shop if you like.

Bodegas Borsao
Carretera Nacional 122, km 63
50540 Borja

Overnight in the 5 star hotel PAGO DE CIRSUS a winery specializing in chardonnay wines. The hotel is a castle located in the midst of the vineyards and it is spectacular with a wonderful restaurant to boot.

HOTEL CHÂTEAU PAGO DE CIRSUS
Carretera de Ablitas a Ribaforada, Km. 5
C.P: 31523 Ablitas - Navarra (Spain)

Visit to the Pago de Cirsus Winery

This afternoon, you might want to visit the National Park of Moncayo or go to see the town of Calatayud. My favourite there is Meson de la Dolores, a quaint hotel and restaurant with very good food.



Alhama de Aragon

Or drive to Alhama de Aragon, where there is a hotel complex (Balneario de Alhama de Aragon) with spa and an artificial lake of spring waters that is a marvel, a nice restaurant and a 5 star restaurant as well.(One hour 10 min drive from your hotel in Campo de Borja)

Friday, July 19 CAMPO DE BORJA – LA RIOJA

Start early and depart Borja to drive into La Rioja (approx 2 hours drive time). Check into your hotel to leave luggage and then drive to Laguardia.

HOTEL VIURA
Calle Mayor s/n
01307 Villabuena de Álava



On the way (or on your return) to Laguardia see the curving lines of the Ysios Winery just outside the walled town of Laguardia.

Proceed to the Viña Real Winery,. (CUNE's newest and most interesting winery),



1:00 pm You have a confirmed reservation to visit their winery and enjoy a tasting of their wines.

Bodega Viña Real
Ctra. Logroño–Laguardia km 4,8
01300 Laguardia (Alava)



2.00 pm We suggest lunch at either Los Parajes or Posada Mayor de Migueloa in Laguardia or have tapas at any of the many bars in the town. After lunch go to the main square and visit to the Church of Santa Maria to see the incredible Polichromed Portico.

5:30 pm You have a confirmed visit at El Fabulista Winery, (in the main square) one of the oldest underground wineries in La Rioja, recently renovated. El Fabulista is so historic that by today's standards it is so traditional that it is considered the anti-winery.

Saturday, July 20 **LA RIOJA**

9:00 am Drive to Haro

9:30 am Begin your tour with in the Lopez Heredia Winery, one of the most famous in the region

Bodega Lopez Heredia
Avda. de Vizcaya, 3
26200 Haro

11:30 am Drive to the nearby town of Briones (12 min)



12:00 noon Visit the impressive wine culture museum of Dinastia Vivanco, a must see even for the most informed wine aficionados.

After lunch stop in Briñas with an unusual area of wineries that have strange chimneys called "tuferas". On your own, stop briefly at the bodega la Granja de Remelluri to see the medieval necropolis in the middle of their vineyards.

2:00 pm We suggest you have lunch in the town of Fuenmayor at the Asador Alameda -- They don't speak much English (as in much of Northern Spain) but the food is incredible!!!!

4:30 pm Tour of the Marqués de Arviza winery- This is an exclusive winery that makes wonderful wines—The King of Spain's favorites!

Bodega Marques de Arviza
Calle de Bodegas San Cristóbal, 34
26360 Fuenmayor

Sunday, July 21 **LA RIOJA – MADRID**

Drive to Madrid (approx 3.5 hours drive time)



Burgos



Segovia

