

***12-Day AgriTour  
Spain & Portugal  
February 18 - March 1, 2018  
with Jane Eckert***



**DAY 1, SUN, FEB 18****USA/MADRID**

We depart from the USA on our overnight journey to Madrid.

(meals aloft)

**DAY 2, MON, FEB 19****MADRID**

We arrive this morning in Madrid, populated by adopted sons and daughters from virtually every region of Spain, adding to its cosmopolitan gloss. We have a panoramic tour of the city, with stops in two beautiful squares of Madrid, Plaza de Oriente, offering lovely views of the Royal Palace, and the Plaza de Colon, which commemorates the explorer Christopher Columbus. Time permitting, we visit **Mercado de San Miguel**, a popular market located in the center of Madrid with vendors selling a wide variety of freshly prepared tapas, hams, olives, baked goods and other foods. This afternoon we check into the **Melia Galagos Hotel** (or similar) with the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. This evening we enjoy a guided tapas walk, sampling food and drink at several different tapas bars. After dinner we return to our hotel for overnight.

(meals aloft,D)

**DAY 3, TUE, FEB 20****MADRID/MEGECES/  
OLMEDO/SALAMANCA**

We depart Madrid this morning and drive to Megeces, where we visit an **organic dairy farm**. Organic agriculture has flourished in Spain in recent years, with more than half of its organic production exported to other countries in the European Union. We have a guided tour of the farm and take part in a cheese-making workshop, and then we continue to Olmedo for lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch we proceed to **La Mejorada Vineyards and Winery** where we see its Mudejar Chapel of the 15th century, the pilgrim's house, and the planted vines. We have a guided tour to learn about the production of the wine, and then we finish with a wine tasting and pairing with chocolate. From there we continue to Salamanca, an ancient Celtic city whose Old City was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988. We check into the **Catalonia Plaza Mayor Salamanca Hotel** (or similar) with dinner included at the hotel this evening.

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**DAY 4, WED, FEB 21****SALAMANCA/  
CABEZA DE DIEGO GOMEZ/GUIJUELO/SALAMANCA**

This morning we tour Salamanca, which boasts the oldest university in Spain (founded in 1218) and attracts thousands of international students, generating a diverse environment. We view some of the university buildings, and then we visit the **Old Cathedral** of Salamanca, which was completed in the 14th century and features 53 tableaux that depict the life of Jesus and the Virgin Mary. We also visit the **New Cathedral**, which was constructed between the 15th and 17th centuries. A restoration project was completed in 1992, during which time a creative artisan carved unusual figures into the ornate facade, including an astronaut and a faun eating ice cream. Lunch is included at a local restaurant, and then we travel outside of the city to Cabeza de Diego Gomez. There we visit **Faenas Camperas**, a bull farm that also breed Iberian pigs and horses. The owners have expanded their operation beyond a working farm to offer conference facilities and accommodation in an upscale, hacienda-style inn. From there we continue to Guijuelo to visit Simon Martin's family-run business, founded in 1907, dedicated to the traditional artisanal production of high quality Iberian Ham. Here we learn the laborious, traditional process of **Iberian Ham production**. We participate in a mini-workshop on ham-cutting and finish with tasting the ham. We return to our hotel in Salamanca, with dinner on your own this evening.

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**DAY 5, THU, FEB 22****VALVERDON/VILA REAL/PORTO**

After breakfast we travel a short distance outside of Salamanca to Valverdon. Here we visit **Hacienda Zorita**, a Dominican estate founded in the 14th century; Christopher Columbus stayed here

as a guest while he was raising funds for his expedition across the Atlantic. Today Hacienda Zorita boasts a hotel, spa, winery, organic farm, and farm-to-table restaurant. The owners are pioneers in natural and organic farming in Spain and produce a limited quantity of high-quality raw milk ewe's cheese, Iberico hams & charcuterie, olive oil, balsamic vinegar, vegetables, fruits and breads. Following our time here we proceed towards Vila Real, stopping along the way for lunch (included). Then in Vila Real we visit **Casa de Mateus** - famously depicted on bottles of Mateus rosé, the 18th-century Casa de Mateus is one of Portugal's great baroque masterpieces. The glorious reflective pool and gardens, the interior grand staircase and intricately carved wood ceilings, the priceless collection of furniture from several periods, and the collections of 17th and 18th century paintings, silverware, and ceramics may leave you speechless. Descendants of the family of Count Vila Real still live here, and Mateus wine is still being produced here. We enjoy a guided tour of the palace, gardens, and winery, and then we continue to Porto for check-in to **Vincci Porto** (or similar), with dinner included at the hotel this evening.

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**DAY 6, FRI, FEB 23****MATOSINHOS/PORTO**

Today we explore the port city of Porto, which gave the country (and port wine) its very name. Portugal's second-largest metropolis after Lisbon is an age-old charismatic city that is steeped in history and is "*deliciously backward*." Few of Europe's cities remain so unreconstructed, both literally and metaphorically. The old town, centered at alley-woven Ribeira, was built on the hills overlooking the Douro River, and today is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. As part of our sightseeing this morning, we visit **Docapesca Matosinhos** fish market. Known for its lively fish auction and for its location next to the sea, Matosinhos is a colorful market that also offers fruits, vegetables, and flowers, with activities such as cooking classes offered year-round. We also visit **Mercado Bolhao**, where you may eat fresh sardines at trestle tables packed in between food and flower stalls. Here fresh fruits and vegetables are sold by local farmers while fishmongers, butchers, and florists all have their specialized sections in this market dating back to 1850. Lunch is included at a local restaurant, and then we go to the **House of Sandeman**, a landmark destination that boasts one of the best views over Porto. This magnificent building has been used for more than two centuries to age Porto wines inside hundreds of wooden casks and vats. Our guided tour takes us through the cellars, unraveling the secrets of Porto Wine and its traditional aging process. The visit culminates in a spacious state-of-the-art tasting room, where Sandeman Ruby and Tawny Porto Wines can be enjoyed. After our tour and tasting, we return to our hotel with the rest of the day at leisure and dinner on your own this evening.

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**DAY 7, SAT, FEB 24****CANIDELO/LHAVO/OBIDOS**

We depart from Porto this morning and drive to nearby Canidelo to visit an **organic herb farm**. From there we continue to Ilhavo to visit **Museu da Vista Alegre**, where Portuguese heritage is celebrated in beautifully crafted porcelain. Within a few years of its founding in 1824, Vista Alegre was given the title of Royal Factory in recognition of its artistry and industrial success, and this porcelain is recognized around the world. Today we tour the museum and then unleash our imagination as we become a potter or painter in the "*made for you, by you*" workshop at Museu Vista Alegre. After completing our activity, we travel along the coast, stopping for lunch at a local restaurant. We make a brief stop in the fishing village of **Nazare**, famous for its women who wear skirts with seven petticoats - legend holds that in the old days, women would sit on the beach waiting for their fishermen to sail home. To keep warm in the face of a cold sea wind while staying modestly covered, they'd wear several petticoats in order to fold layers around their backs and legs. Meanwhile, fishermen today still use wooden fishing boats that are of Phoenician design - with prows and painted eyes that

are said to protect fishermen from storms on the sea. From Nazare, we continue along the coast to Obidos for dinner and overnight at **Josefa D'Obidos Hotel** (or similar). (B,L,D)

**DAY 8, SUN, FEB 25** **OBIDOS/EVORA**

This morning we explore Obidos, one of the most charming and picturesque towns of central Portugal, with traditional painted houses and narrow cobbled streets. Its extensive history features an imposing Medieval castle and wonderfully preserved town walls. This area is known for inventing the delicious Cherry liquor served in chocolate cups known as Ginjinha, and for its beautiful hand painted tiles called Azulejos. We visit **Oppidum**, a small, family-run company officially founded in 1987 by Dário Pimpão to carry on the family tradition of selling ginja (the fruit) to liqueur producers from different parts of the country. The business has since grown into the production of their own liqueur. We conclude our visit with a tasting, and then we drive to the beautifully preserved medieval town of Evora. We check into the **Ecorkhotel** (or similar) and have some time to explore on our own. Evora's narrow, charming lanes lead to an elaborate medieval cathedral and cloisters; the columns of the Templo Romano & baths; and a picturesque town square, once the site of some gruesome episodes due to the Inquisition. Evora is also a lively university town with one of the world's oldest universities. Dinner is included at a local restaurant this evening. (B,D)

**DAY 9, MON, FEB 26** **ALENTEJO/IGREJINHA/EVORA**

Today we explore the **Alentejo region**, with its own dialect, strong Moorish flavor, whitewashed hilltop towns, and unique songs. Part of the Portuguese identity and heritage is cork production, and on our guided walk through a **cork forest** we will gain an understanding of this process. Cork harvesting began here 300 years ago and the cork forest is considered by some to be Europe's Amazon forest. Each year trees are manually stripped of the outer bark after 10 years of growth. During autumn and winter, black pigs from Spain (from which the bellota hams are made) roam freely on the farm, feeding on the acorn. After our walk, lunch is included in a local restaurant, and then we have some time to shop for cork products in Azaruja. This afternoon we visit **Herdade dos Coelheiros**, a fascinating estate known for its high-end dry reds and whites. The estate is also home to a major walnut production, a 9-bedroom B&B, a cork forest and hunting grounds. Located near the tiny carpet-making village of Arraiolos, the distinctive wine labels of Tapada de Coelheiros are actually inspired by the famous decorative rugs. After our time here, we return to Evora, with dinner on your own this evening. (B,L)

**DAY 10, TUE, FEB 27** **LISBON**

We depart Evora this morning and drive to Lisbon, Portugal's picturesque capital city that is spread over seven cinematic hillsides and features postcard-perfect panoramas of cobbled alleyways, ancient ruins and white-domed cathedrals. We enjoy touring this city that has been influenced by many different cultures over time, while still maintaining a village feel in each historic neighborhood. In the monumental area of **Belem** with its World Heritage monuments from the mid-16th century, we see the medieval quarters where the nobility and elite lived, and the harbor from which many of the 14th century "voyages of discovery" departed. We view Belem Palace, painted a distinctive pink color, which serves as the official residence of the president of Portugal. After a light lunch at a local restaurant we will get our sugar fix enjoying a Pastel de Nata, the traditional egg tart pastry. Then we check into **Hotel Lisboa Plaza** (or similar) and enjoy some time at leisure this afternoon. Later today we learn about Portuguese gastronomy in our **evening cooking class**. We learn the secrets of some traditional Portuguese recipes with a local chef in a cozy and fun environment, and then enjoy the delicious meal we prepared. (B,L,D)

**DAY 11, WED, FEB 28** **CASCAIS/SINTRA/LISBON**

This morning we drive to the former sleepy fishing village and now lively holiday-making town of Cascais to visit the **local fish market**. Mingle with locals as they shop for seafood, other meats, vegetables and fruits, cheeses, and pastries. Then we go to Sintra, a romantic city of castles, monuments, and palatial estates that was once a favored summer retreat for Portugal's monarchs and today is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We tour the **Park and National Palace of Pena**, the fruit of King Ferdinand II's creative genius and the greatest expression of 19th-century romanticism in Portugal, denoting clear influences from the Manueline and Moorish styles of architecture. The palace was also inspired by castles on the Rhine and was built in such a way as to be visible from any point in the park, which consists of a forest and luxuriant gardens with over five hundred different species of trees originating from the four corners of the earth. From here we return to Lisbon with some free time this afternoon. This evening we enjoy a farewell **dinner and traditional Fado show**, featuring folk music popular from the early 1800s. Melancholy by nature, the beautiful, haunting music is played on instruments like guitars and mandolins that accompany poetic lyrics related to love, death and sadness, with occasional dashes of humor. After the show we return to our hotel for overnight. (B,L,D)

**Day 12, THU, MAR 1** **LISBON/USA**

After breakfast we transfer to the airport for our return flight to the USA. (B,meals aloft)

*All sites listed in the itinerary will be covered but the sequence and days may be altered to adjust to religious holidays, special closings of sites, air schedules, etc. Hotels listed subject to confirmation.*

**TOUR CONDITIONS**

**PROJECTED PRICE OF BASIC 12-DAY TOUR:  
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(based on double occupancy)**

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