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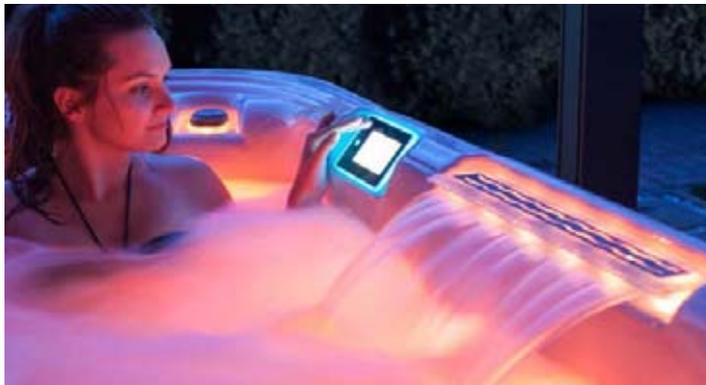
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A Life in SPAIN

Welcome to the September edition of ALIS.

September, arguably is one of the best months of the year in Spain. Still warm enough for the beach or pool, but the sizzling temperatures have subsided. Also, the crush from the influx of Spanish second home owners has calmed down for a few months.

So Whats in this months magazine?

The popular food and drink section, found in the centre pages, visits The Balearic Islands. This group of islands has some very exciting cuisine as well as some interesting twists on the Spanish favourite dishes.

Its also the last chance to enter our free competition to win 2 nights B&B at the fantastic Casa Boquera Boutique Hotel. Draw will take place towards the end of September, so make sure you are in.

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Wine Regions - The Meseta

The “table-top” that represents the centre of the elevated plateau that is Spain is not a uniformly flat, hot, and arid place.

Instead, there are significant mountainous spots that offer the possibility of making high-quality wines, based upon strong differences between daytime and night-time temperatures (grapes seem to like diurnal temperature swings).

Almost two-thirds of all Spain's vineyards are on these arid plains. Until just a decade or two ago, it was an internationally accepted dictum that little quality was made here.



How wrong we all were. Many of Spain's top Vinos de Pago (such as Dominio de Valdepeña, Finca Elez, Dehesa de Carrizal and Pago Guijoso) are found in this area. The northern portion of the Meseta pitches its dry plateau to the edges of the Sistemas Central and Ibérico; the vineyards might be hot and dry, but they often lie at high altitudes, and night-time temperatures can be cool as a result.

The Castilla-La Mancha region is the Midi of Spain, and as with France's Midi, a focus upon varietals is fuelling a revolutionary turnabout in which these wines may become some of the most familiar Spanish wines to Americans. But the revolution is still nascent. For the moment, Airén remains the most widely planted grape, at over 70 percent of the vineyards. Within this larger region is the absurdly large DO La Mancha, and nearly half of the vineyards of the DO aren't allowed to use the DO on their label. Confused? Don't be; it speaks well of the DO rules that merely being from an area doesn't guarantee a producer its DO status.

The DO's of Almansa, Manchuela, Méntrida, Mondéjar, Uclés, Valdepeñas, and Vinos de Madrid share little in common except that they are

all relatively unknown. But their wines are rapidly improving; their elevated vineyards are often high and can be mighty.

The Extremadura region lies to the west, and just as with Castilla-La Mancha, there are some surprising wines to be found, with one DO, Ribera del Guadiana, showing distinct promise.



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Human presence on the island can be traced back from the early Bronze Age (2000 AD), called the pre-talayotic period. Towards 1400 AD these inhabitants built huge stone constructions known as talayots, this era encompasses the richest period of island pre-history, and its most exceptional monument was the taula.

In the year 123 AD Menorca became part of the Roman empire, which transformed the talayotic villages and gave rising power to the three cities built on harbours: Mago (Maó), Jamma (Ciudadella) and Sanisera (Sanitja).

After the decline of Rome - like the rest of the Balearic archipelago - Menorca suffered successive invasions by vandals and Byzantines, until at the beginning of the X century it became part of Islam, initially ruled by the Emirate of Córdoba and later by the Tarifa of Denia.

After almost 400 years of Muslim domination, in 1287 the christian king Alfonso III the Liberal conquered Menorca and placed it under the rule of the crown of Aragón and then the kingdom of Majorca. During this period from the XIII to the XVIII century, and which included the gothic and baroque era, the island hoarded the most important jewels of artistic and architectonic heritage.

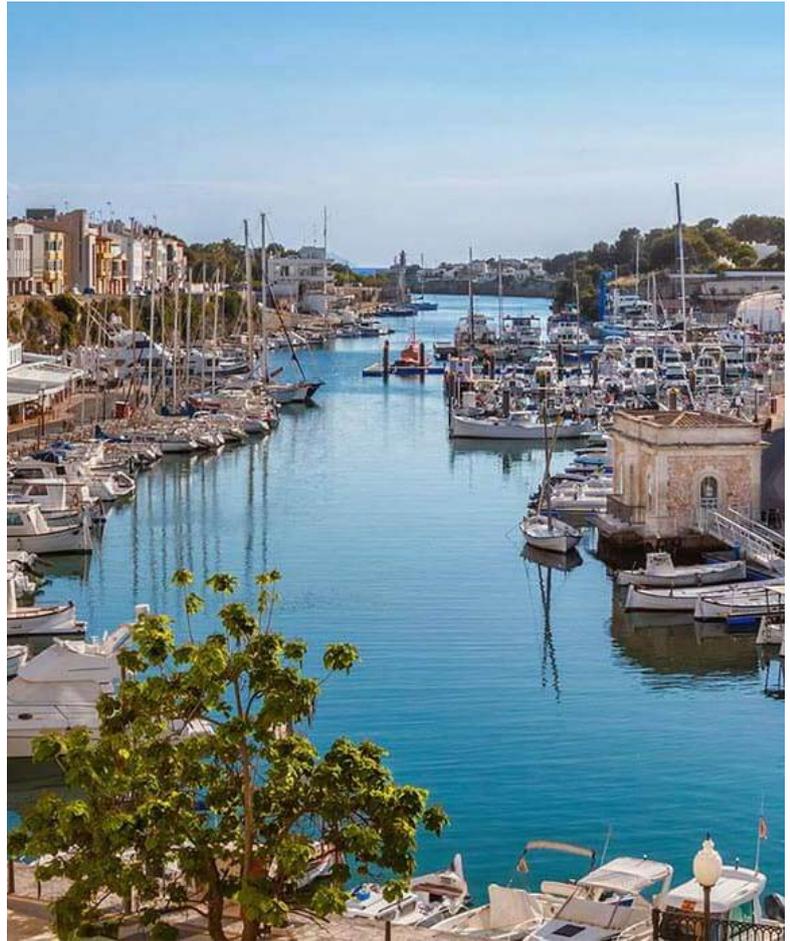
Nevertheless it was at this stage, specifically during the XVI century, that Menorca lived its most tragic moments in history, with incessant invasions by pirates who caused huge unrest and suffering amongst the inhabitants, and which ended with the destruction by the Turks of Maó in 1535 and Ciudadella in 1558, leaving the island on the verge of total abandonment.



In the XVIII century Menorca was transformed once again as a result of European events and this time, due to the the War of Succession, it fell into English hands in 1713. The island remained in their power for the next hundred years with the exception of some brief periods of French and Spanish rule. During this time the English reinforced the coastal defenses and built important public buildings.

The XIX and XX centuries were equally multinational due to the continuous arrival of foreign troops to the port of Maó, which was a free port for the first few years. In this period the Lazareto and the Fortress of Isabel II in La Mola were both built in the Port of Maó. And then, during the XX century, Menorca was heavily involved in the Spanish Civil War from 1936 - 1939.

The XX century saw the development and success of many different industries on the island, but from the 80's tourism became the primary source of income and work. This period also saw the transition of democratic progress with the development of independent local institutions and island-government.







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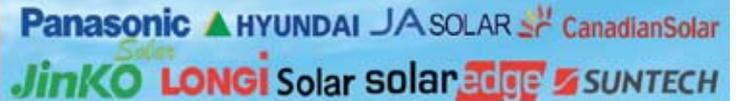


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10 Top Destinations
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The Doñana National Park is located in the fertile river delta where the Guadalquivir meets the Mediterranean Sea. It is an ecological paradise of sand dunes, marshes and plains that serves as a refuge for many species of wildlife. Birders will be treated to views of thousands of different African migratory species. More local endangered species can also be seen by lucky people, like the Iberian lynx and the Spanish Imperial Eagle. As it was once a home for nobility, the visitor's center and marine museum are all housed in repurposed castles and manors, and are worth seeing as well.

Changing scenery with thousands of birds

Doñana is one of Europe's most beautiful and important wetlands. What makes this national park so special is that in just one day you can see very different ecosystems: marshland, lagoons, pine groves, aloe veras, moving dunes, cliffs, 30 kilometres of unspoiled white beaches... A natural spectacle that is different each season, between the Andalusian provinces of Huelva, Seville and Cadiz.

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Routes around the Park

If you fancy exploring the Park on your own, you can get information at any of the visitor centres, and you will find paths, walkways, bike trails, observatories and much more. But if you really want to immerse yourself in all its ecosystems, and truly get to know

them, you should book an off-road guided tour, bicycle tour, horse riding excursion along the beach at sunset, photography or ornithology course. One particularly special way of getting to know Doñana is to board the tourist boat, the Real Fernando, which cruises up the last section of the Guadalquivir river.

Within Doñana you'll come across the famous white village of El Rocío, a meeting point for hundreds of lay brotherhoods during the procession of El Rocío, one of the most famous and popular in Spain (held between May and June). Another iconic event takes place on 26 June, in a tradition dating back more than 500 years, when the Almonte ranchers organise the Saca de Yeguas, rounding up the wild horses you can see grazing in the National Park. While you're here, make sure to explore tourist destinations like Huelva, La Rábida and its Muelle de las Carabelas, Sanlúcar de Barrameda and Moguer, and try local specialities like white prawns from Huelva or Iberian ham. There are also other worthwhile natural spaces nearby, such as Sierra de Aracena y Picos de Aroche Natural Park, and the Rio Tinto Mining Park.



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Spanish cuisine is one of the best in the world due to the quality and variety of ingredients it uses, it is the pride of the country.

It is difficult to talk about the national cuisine of Spain as a whole. But the traditional food is made up of many regional cuisines. Each one influenced by the climate, history, and customs of that region. However, you can distinguish common characteristics in all Spanish cuisine. First of all Spanish food is, in fact, quite simple. The base is onion, garlic and peppers. Usually, it uses herbs, sage and olive oil. The simplicity and the quick preparation are also common in many regional recipes. Typical Iberian Peninsula cooking methods include stewing in wine, cooking with pecorino cheese, or grilling or roasting.

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The Balearic Islands

The gastronomy from Majorca, Menorca, Eivissa·Ibiza* and Formentera is comprised of many delectable and pleasurable dishes. The cuisine takes full advantage of the islands' resources and the many cultures which have passed through the archipelago over the years have left their mark: many different civilisations (Greeks, Phoenicians, Romans, Arabs, French, English...).

Any tourist that visits the Balearic Islands in February will be able to enjoy the incredible beauty of the almond blossom. The nut of these trees is an essential ingredient in the traditional cooking of the islands, together with bread, olive oil and the two types of tomatoes - those which are irrigated and those which are called "ramallet".

These are braided together into bundles and hung up to dry in the open air, and when combined with other ingredients, make very tasty starters, breakfasts or suppers. The "Queso de Mahón", a cheese with Denomination of Origin of the same name because Mahon was the port from which it was exported. However, this cheese can be produced in other parts of Menorca.

Varied products

The potatoes from Sa Pobla, sweet peppers, the wild carrots and other local products are becoming more and more well-known. However, we mustn't forget the seafood and meat which are the bases of Balearic food. The important fishing and agricultural activity that was carried out on the islands before tourism set is reflected in their traditional dishes. Pork and spiny lobster are the main specialities. The islands also have excellent sausages, especially the typical and well-known "sobresada"(named after the protected area Sobrasada in Majorca).

The fish is delectable and very varied and is often used to prepare stocks and soups. The visitor to the Balearic Islands will be able to taste dishes such as the fish soups (the islanders use whitebait a lot in their cooking), rabbit with onion, duck with olives and the magnificent cocas - local cakes which can be either sweet or savoury.

The traveller must not miss the opportunity to try a dish of rice with spider crab or the famous scorpion fish with fine herbs or even a plate of winter soup when the weather so requires. A true Menorcan luxury is the spiny lobster stew as a starter, which is so good that it is usually repeated as the main course. All the islands have their own dishes.

Ensaïmadas and other delights

A meal is never complete if it is not finished off with one of the splendid local desserts. There are many to choose from: baked cottage cheese is the main milk pudding and another favourite is the "coca de

albaricoques" (apricot cakes). But we mustn't forget the very traditional "ensaïmadas" (spiral shaped pastries which are officially named Ensaïmadas de Mallorca) which are famous world-wide, or the small sponge cakes called "quartos", "rubiol", "crespell", "flaó" and "gató de almendra".

Liqueurs and ratafias

Traditional liqueurs are normally served with these delicious desserts or sometimes even as a drink before the meal, especially the Majorcan Palo liqueur (made from the carob fruit and with the geographic denomination Palo de Mallorca), the Herbes Mallorquines (made with herbs), Menorcan gin (Geographical denomination Gin de Menorca), the Herbes Eivissenques (also made with herbs and with the geographical denomination Herbes Eivissenques) and Frígola (mainly thyme).

Wines

With regards to the wine, the Balearic Islands currently have two Denominations of Origin: Binissalem and Pla i Llevant de Mallorca. Wine has been cultivated on the islands for thousands of years and the red wines tend to be more popular than the whites and rosés. The geographical denomination Vins de la Terra d'Eivissa protects the production of the popular wines made on the Island of Eivissa (Ibiza).

Christmas food in the Balearic Islands

The Christmas table could include a cream of almond soup or a Christmas soup with meat-filled pasta, Mahón cheese, seafood, stuffed turkey and sweet treats made from honey and almonds. The most traditional fillings include Christmas escaldums (turkey with dates, plums, tomatoes and even sobrasada). For dessert, try the delicious nougat flatbread, toffee almond, burnt egg yolk cake and the Minorcan cuscussó (a sweet mix that is often used as a stuffing for the capon or turkey).



Black rice



Ingredients:

Ingredients for 6 people:

600 gm of rice

1 1/4 l. of fish and shellfish stock

1/2 chopped onion

4 cloves of chopped garlic.

2 ripe peeled tomatoes

A little chopped parsley

1/2 kg of cuttlefish (very small cuttlefish, also known as 'jibia').

1 spoonful of ground paprika. Olive oil Salt

Method:

Put the oil and a little salt in a paella pan, and when it is hot add the onion and fry gently until golden.

Add the cuttlefish, shortly afterwards the garlic, tomato and fry.

Add the paprika and parsley, stir so that the cuttlefish releases its ink,

then add the rice,

fry a little and add the stock.

Check the salt and leave to dry the first 5 minutes on a high heat and the remaining 15 minutes on a low heat.

Balearic style squid



Ingredients:

Ingredients for 4 people:

1kg of squid (about 4)

50g of raisins

1dl of virgin olive oil

1 cup of white wine

salt

Method:

Clean the squid, removing the tentacles and cut them up very fine.

Sauté them in a frying pan with olive oil.

Add the peeled pine nuts and seedless raisins.

Stuff the squid with all this mixture and fry them lightly in the same oil.

Add the white wine and salt and leave them for about 10 minutes over a low heat until they are cooked.

Presentation

Put the four squid in a serving dish, with the sauce on top. They can be accompanied with 4 small cooked potatoes sprinkled with chopped parsley..

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The city of Zamora in Castile-León, preserves in its old town an important legacy of Romanesque art, which has earned it the declaration of Historic-Artistic site. Set on the banks of the River Duero and right on the Via de la Plata (Silver Road) route, its medieval importance has left a mark in the shape of walls, palaces and churches. To get to know the history and art of the province better,

there is nothing better than looking round one of the towns on the Duero Route or the Via de la Plata. You can get to know it in more depth through its cuisine and traditions, like the celebration of Easter, declared to be of International Tourist Interest.

The Puente de Piedra (Stone Bridge) that crosses the Duero takes you into the city with a strong medieval imprint, known as the City of Romanesque. Its buildings effortlessly take you back to the Middle Ages, a period when the city withstood sieges and attacks. Known as "the Well Protected", because of its triple defensive ring, it preserves the first of these walls almost entirely. Among the stretches of wall, three gates - the Portillo de la Traición, the Puerta de Doña Urraca and the Puerta del Obispo - are outstanding. Dominating the whole layout are the Castle and the Cathedral.

A Romanesque Jewel surrounded by the Castle Park is this fortress of Arab origin which still preserves its Keep, gate and the moat. Beside it stands the tower and dome of the Cathedral of Zamora, which are undoubtedly its most characteristic elements. The gadroon dome and roof with flakes of stone, in Byzantine style, were built in the 12th century; while the Romanesque tower that accompanies them dates from the 13th.

Inside the church, the wrought iron screens and pulpits, the bas-reliefs of the choir stalls and the Neoclassical cloister, which houses the Cathedral Museum, are the outstanding features.


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On your way to the Plaza Mayor, through narrow cobbled streets, you can admire a fine set of Romanesque churches, like those of San Ildefonso, La Magdalena or San Cipriano. Vaults with Gothic arches, apses and doorways decorated with plant motifs and the oldest relics in the city are some of the jewels that you will encounter in this lovely walk among the monuments.

It is worth stopping amid the capitals and archivolts of all the Romanesque churches you will find on your way. In civil architecture, we should point out some emblematic buildings of Renaissance design: the Hospital de la Encarnación, seat of the Provincial Council; the Old City Hall, ordered to be built by the Catholic Monarchs; the Palace of the Momos, nowadays the seat of the Provincial Courts; and the Cordón Palace, which houses the Museum of Zamora. Another jewel of Renaissance architecture is the Palace of the Counts of Alba de Aliste (15th C.), nowadays a Parador de Turismo. In it you can relax on a canopied bed, admire its courtyards and try the region's culinary specialities. Zamora-style rice, stuffed hake and custard with almonds are some of the suggested of a varied menu centred on products of Castile and León. However, if what you want to do is to follow the customs of this place you should go to the area around Calle Herreros, which you will be served wine from the Toro Denomination of Origin (chato) accompanied by a slice of bacon or fried pork (a tapa).

Easter The best time for coming to Zamora is during the Easter celebrations, a Festival of International Tourist Interest; or in summer, when visitors can walk around the city guided by the medieval legends of the Romancero, which are staged in the most charming corners of the city. The province of Zamora has interesting historic places set in countryside of great landscape and natural value, which you can get to know through some of the best-known tours of this region. The Vía de la Plata route that links Seville with Oviedo has passed through here since Roman times. On it, you will discover the treasures preserved in Benavente, Valparaíso, and La Hiniesta.

The other great spine route through this landscape is the Ribera del Duero. Among its scenery you will find many castles as, in the 10th century, it was the frontier with the Muslim world. Toro, covered in vineyards, and Arribes del Duero are other points of interest. Lovers of natural areas have the opportunity to go to the Lago de Sanabria Natural Park, where they will find, among lovely mountain landscape, the largest lake in Spain. Its Interpretation Centre shows the best paths for walking around the area.

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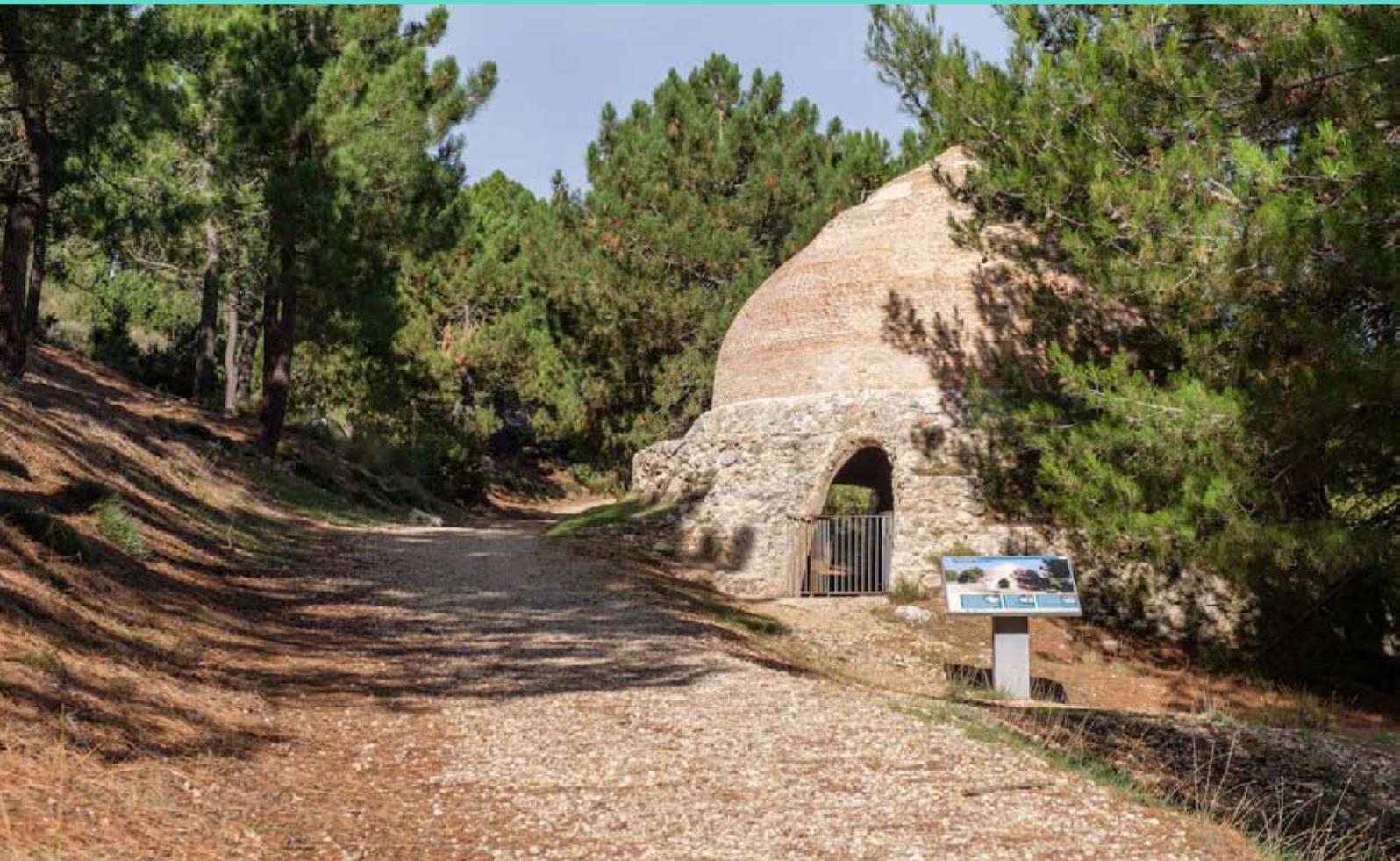
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In the vicinity of the Casa del Pinillo and the Casa Forestal Cuevas de la Plata you can sometimes spot Mouflons. You leave the dirt road to start the descent to the Casa Forestal la Carrasca. Here you can even take a break before you start the climb that brings you back to the Collado de las Pozos de Don Eleuteria. During the climb you have a beautiful view of the Barranco de En valley and the Morrón de Espuña. From the col it goes via the same path of the way back to the starting point.

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However, this Cantabrian town houses its greatest treasure on the outskirts: the Altamira cave, known as the "Sistine Chapel of the Paleolithic Age" and declared a World Heritage site.

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Local gastronomy and the incredible natural areas of the outskirts are other attractions offered by this town which has been declared a National Monument. The Pilgrim's Route to Santiago de Compostela on its northern route, traditionally passes through one of the best preserved medieval spots in Cantabria: Santillana del Mar. To reach this town, pilgrims heading for Santiago de Compostela had to cross the estuaries of El Pas and San Martín de la Arena.

The origin of the town goes back to the VIII century, when a medieval village began to be developed, which had as its centre the collegiate church of Santa Juliana, the building which would later give its name to the present day Santillana del Mar. The centre of this village, declared a National Monument, continues to contain the collegiate church, considered one of the best examples of Romanesque architecture in Cantabria. Built on the site of a former hermitage in the XII century, you can admire its cloister with magnificent decorated capitals, as well as its interesting façade decorated with sculptures and Pantocrator (a representation of Christ framed in an almond shaped structure).

However, if discovering every corner of Santillana del Mar is a real pleasure, trying out its gastronomy is no less a pleasure. Thus, in this town, you can appreciate some of the most significant dishes in the varied Cantabrian culinary tradition, including specialities both in seafood and mountain cuisine. The most famous are the lebaniego and montañés cocidos (stews made from beans, meat and cabbage), venison, sirloin steak, hake served on asparagus tips or sea bream.

The meal is rounded with the delicious cheeses produced throughout the province, the typical Santillana sponge cake or the sobaos pasiegos (small sponge cakes made from butter, flour and eggs), from nearby Vega del Pas. The Outskirts of the excellent location in which Santillana del Mar is set allows you to make numerous excursions. Only 2 kilometres from the town are the Altamira Cave, known as the "Sistine Chapel of the Paleolithic Age" and declared World Heritage. Together with the caves you can visit the Altamira Museum, a modern complex where you can admire the new cave, a true replica of the pictures which appear in the original cave.



Another leisure option is to visit the Santillana Zoo, which houses an important number of animal species. Also, the outskirts of Santillana del Mar allow you to enjoy the rich natural wealth of Cantabria. Visitors can go to the Cabárceno Nature Park, where the animals live almost in the wild, or go on an excursion through the Cares route, in the middle of the Picos de Europa National Park. As an option for accommodation in the foothills of this mountain range is the Parador de Fuente Dé. Other protected areas in Cantabria are the Oyambre, Peña Cabarga and Saja-Besaya Natural Parks. The coast is another attraction for visitors to Santillana, as they can enjoy fishing and the magnificent beaches in Santa Juliana and Ubiarco.





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12 new 'most beautiful' towns in Spain

Pollença, Mallorca

Pollença is a bustling Mallorcan town blessed with colourful Arab tiles and an irregular layout which only serves to make it unique.

Meanwhile its main square, which has a parish church dating from the 17th century, hosts one of the best markets on the island. Its other tourist attractions include the Calvary, a staircase of 365 steps leading to an exceptional viewpoint, the convent of Santo Domingo, the Roman bridge, and the watchtower of Albercuix.

The name "Pollença" comes from the name of the Roman settlement of "Pollentia," the excavated remains of which lie several kilometers away, at the modern municipality of Alcúdia. It was founded by the Catalans in the 13th century some 6 km from the coast in an effort to avoid pirate attacks.

In Pollença, there's almost nothing you can't do. The area is versatile, the cultural heritage is rich and the location and infrastructure makes it easy to reach other interesting places in no time. What this means, is that when you're looking for things to do in Pollença you can choose from a very wide selection of activities such as physical activities, sightseeing, shopping and much more.

One of the main attractions in Pollença, is the stairway built into the mountain slope leading to the summit. At the top of the calvary stairs, you will find the calvary chapel that is used for special occasions and religious ceremonies. However, most people would probably agree that it is the amazing views from the top that makes this climb so special and well worth the struggle. The stairway has about 400 steps, and when you reach the top you will be blessed with a feeling of accomplishment together with the breathtaking panoramic views of the entire valley.

One of the most well-preserved remains of Roman presence on the island, is the Pont Roma (Roman bridge) situated in the western part of Pollença. The Roman army led by Quintus Caecilius Metellus, took over Mallorca in 123 BC after fighting in the Punic Wars for more than a hundred years. They established the capital of Pollentia (Alcúdia), and this bridge was an important part of the infrastructure leading to the city.



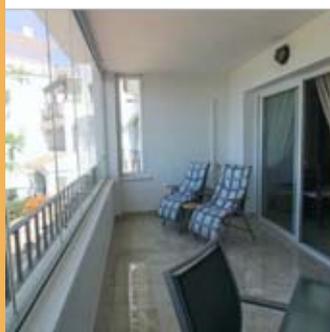
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Most houses were built in the 17th and 18th centuries and many streets are very narrow and compact, a legacy from the medieval era. The central square, called Plaça Major, has numerous outdoor cafés and is dominated by a large 13th-century church Església de Nostra Senyora dels Àngels (Our Lady of the Angels) which was built by the Knights Templar.

One of the town's most distinctive features is the 365-step stairway north of the square; this leads up to a chapel on top of the hill known as Calvary. On Good Friday this is the setting for the most dramatic parade of the year. First, on the road winding up the back of the hill, there is a reenactment of the Stations of the Cross. This is followed by a mock crucifixion on top of the hill after which the figure of Christ is ceremonially removed from the Cross. There is a sombre, torchlit parading of the body of Christ through the town led by hundreds of people in cloaks, masks and pointed hats and done in total silence save for the slow beating of a drum.

The town also has a 19th-century bridge of Romanesque design that crosses a stream to the north of the town.

Most visited sights in Pollença town: Plaça Mayor, Plaça Vella, Can Llobera, Convent, Joan March Gardens, Calvari and Roman Bridge.



Jerez

By Taquilla Tickets

Taquilla Tickets is in a right “ROYAL” mood now ! And why is that we hear you ask ? Because, ladies and gentlemen, the time is here to take our guests to a real “ROYAL SHOWDOWN”.

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Yes, dear readers, we are taking you to the lovely city of Jerez de la Frontera in beautiful Andalusia to see the magnificent horses that are some of the best horses in the world!! The city of Jerez is globally renowned as the Sherry and Flamenco capital of the world. BUT, also for the Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art.

The Royal School is managed by the Andalusian Government, and is famous throughout the world for its year round performances of “How the Andalusian Horses Dance”. For more than 40 years international audiences have been astonished by these magnificent horses. Riders and horses are dressed in 18th century style costumes and perform what is globally recognised as an equestrian ballet choreographed to classical music which is written and composed expressly for the production !! The school is devoted to conserving the ancestral abilities of the Andalusian Horse.

AND THAT’S NOT ALL !!

Taquilla Tickets is also taking you to a Sherry House (or

Bodega). A Bodega tour for Sherry is different to your average wine cellar tour. One of the key differences is that there are no vineyards involved in a Sherry tour (however, if we can visit a vineyard then we will !!). This is because although the grapes are obviously important, it is the fortification and ageing process that makes wine into Sherry. Did you know that Sherry has a Designation of Origin status ? This means that Sherry can only be made in the towns that make up Spain’s “Sherry Triangle”. As well as Jerez, the other two are Sanlucar de Barrameda and El Puerto de Santa Maria.

Sherry Bodega and vines

Wine lovers are surprised when they learn that it was only in 1996 that the European Union granted the name “Sherry”. Sherry wines have enjoyed lots of glory throughout history. Sherry was first taken to England in 1340 but really became “on fashion” when one of Francis Drake’s captain’s, Martin Frobisher, in 1587, set fire to Cadiz. He left with 3,000 barrels of Sherry. This created a market for Sherry in London, and a taste was developed, and this taste has lasted a very long time indeed !!

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What you should know about renting an apartment in Spain

If you want to rent an apartment in Spain, it is wise to be prepared and know the dos and don'ts. From my own experience I wish I had some advice in advance. The biggest problem I found was to get my deposit back after I stopped renting the apartment. The owner was very friendly and willing to help during the rental period, but when I left the apartment it took me some time to get the deposit back. I learned from others that this is a common problem, among other key points, which I will detail below.

Rental deposit

When you find a flat, it is possible your landlord will ask you for a deposit (two months of rent is normal). This is because they want to make sure the tenants can pay their rent. After the rental period it can be tricky to get your money back. My advice is to take pictures of the apartment when you start renting and also when you end your rental agreement. This is to make sure the landlord cannot hold you responsible for any defects afterwards if you are not responsible for them.

Rental contract

Make sure you sign a contract. There are many standard contracts that you can find online. Probably the landlord will hand you or mail you the contract. Check this contract or have someone read it for you. It is a certainty for both tenant and landlord and tackles a lot of issues you can get later on. You can make a free standard rental agreement yourself on [Idealista.com](https://www.idealista.com).

Cost of renting a flat in Spain

A very common question I get is, what the price of a rental apartment is. It is very diverse, and it depends on many factors. The location is maybe the most important reason of the price, as the urban districts are much more expensive than the countryside. Some cities are more expensive than others, some of the cheapest cities to live in are: A Coruña, Elche, Castellón, Sevilla, Granada, Alicante and Valencia. But also, within the city the price range can be enormous, so study each neighbourhood. Check out these cost of living in Spain guides:



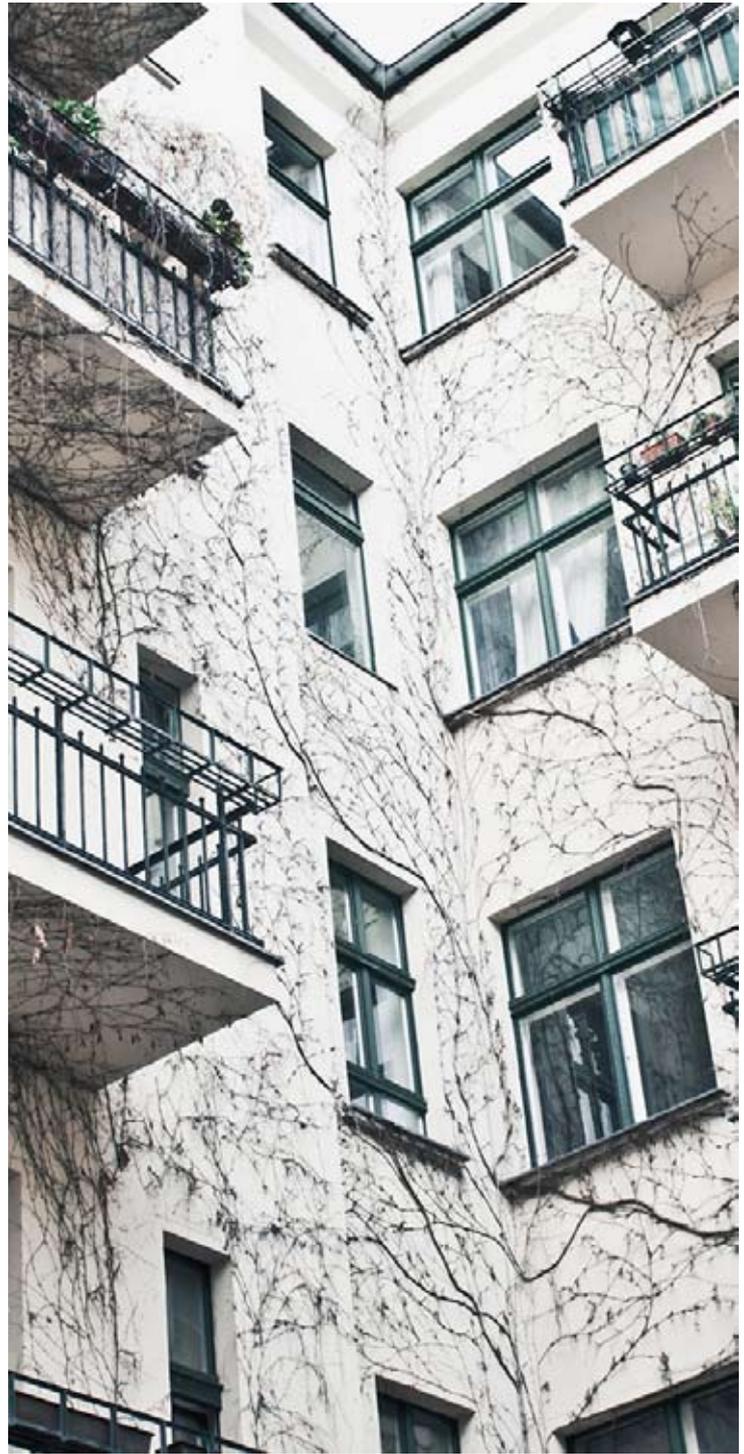
Documentation

You need a NIE or tax identification number to rent an apartment in Spain. When you live for over 183 days (6 months) a year in Spain, you also need to become a resident.

Finding an apartment

There are many ways to find an apartment. You can call the owner directly on the number that is put outside of the apartment on a 'to rent' sign, you can look at a rental agency office window or maybe online. Websites where you can check available apartments are: Idealista, Fotocasa and Kyero. The benefit of an agency is that they can help you with translation, they can help you with changing the connection of gas, water and electricity, and they can help you with the rental contract. Be prepared to pay the agent a full month of rent.

If you are not sure if you want to stay in Spain for a long time or if you are not sure of the location, it is probably better to rent an apartment in Spain instead of buying a house or flat.



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FROM WIGAN PIER TO ANDALUCÍA

'I'm glad she's on our side,' said Val.

'Me too,' I replied.

The rough edge of Jos's tongue is a lot rougher than a border terrier's armpit and neither of us would fancy being on the receiving end of it. How do we know we haven't been? That's simple; with Jos what you see is what you get. If she had a problem with you she'd tell you to your face and never carp about you behind your back.

We can afford to live here because though our pensions have been more than decimated by the idiocy of Brexit we still have a regular income. But so often we hear of younger folk who move to Spain with only the vaguest idea of how they will support themselves. They compound the challenge by purchasing some remote finca that a Spanish family has thankfully abandoned for a modern town house with mains electricity and water that comes from a tap rather than a well that runs dry in August. In Andalucía we either have too little water or too much. A couple of our friends lived on the wrong side of 'dry' arroyos that became raging torrents when it rained. One of them used to arrive at choir rehearsal barefoot and carrying her shoes.

To make a living here you have to be serious about work. You are thinking of running a bar? We have dozens already run by people who speak Spanish and already know what they are doing. Because you're British you think you'll be able to get away with charging three times as much as a Spanish builder? Think again. Nick and Shaun thought the same, and they are long gone. You are still living in the UK so you plan to make money by letting out your Spanish house to tourists?

Then you'll need Jos. For a start she, or her bilingual daughter Mercedes, will guide you through the tangle of bureaucracy you'll have to negotiate before you can even begin. Then she'll prep your house before each let, cheerfully welcome your guests and clean up after them when they've departed. When your house is unoccupied she'll keep an eye on it, repair the leak in the roof and scrub the toxic black mould off the bathroom walls.

If you have no regular source of income, such as a pension, don't come to Spain unless you are willing to roll up your sleeves and graft. I know Spanish

couples in our neighbourhood who juggle three or four jobs between them, be it seasonal work on the olives, running a small shop, scrubbing floors at the Ayuntamiento or doing odd bits of building work. Flexibility is the key and it's a pattern that suits pint-sized Jos's steely determination and her willingness to try and succeed at anything that comes to hand. She's the best cement renderer I know. And that includes the professionals.

Jos isn't actually a Geordie. She's a Northumbrian from the lovely little stone-built town of Hexham in the Tyne Valley. A trained nurse, in the midst of her hectic, plate-spinning life, we've seen her tenderly caring for a terminally ill British patient, shuttling to and fro between hospitals as far apart as Málaga and Antequera, never missing an appointment and translating as necessary into her unique and completely intelligible brand of Tyneside Spanish. Added to all that she can sing and dance and is famous as a star turn in the Christmas pantomime. There was a time when it was de rigueur for us Brits to dress up for festive occasions but thankfully those days are long gone, so the guests at our golden wedding reception a couple of years ago wore everything from very little to Spanish high fashion. The children (swimsuits) had a great time popping in and out of the pool and so (fully dressed) did Jos, who is fifty-five going on fifteen.

When we leave Spain to visit family in America, Jos moves in to look after El Cortijo del Rector, and the mere sound of her little Peugeot driving up the camino sends the dogs into a frenzy of delight. We leave a list of maintenance jobs which will ensure that the house is in an immaculate state on our return. No matter how unreasonable the hour, she drives us to the airport, a three-hour round trip, and is waiting for us at Arrivals three weeks later with a beaming smile and an immediate assurance that the dogs are not only in the best of health but have been 'as good as gold' (which we privately rather doubt). Even after years in Andalucía, that Northumbrian accent is still richly intact. A British friend told us:

'I tried to call you but you were away, and the lady who answered your phone didn't speak English so I gave up.'

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Part 6: Jos, the Geordie Fixer



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