

AMELIA DALTON^{LTD}

TRAVEL

ANDALUCÍA 2018

Spirited, Passionate & Scented.



Historic **ANDALUCIA** in **SOUTHERN SPAIN** is blessed with fascinating architecture, colourful traditions, delicious food and elegant, sophisticated wines.

SEVILLE is one of the world's most romantic and charming cities - home to Carmen and Don Juan where traffic-free streets are tightly packed with magnificent monuments and buzzing tapas bars.

In **JEREZ** the unique wine **bodegas** have an **old-world charm**, style and appeal far removed from the stainless steel production lines other wine producing areas. In **CADIZ** history and art combine with the city's spectacular situation to create an elegant city, awash with light reflected by the sea. **SAN LUCAR de BARRAMEDA**, situated on the dune-backed estuary of the **Guadalquivir River** has the charm of a quiet beachside village and produces **sensational wines**, with a thriving fishing fleet supplying the delightful **seafood restaurants**.

We will feast on tapas -from ham to shrimps, sample unusual wines, including the unctuous **Pedro Ximénez** and relish the variety of this charming area.



In September warmth we take advantage of **SEVILLE's** well-earned reputation for elegance and charm. With our knowledgeable local guide, we visit the **Royal Moorish palace** of the **Alcazar**, the magnificent **15th century CATHEDRAL** and stroll the tightly-packed streets of the colourful and buzzing **Barrio Santa Cruz**.

In the evening we adopt the local custom and take a carriage to dinner whilst sipping local wine as our driver guides his horse through the narrow streets. Guided by our **local guru, Roger** we will tuck into wine and tapas at Seville's **oldest tapas bar** before a dinner in their famous restaurant enjoying local specialities and wines. Moving on, next morning we are the guests of one of Spain's great **family dynasties** - the **DOMECQS** to enjoy a private visit to their famous country estate, famous for breeding bulls and horses. We have lunch at the house after seeing a specially arranged **spectacular horseback ceremony**. In **JEREZ de la FRONTERA**, Roger will take us to visit **Bodegas Lustau** possibly the most prestigious bodega in Spain. Founded in 1896 by **Don José Berdejo** the company creates some of the great and well-known brands which we can enjoy at a private tasting before we continue to **Fernando de Castilla** for a private **tapas lunch** at the bodegas revived by **Jan Pettersen**, a Norwegian renowned for his mastery with the bodegas's production of delicious brandy and sherry.



CADIZ, with its historic harbour, well-known for Sir Francis Drake's infamous raid, is totally different from either Seville or Jerez. It is a city of grand open squares and beautiful houses with elegant balconies redolent of the days of Empire. We will see unusual **art treasures**, pause for tea at a 'Belle Epoque' café and dine on freshly caught **seafood**. Also beside the sea, but with a different atmosphere, is **SANLUCAR de BARRAMEDA**, the port from which both Magellan and Columbus sailed, has a buzzing fish market. As guests of **Javier Hidalgo** at **LA GITANA**, we taste his world famous **manzanilla**. This truly elegant, tangy and slightly salty wine is perfect to accompany our seafood lunch overlooking the estuary of the **Gualdalquivir River** with its bobbing boats and swooping seabirds. On the opposite shore, the **Coto Doñana National Park**, is a haven for migrating flamingo and spoonbills which we may see as they make their way up river into the Park.



DETAILED ITINERARY, 21st – 27th September 2018

Fri 21st Sept: SEVILLE: transfer (30 mins) from the airport to the centre of town. Our hotel, **Corray del Rey** is in the very heart, close to the cathedral in Seville, (2 nights). **Carriage ride, wine Tasting, Tapas & Dinner** with **ROGER DAVIES** at Seville's oldest wine bar, **El Rinconillo**.

Sat 22nd Sept. SEVILLE: morning guided walking tour of the **ALCAZAR**, the **CATHEDRAL** and **BARRIO SANTA CRUZ quarter**. Ending our morning's tour close to the cathedral, we lunch at one of the city's most well-regarded restaurants, very much the haunt of locals rather than tourists. The afternoon and evening will be free for you to explore at leisure, visit other sites, shop and soak up the atmosphere of this charming city.

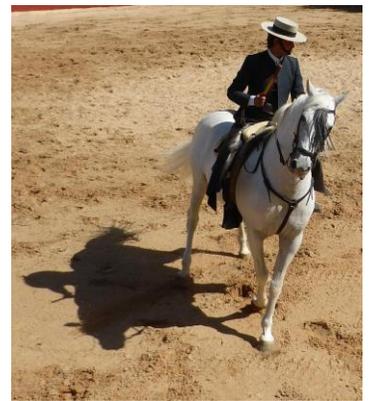
Sun 23rd Sept. ANDALUCIA COUNTRYSIDE transfer (1 hr) to join the **Domecq family** at their **Estancia Los Alburejos TORRESTRELLA for a privileged Private Visit**. In the surroundings of their elegant ranch, we learn of the family's traditional way of life and history of breeding specialised cattle and superb Andalusian horses. We watch a horse-back '**Tienta**' demonstration (to assess a heifer's spirit – this is not a bull fight) before a simple **tapas lunch**. After lunch, we transfer (45 mins) to the **Hacienda de San Rafael** (4 nights). Dinner al fresco if the weather permits

Mon 24th Sept. JEREZ de la FRONTERA This morning we discover the raison d'être of this pretty town. Accompanied by **ROGER**, we transfer (30 mins) to **BODEGAS LUSTAU** to experience their range of delicious wines. Across the town we see the stylish, traditional buildings of **FERNANDO de CASTILLA**, taste their wonderful brandies and enjoy a special tapas lunch. Dinner at the Hacienda.

Tues 25th Sept. CADIZ After a lazy morning to enjoy a swim or game of tennis in the gardens, we spend the afternoon (1 hr transfer) in **CADIZ**, with its perfect natural harbour. Much of the **18th century walls** remain protectively preserving the old town from the sea. Our guided walking tour through the **sailors' alleyways** will take us past elegant town houses with their typical **mirador** facades to the impressive **Museum** where we see the **Phoenician** jewellery and artefacts, some fine **Goya frescoes** and a brilliant **El Greco** before dinner at one of Andalusia's most famous **fish restaurants**.

Wed 26th Sept. SANLUCA de BARRAMEDA; A short drive from the Hacienda (40 mins) takes us to the coast to **SANLUCAR de BARRAMEDA** where we will see the seething array of varied fish in the market before we are guests of **Javier Hidalgo** at **LA GITANA** for a **delightful 'insider's'** visit. We taste some of Javier's delicate, salty **manzanillas** before an informal seafood lunch on the waterfront. In the late afternoon we return to the Hacienda for our Farewell Dinner.

Thurs 27th Sept. Depart. Transfer* to Seville airport.



*Our local food and wine 'guru', **ROGER DAVIES** has lived in Andalusia since 1987 having fallen in love with the charms of this stylish area and was **Rick Stein's** 'man' for his series on Spanish Wine and Food. With the benefit of his connections and local knowledge we will be introduced to some famous dry white wines, fortified and aged rancio-styled wines as well as his favourite tapas bars.*

HOTELS

CORRAL DEL REY (2 nights): our hotel in the centre of **Seville**, 5 minutes from the cathedral, was once a 17th Century palace. Carefully-restored this small luxury hotel provides stylish, comfortable accommodation, a roof terrace and plunge pool. Weather permitting, the charming outdoor roof terrace will be the perfect place to relax with glass in hand after excitements of the city.



HACIENDA de SAN RAFAEL: set in the peaceful countryside between Seville and Jerez this traditional Hacienda was once an 18th century olive estate. Six acres of gardens surround the hotel: there are secluded garden villas, three pools, two bars and both indoor and outdoor restaurants providing a charming setting. The individually designed rooms, each with its own veranda, where breakfast is served, have beautiful antiques and textiles. Well placed for nearby Seville, Jerez and Cadiz, the privately-owned Hacienda will offer a delightful contrast after the bustle of life in Seville.



Cost based on 2 sharing a room Eur 3,620 per person

Payments to be made in Sterling based on the Barclays rate at the time of payment.

Surcharge for single occupancy of double room Eur 418 (imposed by the hotels)

Cost includes:

- Accommodation as mentioned, or similar quality, with Continental breakfast
- taxes and service charges (suites & garden villas available @ extra cost)
- meals as mentioned (4 lunches, 5 dinners, each with ½ bottle of wine pp)
- tastings, entrance fees and visits as mentioned in the itinerary.
- transfers from and to Seville airport connecting only with the suggested flights
- transfers as mentioned in the itinerary for the suggested flights
- gratuities to restaurants, guides and drivers
- services of wine expert & tour leader

Cost does NOT include:

- arrival at & departure from Seville airport.
- transfers other than those specified
- items of a personal nature, e.g. spa treatments / laundry.
- travel insurance.
- Meals, transport or other services not specified in the itinerary
- government levies or taxes introduced after costing and publication on November 2017



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