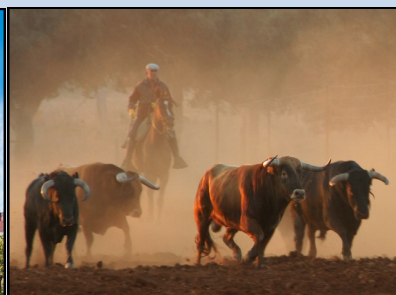




Spain & Portugal Agriculture Tour

Feb 11th – 25th, 2018



Tour Highlights:

Sightseeing tour of the Catalonian port of Barcelona, visit to Cooperative of Catalonia, visit an ancient Roman City, see the sea-lapped castle used to film "El-Cid", visit to the vegetable producing region of Huert, Visit to the Central Market of Valencia, Stop at Dolores for visit to enterprise of Feeds for animal farming, sightseeing tour visiting the famous Alhambra Palace, visit to a local Holstein dairy, Experimental Station belong to the High Council for Scientific Research of Spain, visit a Spanish Olive tree orchard & olive oil mill for a tour and tasting, Morning sightseeing tour of the Old Jewish Quarter and the Mosque of the Caliphs with its 850 pillars in Cordoba, Panoramic tour by bus of the capital city of Seville, visit a ranch producing brave bulls for the bullring, visit an soy crop farm production, Enjoy a "tapas" dinner with a fiery Flamenco show, visit a breeding stud farm of purebred Spanish horse, a full day excursion along southern coastline, visit a turf farm, Meeting with Association of Breeders of the Alentejano beef race, Morning sightseeing tour of Lisbon, spend the morning on the beach in Cascais, Visit the José Maria da Foncesca Wine Estate to taste their famous wines, Farewell dinner including a Fado performance



February 10th Depart Canada—overnight flight

DAY 1 (Sunday, February 11th, 2018) ARRIVE BARCELONA (D)

Your flight arrives Barcelona.

Meet & Greet with your guide before a morning sightseeing tour of the Catalanian port of Barcelona, host of the 1992 Olympic Games, visiting the ancient Gothic quarter then to the Ramblas with a visit to the Boquería Market.

Remainder of the day is at leisure to rest up after the flights.

This evening enjoy a get together dinner in a local fish restaurant to taste some Spanish cooking specialties.

Overnight: Barcelona

DAY 2 (Monday, February 12th, 2018) BARCELONA /SORT (B, L)

07h30 Buffet Breakfast at the hotel.

09h00 Departure for the north part of the Catalanian region.

12h00 Arrival to Sort and visit to one of the most important beef producer Cooperative of Catalonia

The herds producing 'Ternera de los Pirineos Catalanes' or 'Vedella dels Pirineus Catalans' (Beef from the Catalan Pyrenees) basically comes from the Bruna Pyrenean breed, native to the area, resulting from a cross between the old native cow from the Catalan Pyrenean counties and the Alpine Brown breed. However, crosses with Charolais and Limousin are allowed. It is a breed intended for beef production and with excellent milk production for rearing calves. They are a very rural breed, hardy in the fields. Their food is based on grazing, complemented by hay or forage at certain periods. The beasts are slaughtered at between 9 and 12 months for females and 10 and 15 months for males. The resulting product is a meat with tones ranging from pinkish to bright red, infiltrated with intramuscular fat. It is a high-quality, very tender and juicy meat.

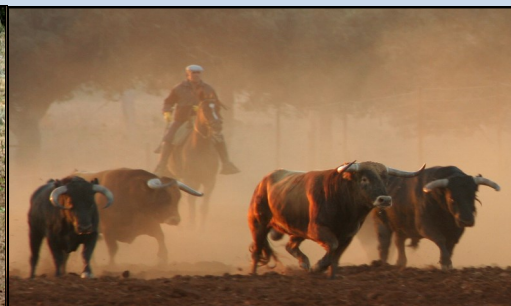
13h30 Lunch in a local restaurant with a menu based in this particular race meat

15h00 Return to Barcelona

18h00 Arrival to the hotel.

Dinner at leisure

Overnight: Barcelona





DAY 3 (Tuesday, February 13th, 2018) BARCELONA - VALENCIA (B, D)

07h30 Breakfast at the hotel

09h00 Departure for Valencia

Enroute to Valencia we'll visit an ancient Roman City founded about 200 years B.C. and at Peniscola see the sea-lapped castle used to film "El-Cid". Free time for lunch

15h30 *Afternoon visit to the vegetable producing region of Huerta, one of the most productive areas of agricultural land in Spain, with a huge range of produce, salad foods, celery, onions, and tomatoes all produced under irrigation. We'll visit both co-operative and privately owned producers.*

18h30 Arrival to the hotel

20h00 Special meat dinner at a restaurant specialized in beef and other meats

Overnight: Valencia

DAY 4 (Wednesday, February 14th, 2018) VALENCIA - GRANADA (B, D)

07h30 Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

09h00 *Visit to the Central Market of Valencia—The historic central market, built between about 1915 and 1928, the 8000 square metre building provides city dwellers, and of course the tourists, with some of the area's freshest and finest food.*

The market itself is divided into various but somewhat ambiguous sections depending on the type of food available, almost all of which is very local, very fresh and very traditional. Some of which, for someone who has never even been into a Spanish supermarket, for example, can be quite a surprise, specifically the goriness of the meat displays being one of them!

we also find row upon row of "Jamon" (Pronounced ham-on) which is the staple dry-cured Spanish meat that is seen in bars across the country, and an integral part of daily life in Spain. The Spanish take their Jamon very seriously and many different grades of this can be found varying in price and quality, the best being "pata negra" or "Black hoof" which are from black pigs which forage freely in fields and eating only acorns.

Travel along the coast line to Alicante, and then inland towards the mountains passing through palm forests and saffron fields. This is also an area of citrus and date production

12h30 stop at Dolores for *visiting an important enterprise of Feeds for animal farming.*

13h30 Free time for lunch

15h00 On to Granada - on the way, we will see Troglodyte cave dwellings hollowed out of the soft tufa stone near Guadix and Purullena and then through one of Spain's most characteristic landscapes over the Mora Pass with superb views of the Sierra Nevada down to Granada, capital of the Moor's Kingdom until their defeat in 1492.

Arrival & dinner in Granada.

Overnight: Granada



DAY 5 (Thursday, February 15th, 2018) GRANADA (B)

07h30 Buffet Breakfast at the hotel

09h00 Morning sightseeing tour visiting the famous Alhambra Palace, where we will see the fortress of Alcazaba, Charles V's Palace, the subterranean bath house and the beautiful Generalife water gardens.

11h30 free time at city centre

14h30 *afternoon departure for a visit to a local Holstein dairy – family farm with 180 cows in production.*

17h00 return to Granada and rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Granada

DAY 6 (Friday, February 16th, 2018) GRANADA - CORDOBA (B, D)

07h30 Buffet Breakfast at the hotel

09h00 Departure for Armilla

Visit to the Experimental Station belong to the High Council for Scientific Research of Spain. (Headquarters Animal Nutrition Unit)

- *Presentation*
- *Visit of the station*
- *Discussion about the Animal Nutrition*

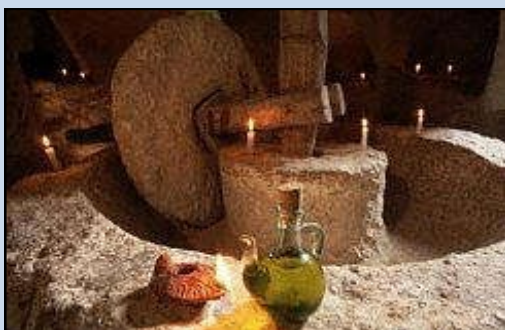
12h00 On to Baena

12h30 We arrive to a *Spanish Olive tree orchard. Visit to an olive oil mill and have a tasting.*

18h00 Arrival to Córdoba and free time at the centre

19h30 Check-in at the hotel followed by dinner

Overnight: Córdoba





DAY 7 (Saturday, February 17th, 2018 – Free Day) - CORDOBA (B)

07h30 Buffet Breakfast at the hotel

09h00 Morning sightseeing tour of the Old Jewish Quarter and the Mosque of the Caliphs with its 850 pillars.

Afternoon & dinner at leisure.

Overnight: Cordoba

DAY 8 (Sunday, February 18th, 2018) - CORDOBA – SEVILLE (B,L,D)

07h30 Buffet Breakfast at the hotel

09h00 Departure through the fertile valley of the Guadalquivir River to Seville, vibrant capital of Andalusia.

11h00 Arrival at Seville. Panoramic tour by bus of the capital of Andalusia.

12h30 Route to visit a *ranch producing brave bulls for the bullring. The bulls used are a special breed carefully bred over several centuries for their speed and courage.*

13h30 *Typical lunch based in the breve bull meat.*

15h00 *Introduction to the bullfighting and the brave bull world*

15h30 *Visit the farm with tractors plateformes*

17h00 Return to Seville

19h00 Dinner

Overnight: Seville



DAY 9 (Monday, February 19th, 2018) SEVILLE (B, D)

07h30 Buffet Breakfast

09h00 *this morning we'll visit a soy crop farm production. The property also has other productions for feeding animals.*

12h00 Return to Seville

13h00 Free time for lunch

14h30 Afternoon sightseeing tour – this tour includes the massive cathedral, burial place of Christopher Columbus, the Moorish Giralda Tower, the Santa Cruz quarter and Alcazar

18h30 Return to the hotel

20h00 Tonight we enjoy a “tapas” dinner with a fiery Flamenco show.



DAY 10 (Tuesday, February 20th, 2018) SEVILLE - ALBUFERIA (B, D)

07h30 Buffet Breakfast

09h00 Today we leave for Portugal.

10h00 At San Juan del Puerto in the Huelva Province we will *visit a breeding stud farm of purebred Spanish horses*

11h30 On to Portugal. Continue the drive over the border river crossing to Albuferia (Change your watches for 1 hour earlier)

11h30 *Visit to the general food market of Faro (also fish, area)*

Arrival to the hotel and Check-in. Afternoon at leisure

19h30 Dinner

Overnight: Albuferia

DAY 11 (Wednesday, February 21st, 2018) ALBUFERIA (B, D)

07h00 Breakfast.

08h30 Today enjoy a full day excursion along the enchanting southern coastline where you'll see the wind-swept promontory of Sages and the dramatic cliff face defying the waves of an ever-angry Atlantic Ocean. It is here that Henry the Navigator lived and planned his overseas explorations.

16h00 *On the return journey at Algarve, an important agricultural region of Southern Portugal, we will visit a turf farm, catering for the commercial production of grass and forage.*

19h30 Dinner

Overnight: Albuferia

DAY 12 (Thursday, February 22nd, 2018) ALBUFERIA - LISBON (B)

07h00 Breakfast at the hotel.

08h30 Journey north to Alentejo, perhaps Portugal's richest agricultural region.

11h30 Meeting with Association of Breeders of the Alentejano beef race.

- Introduction
- Visit to a breeding farm

14h30 On to Lisbon now the capital of a small country on the western fringe of the Iberian Peninsula.

17h30 Check-in and evening at leisure

Overnight: Lisbon





DAY 13 (Friday, February 23rd 2018) LISBON (B)

07h30 Breakfast

09h00 Morning sightseeing tour includes the Monument to the Discoveries and the Belem Tower, the starting point for Portugal's great navigators and explorers. We'll also see Sao Jorge Castle and visit Jeronimo's Monastery with the tomb of Vasco da Gama. We will drive past the Bull Ring to Pombal Statue and on along the grand Avenida da Liberdade and then enjoy a walking tour through cobbled alleys of Alfama.

13h00 Free time for lunch at Santarem

14h30 In the afternoon, begin the Baixa tour. There's no better way to get acquainted with the city than visiting Praça do Comércio, the magnificent square laid out in a neoclassical grid. Then, we'll make the way to Elevador de Santa Justa (Santa Justa Lift), the neoclassical elevator that transports passengers from the Baixa district up to the ruins of the Igreja do Carmo church. Move on to Rossio Square, the heart of Lisbon.

Free evening in Lisbon

Overnight: Lisbon

DAY 14 (Saturday, February 24th, 2018) LISBON – CASCAIS (B,L,D)

07h30 Breakfast at your hotel.



09h00 Start off the day spending the morning on the beach in Cascais. Located 30 kilometres west of Lisbon, this cosmopolitan suburb was a go-to holiday destination by European nobles and is now a favourite beach destination by celebrities. Visit to Cascais and see Cabo da Roca, the most westerly point of continental Europe.

13h30 Lunch in a typical restaurant of the city

15h00 Cross the 25th of April Bridge over the Tagus River to the charming village of Azeitão in one of Portugal's most important wine regions. Visit the José Maria da Fonseca Wine Estate to taste their famous wines

19h30 Farewell dinner including a Fado performance.

Overnight: Lisbon

DAY 15 (Sunday, February 25th, 2018) LISBON - RETURN (B)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to the airport to fly home to Canada



Spain & Portugal Package Pricing

Twin Rate: CA\$4996 per person

Single Rate: Add extra CA\$833

PRICES INCLUDES:

- INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE EX CALGARY
- LUXURY MOTORCOACH FOR THE WHOLE TOUR
 - ENGLISH SPEAKING GUIDE
- SIGHTSEEING TOUR WITH LOCAL GUIDES TO BARCELONA, GRANADA, CORDOBA, SEVILLE, LISBON AND CASCAIS
 - ENTRANCE FEES DURING THE GUIDED LOCAL TOURS
 - 1 WELCOME DINNER IN BARCELONA
 - 3 LUNCHES WITH WINE INCLUDED
 - 1 DINNER AND FLAMENCO IN SEVILLE
 - 1 DINNER WITH FADO IN LISBON
 - 4 DINNERS IN HOTEL
 - 1 TYPICAL PORTUGUEES DINNER IN LISBON
 - 14 NIGHTS IN HOTELS 3*** / 4****
 - 14 BUFETT BREAKFAST
 - VISIT TO A FONSECA WINE CELLAR
 - VISIT TO A BRAVE BULL FARM / INTRODUCTION TO THE BULLFIGHTING IN SPAIN (LUNCH INCLUDED)