

“Iberian Agriculture and Historic Sites: Discovery Tour of Spain”

From the majesty of Andalusia to the capital city of Madrid, Spain is filled with history and a rich and rewarding agricultural heritage. This very special itinerary delves into the Moorish culture of the Southern peninsula with historic visits to UNESCO World Heritage sites combined with the agriculture and unique products that make Spain a major provider in the European marketplace. Our tour is filled with contrasts – the richness of antiquity, the modern processes of agricultural production, the visits, sounds and tastes that are today’s Spain. A limited number of travelers will experience Iberia this fall....

Denver	November 26	Delta 016	depart:	11:35
Detroit			arrive:	16:28
Detroit	November 26	Delta 098	depart:	17:55
Paris CDG	November 27		arrive:	08:00
Paris CDG	November 27	Air France 5052	depart:	10:10
Malaga			arrive:	12:40

November 27, 2017 Monday: MALAGA AIRPORT (D)

Upon arrival at Malaga Airport, the group will be met and greeted by our English-speaking escort. Transfer to our hotel in the Costa del Sol area. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Torremolinos.

November 28, 2017 Tuesday: MALAGA – MOTRIL (B, L, D)

This morning we head east to visit the most important farmer’s cooperative in Spain for avocado production. They are sold to the domestic market and exported to many European countries. Lunch will be served in a local restaurant along the coast (Salobreña or Motril). This afternoon, our group will visit an important co-operative that has 400 hectares [1000 acres] with several species of subtropical fruits and 80 hectares [200 acres] of greenhouses where vegetables are cultivated for export to the Central European markets. Continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight in Motril.

November 29, 2017 Wednesday: MOTRIL - EL EJIDO – GRANADA (B, L)

Morning departure to visit a local seed company with 15 hectares of greenhouses and over 8 seedbeds in Malaga and Granada provinces. They control the requirements of the plants with a modern technology and are specialists in plant grafting. The horticultural seedbeds date to the origin of the company in 1986. They have evolved in facilities, surface, and experience adapting to the development of this special sector. Their philosophy has always been to stay in the forefront of business development and they are considered pioneers and leaders in new production technologies (hydroponics, ecological, grafts...). Their commitment is to farmers looking for solutions to their production problems. Lunch en route. We then depart inland to the province of Granada; en route we will visit a winery that produces table wines. Continue to Granada and our hotel for the next two nights.

November 30, 2017 Thursday: GRANADA (B, L)

After breakfast we depart west of Granada where we will visit a farmer’s cooperative that was founded in 1967. Today its agricultural production is currently based on the needs of livestock, grain and fodder. Currently they have their own livestock, with 660 head of dairy cattle; dairy products are pasteurized, homogenized and packaged (BAG, TETRA and culverts 5 LTS.) in their facilities and distributed and marketed daily in the provinces of Granada and Malaga. In recent years, they have been introducing new products including cheese and honey. Return to Granada. Lunch in a local restaurant. The city of Granada is located at the foot of Sierra Nevada Mountains (Yes Spain also has a Sierra Nevada mountain range). Granada has everything: prestigious and exceedingly beautiful Moorish buildings, luminous skies and a luxuriantly green abound in the city. Granada is built on three hills at the center of a wide plain and this afternoon we will visit the highlight of the city: the Palace of the Alhambra, a fortress that rises on an elongated hill with

beautiful views of the city. In the same complex, the Nazarite Palaces are the maximum exponent of Hispanic-Arabic architecture featuring different patios, among which the celebrated Patio of the

Lions and Patio de Los Arrayanes are prominent. The Palace of Carlos the Fifth was built in the 16th century in Renaissance style and this complex has been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. The sovereigns of Granada built the Generalife in the 14th century as a summer home, surrounding it with magnificent gardens and terraces with spouts and small fountains. Return to our hotel with the balance of the day at leisure.

December 01, 2017 Friday: GRANADA – SEVILLE (B, L)

Morning departure to the Antequera area where the main olive oil co-operative in Spain is located. This co-operative has more than 11,000 associates, operating through 27 olive oil mills and its output represents 3 per cent of the world's production! Here we will visit one of the smaller member co-operatives and see the actual working of the olive oil mill. Lunch en route. Continue to Seville. Accommodation at our hotel in Seville for the next four nights.

December 02, 2017 Saturday: SEVILLE (B, L, D)

This morning we will first visit a local farmer's market and have an opportunity to stroll among the vendors prior to our departure to visit an agricultural and cattle farm: a typical Andalusian "Cortijo". The dairy farm has approximately 1,000 head of cattle. They also have 400 Retinta cattle and about 30 pure-bred Spanish mares which have won numerous prizes in prestigious stock fairs. Additionally it has 900 hectares (2,200 acres) of Mediterranean forest with a great variety of fauna and flora devoted to big and small game hunting including boars, deer, partridge, ducks and rabbits. Return to Seville. Lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon, we will enjoy a city tour accompanied by the official local guide, seeing the main streets, avenues and monuments of Seville. We begin at the Park of Maria Luisa, within which are several commemorative buildings of the Ibero-American Exhibition of 1929 and where the semicircular Square of Spain stands out. We then go to the Gardens of Murillo from where we journey on foot through the Quarters of Santa Cruz. These were the Jewish Quarters during the Middle Ages and today this area has the most typical "local" character with its narrow streets, white houses, flowering patios and small squares with palms and orange trees. At the end of this quarter, we find the fortress within which the Palace of Pedro the Cruel stands out. In front of this fortress, we find the Cathedral, the third largest Gothic style in the world with Renaissance influences and in whose interior we admire the gigantic Altarpiece of the Main Chapel. Next to the Cathedral is the Giralda, an old mosque with a minaret 98 meters high. From there, we will travel to the River Guadalquivir, seeing the Tower of Gold and the most emblematic bullring in the country - "The Maestranza". We end our day with a special dinner in a local restaurant with a traditional Flamenco Show.

December 03, 2017 Sunday: SEVILLE (B)

Breakfast. This is a day at leisure to discover this remarkably beautiful city. Our tour manager is available with valuable suggestions and thoughts for you to consider. You may also elect just to rest and relax with a coffee at a small outdoor café and simply watch the world go by.

December 04, 2017 Monday: SEVILLE- JEREZ – SEVILLE (B, L)

Early breakfast at the hotel and depart for a visit to a stud farm near the town of Jerez. From its founding to the end of the XV century, the adjacent Monastery of the Cartuja became famous for breeding Jerezano thoroughbred Andalusian horses, a tradition that continues to this day. During our visit, we will have a guided tour of the facilities, including the stallion yard, harness room, coach houses, mare barn and clinical service area. We might have the opportunity to see the training of the horses. (They are officially closed but have agreed to open specially for our group). Sherry wine is well known around the world, especially in Europe. We next visit one of today's largest sherry wineries dating back to 18th century. During our visit, we discover much more than a cellar; we will experience all the steps and receive full explanations how they convert the "grape juice" into sherry wine; a very interesting process completely different from wine production. Following our lunch, we visit a farmer's co-operative that began with a cotton plant. In order to provide alternatives to traditional crops and spread the risk of its member farms, in 1988-1989, a

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tomato concentrate factory was added adjacent to its facilities. During that same period, 150 greenhouses were built for growing cut flowers and a new division for marketing the flowers grown on the premises was created. Today, they produce and market over 70 million carnation and mini carnation stems! Back to Seville and our last night here.

December 05, 2017 Tuesday: SEVILLE – CORDOBA – MADRID (B, D)

Morning departure to Cordoba. This city began its development in Roman times but reached its splendor during the Moorish occupation. The Caliphate was established here and was its Emir's showcase during its glory days and made Cordoba one of the most important cities in Europe during the Early Middle Ages. On our arrival we will enjoy a sightseeing tour accompanied by an official local guide who will show you the highlights of the city such as the Mosque-Cathedral designated a World Heritage Site as well as the old Jewish quarter. Early afternoon we will transfer to the railway station to take the fast-train to Madrid. On our arrival we will be transferred to our hotel where we will spend the next three nights. This evening we will enjoy dinner at our hotel.

December 06, 2017 Wednesday: MADRID (B, L)

Madrid, the most important city in Spain and the capital of the country is an important political and financial center. On our panoramic journey this morning we venture through the streets, squares and the most important avenues, seeing from the outside, different monuments of historic importance including the Recoletos Promenade, Plaza Colon, the Cibeles Square, the Cortes or Parliament, the Paseo del Prado (where the Prado Museum is located), the Gran Vía, the Plaza de España and the Plaza de Oriente where the Royal Palace is located. We then stroll through "Old Madrid", the Habsburg Quarter, walking along the Main Street, the Main Square and some of the old back streets. Lunch will be served in a local restaurant. The balance of the afternoon and evening is left open for individual exploration or maybe a bit of shopping?

December 07, 2017 Thursday: MADRID – TOLEDO – MADRID (B, L, D)

Early morning departure to Toledo province where we visit an open range cattle farm with approximately 200 cows (an average sized Spanish bovine farm). The owner also has 500 hectares (1,235 acres) where oats and barley are raised for export to Middle Eastern countries. Here we will also see one or two feedlots. Lunch in a local restaurant. This afternoon, we will visit a much larger operation that manages 6,000 head. We'll be accompanied by a veterinarian. This farm is one of the biggest in Toledo province and this area represents approximately 30 per cent of the beef production in Spain. Return to Madrid. This evening we enjoy a special farewell dinner.

December 08, 2017 Friday: MADRID. Departure. (B)

Breakfast. We end our tour with a final transfer to Madrid airport for our departure flight taking with us memories of an outstanding country.

Madrid	December 08	Delta 210	depart:	10:45
New York JFK			arrive:	13:29
New York JFK	December 08	Delta 2850	depart:	18:15
Denver			arrive:	21:03

Terms and Conditions

Tour pricing per person based on double occupancy	US \$3,865
Single room supplement	US \$525
Deposit requirement per person:	US \$500
Final Payment due: on or before:	September 15, 2017
Land only cost:	US \$2,510 *

* Transfers for land only travelers are provided in-conjunction only with our arrival and departure flight times. As these are group transfers, no reduction is provided for individuals opting to arrive independently or at different times from our group.

The package price Includes:

- Round trip air including taxes from Denver to / from Spain
- Tour leaders Pueblo County Extension Director Michael Fisher and Horticulture Coordinator Sherie Caffey
- Deluxe coach services as per itinerary
- Language capable agricultural tour escort throughout
- All technical visits arrangements and associated fees
- 11 night's accommodation on Bed and Breakfast (B) basis at quality 3*/ 4* hotels
- Other meals:
 - 3 dinners (D) at hotels as indicated in the program - limited drinks included
 - 8 Lunches (L) in local restaurants en route per the itinerary (including limited drinks)
 - 1 Special dinner with Flamenco show in Seville
 - Final farewell dinner in Madrid
- English speaking professional local guides for our sightseeing tours in Granada, Seville and Cordoba
- Admission to Royal Alcazar or Cathedral in Seville and to the Alhambra and Generalife gardens in Granada
- Tourist-class fast train ticket from Cordoba to Madrid

The package price does not include:

- Portage service
- Other meals. Included meals are noted daily in the itinerary and designated (B) breakfast, (L) lunch and (D) dinner
- Admission fee to the monuments not specified as included
- Travel insurance and personal expenses
- Gratuities

Strictly Limited Availability:

Our program is strictly limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. In order to ensure the quality of our tour, this program is limited to a maximum of 24-participants.

Once the tour is filled we will accept wait-lists. As with the tour itself, wait lists will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

In the event that we are able to find a replacement from wait-lists or other requests received for the tour between date of booking and 31-days prior to date of departure, a flat US \$50.00 p.p. administration charge will be assessed. Within 31-days prior, we regret that all payments become non-refundable with or without a replacement. We cannot guarantee a replacement for any cancelled passenger regardless of the date the cancellation is received in our office.

Insurance

We strongly recommend adequate travel insurance and provide details of insurance suggestions for US citizens at the time of booking.

Exclusive Reservations Through: (register on line at: www.worldwide.on.ca/pueblo2017)



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A Statement from the Pueblo County Extension Office

Colorado State University Extension and the Pueblo County Extension team are always looking for ways to bring education and new ideas to their clients. One of the things that producers are often interested in is how they can increase profitability on their ag operations. Some of the key elements that arise with this question are the potential for wider risk management techniques, lengthening growing season, reducing water usage, diversifying ag enterprises on a farm and developing new markets. We can see similarities between these issues in Southern Colorado today and Southern Spain forty years ago. Producers, companies, and governments in Spain have partnered on projects over the past four decades to change their situation. The success stories from the Andalusia region of Spain on each of these topics has begun to resonate with some producers here in Colorado. Even when looking at crops that we don't raise here, there is an opportunity to gain knowledge from their technologies and marketing strategies. Additionally, there are similarities between our two climates with both temperature and precipitation on the Iberian Peninsula being relatively comparable to ours. There are a lot of lessons that Colorado producers can learn from Spain's ag community. But this time rather than bringing the education to the clients, we want to take the clients to the education.

Join Pueblo County Extension Director Michael Fisher and Horticulture Coordinator Sherie Caffey as we explore both the agriculture and the history of Spain's Andalusian region. We are planning a diverse tour with stops ranging from seed and grafting propagation to greenhouse vegetable production. We'll learn about olive oil production and marketing, avocado exports, and fruit production in Spain. Our group will have the opportunity to look at how a cotton cooperative has spread their risk by diversifying into tomato concentrate production and the cut flower business, marketing over 70 million carnations annually. Some of Spain's famous equine and cattle operations are going to open their gates & barns for our group to learn about livestock production in the region. And of course our travel group will have the opportunity to experience the tastes of the region both through our meals and planned stops where we will learn about cheese, honey, and wine production. In addition to all of this, our group will be exposed to Spain's culture and history with visits ranging from gardens to architecture, cathedrals to palaces, and fountains to a Flamenco show. This is an opportunity that is obviously too great for us to bring into our conference room and the tour group size is limited, so get signed up for this ag and history tour of Southern Spain now.

Our Superior Hotels:

From NOV 27th to 28th, 2017:

Hotel Melia Costa del Sol / Torremolinos www.melia.com

From NOV 28th to 29th, 2017:

Hotel Bahia Almuñecar / Almuñecar www.hotelbahiaalmunecar.es

From NOV 29th to DEC 01st, 2017:

Hotel Luna de Granada / Granada www.granhotellunadegranada.com

From DEC 01st to 05th, 2017:

Hotel Ribera de Triana / Seville www.hotelriberadetriana.com

From DEC 05th to 08th, 2017:

Gran Hotel Conde Duque / Madrid www.granhotelcondeduque.com