

Food and Wine Tours in Spain



take a break with a culinary twist!

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offers you a choice of scheduled and customized gourmet food and wine activities throughout Italy & Spain. These travel experiences allow the opportunity to discover, share, and appreciate the diverse tastes of all the places you visit. If you are a lover of good food & wine don't miss our :

- Gastronomic experiences & tours
- Wine tours & tastings
- Cooking vacations & lessons
- One-day excursions
- Walking tours
- Olive oil and other local products tastings
- Visits to producers

our activities have been designed for you for high quality food and wine tourism.

Gourmet visit with Tapas Tour

Spend an evening with a small group strolling along the historic streets of Barcelona with a knowledgeable guide while tasting Spanish wines and Spain's culinary treasures.

Program includes:

- Tapas walking tour with an English and Spanish speaking specialized gourmet guide
- 6 gourmet tapas, hot and cold
- 2 glasses of wine or beer, 1 glass of txacoli or sidra

Price per person \$ 93 (groups of minimum 6 persons)



Our meeting place is La Tramoia, a restaurant with a wide selection of local, delectable tapas, situated in a privileged corner in Rambla Catalunya. Here you will enjoy 2 tapas, one cold and one hot with a glass of wine or beer.

From here your guide will lead you to Barcelona's most famous street, Las Ramblas. It is the most popular place in the city, a straight pedestrian thoroughfare, planted with plane trees and crossed day and night by a constant stream of passers-by. The atmosphere here is unique, with its cages full of birds, its tapas bars and little local restaurants with hams hanging above the bar.

Off we go to the gothic quarter, where you will discover an architecture, atmosphere, language and gastronomy that are unique in Spain... and some of the gourmet shops over 100 years old.

Our last stop will be at a Basque Bar in a historic XIV century building, an ideal spot to take a break in your trip along the gothic quarter. Here 4 tasty tapas and two glasses of wine or beer or sidra will be waiting for you.

Guaranteed departures every Friday and Saturday evening (except bank holidays)

Stop sales for 2007 : Apr 5, 6, 7 and 9th, May 1st and 28th, June 24th, Aug 15th, September 11th, September 24th, Oct 12 and 13th 2007, Nov 1st 2007, Dec 6th, 7th and 8th 2007, Dec 25th and 31st 2007

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Tapas tour Barcelona 1/2 day

4 Hour Gastronomic Walking Tour of the medieval Gothic and Borne neighbourhoods. A memorable and completely different way to enjoy the food of Barcelona.



Price per person

2 persons: \$186

4-6 persons: \$118

Program includes:

- Tapas walking tour with an English speaking specialized gourmet guide
- 8 gourmet tapas, hot and cold
- 3 glasses of wine, beer or sidra
- Handouts detailing the tapas enjoyed in the tour
- Basic Insurance

Program include

The tour begins at La Boqueria, in the heart of La Rambla, one of Barcelona's most interesting markets and the most visited in Europe. It is a place where you can enjoy a lively, vibrant atmosphere. It is arguably one of the best places to get to know the character of the people of Barcelona.

Your food and wine specialized guide will lead you on a walk through the old town, Petrixol, via the historic cathedral, Picasso's Museum and Santa Maria del Mar. En route we will stop to enjoy 8 tapas, hot and cold, accompanied by wines: red, white, sidra (cider wine) and visit Barcelona's typical grocer's shops, known as "colmados".

Available from Tuesday thru Saturday

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Tapas Tour Barcelona 1 day

8 hours complete day walking Tour of the medieval Gothic and Borne neighbourhoods of Barcelona. A memorable and completely different way to enjoy the food and the most singular gastronomic shops of the city.



Prices per person

2 persons: \$363

4-6 persons: \$220

Program includes:

- Tapas walking tour with an trilingual speaking specialized gourmet guide
- 8 gourmet tapas, hot and cold
- 3 glasses of wine, beer or sidra
- 3 course lunch with water and wine
- Handouts detailing the tapas enjoyed in the tour



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Chocolate Tasting

True chocolate lovers taste chocolate like a fine wine or a select cigar. Equally, a special vocabulary is also used to describe chocolate. We invite you to find out more about the many and varied sense impressions. Give it a try, it's really easy. Embark on a voyage for all five senses.

Price per person

\$169 (groups of minimum 6 persons)

Sweet tour program includes

- The services of our exclusive gastronome
- All the necessary material for the tasting
- A box of chocolates from different origins and flavors, issued from one of the best chocolate factories in Spain. Possibility of printing the chocolates with the company logo.
- A maximum of 6 hours
- Available in English.



Our Gastronome and Chocolate Sculptor: Josep Riba

From his earliest childhood, Josep has been linked to the world of gastronomy. Indeed his family has been running from generation to generation a famous Barcelonese chocolate factory. He improved his culinary talents in the Hoffman cooking school, in London and French restaurants. He has also given classes in one of the most prestigious cruise boats in the world. Today he is a chocolate master and sculptor.

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A trip to Chocolate

This **tasting** is a sensorial trip into the **chocolate** world, where you will learn the whole process that transforms the cocoa bean to the chocolate we are used to eating. More than a tasting, it is actually a **chocolate dinner**, which explores the infinite possible combinations that chocolate offers. The dinner is served with a selection of combined wines.



Program includes:

Gastronome fees, chocolate specialist
Chocolate
Chocolate tasting material
Chocolate gourmet meal with pairing wines

Price per person in Euros: (groups of 4 to 25 people)

from \$139 per person.

Upon request, depending on types of wines included, size of the group and venue of the tasting.

It is possible to do the tasting separate from the dinner.

Please consult us

Observations:

- Location: Barcelona
- Groups from 4 to 20 people
- All year around upon availability
- Available in English.

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Olive Oil Tasting

As an amazing approach for the novice, **Olive Oil tasting** astonishes guests every time
Learn what Olive is & discover how to taste it!

The tasting session includes the following steps:

- Visual analysis
- Olfactory analysis
- Gustative analysis
- Tactile analysis
- Balance – Harmony

The tasting session will be supervised by one of our gastronomie



Program includes:

Our gastronomie's services

Private transfer from your hotel in Barcelona to the tasting

Tasting course and all the necessary Olive oil for the tasting

A gift of different olive oils, so you can in order to go on tasting at home.

Price pr person : \$289 (minimum group of 6 persons)

Observations:

- Location: Barcelona
- Groups from 6-20 people
- All year around upon availability
 - Available in English.
- This tasting can be done in a private area of the Barcelona's football team stadium

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A taste of Barcelona and Penedès

4 days, 3 nights wine & food tour

\$ 709 per person in double in 3 stars hotel

\$ 839 per person in double in 4 stars hotel

The price includes:

2 nights of accommodation in a three or four-star hotel in the centre of Barcelona with breakfast

One traditional Catalan cooking-class

- o A cooking demonstration in English
- o A meal with Spanish wine
- o Translated recipes in English

One Gourmet tapas evening walking-tour

- o Tapas walking tour with a English speaking gourmet guide
- o 5 gourmet tapas, hot and cold
- o 2 glasses of wine or beer, 1 glass of txacoli or sidra

Visit to a wine cellar and to a Cava cellar with wine-tasting in the Penedès wine region

1 night of accommodation in a spa hotel with breakfast in Sitges, a beautiful coastal town near Penedès.

Two-day car rental with unlimited mileage, type B.

All local taxes

The price does not include:

Transfers In / Out

Fuel and toll fees

Travel to and from Spain, and Barcelona

Optional excursions, expenses and meals

All that is not mentioned above

Year around upon request

Stop Sales 2007 : April 5th to 8th, April 16th to 19th, May 11th to 12th, June 12th to 15th, July 1st to 8th, Sept 23rd to 26th



A taste of Barcelona and Penedés Itinerary

• Friday:

Traditional Cooking Class

Join our Food & Wine Tours cooking classes in Barcelona and discover the secrets of our local traditional cuisine. Learn how to cook the typical dishes of the region (paella, gazpacho,...) and taste the menu prepared in a friendly atmosphere.

The cooking school is situated in the focal point of the city, La Rambla.

Spanish Set meal: You can choose from a tapas meal or a set meal in a restaurant. We have made a careful selection of restaurants that offer a quality and local food.

Accommodation in a 3 or 4* hotel in Barcelona city center

• Saturday

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning free on your own

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Accommodation in a 3 or 4* hotel in Barcelona city center

• Sunday

Breakfast at the hotel

Pick up of rental car and drive to Penedés (40 minutes)

Visit and tasting to a cava (Spanish champagne) cellar

The Visit:

Firstly, the visitor will see the winery where the world's first cava was born, discovering the long process of production of a bottle of cava and the history of the family.

The visit is rounded off with a stroll through the gardens of the house to enjoy the four modernist buildings, the work of architect Josep Puig Cadafalch, declared a National Historical Artistic Monument. In addition, an electric train covers the internal route beneath their buildings, where there is a labyrinth of subterranean passages that extends for more than 30 kilometers. Each year the winery produces about 27 million bottles. The visit ends with a tasting session. There is also an exhibition of all the company's products and the opportunity to purchase.

Lunch on your own. We can arrange lunch in some of the restaurants located in the area.

Our second **visit will be at a wine cellar**, which is situated at the heart of the Penedés region. Visits include viewing of a video on the fascinating life of the founder, a visit to the museum, a guided tour around the vineyards, the winery, the cellar and finally the opportunity to taste their wines.

Accommodation in a Spa hotel in Sitges, a beautiful coastal town near Penedés.

• Monday

Breakfast at the hotel

Day on your own

End of our services

Barcelona Paella Experience

Join Food & wine Tours to their most typical experience: Paella and Sangria cooking.
Roll up your sleeves and make a wonderful home made paella
Create a great Sangria from authentic recipes.

Program

The activity will be done outside, in the terrace of a restaurant
The group will arrive to the restaurant where it will be welcomed
and lead to his table. In each table there will be a Chef waiting,
who will give them the apron and teach them how to prepare the
paella, a drink will be served.
It's time to add the water to the rice, and to start the aperitif.
Just 20 minutes later the paella will be served with a big healthy
Mediterranean Salad.

Program includes:

Lunch with Wines and drinks
Paella cooking class: material, ingredients, chefs...
English -speaking gastronome tour leader
Apron



Menu

Starters

Montadito of Iberian Cured Ham and
Tomato
Montadito of Potato Omelet
"Chistorra" Sausage from Navarra
Wine Mas de Caralt

Main course

Mediterranean Salad
Paella

Dessert

Catalan Cream Brulée
Carquinyolis (cookies with almond) and
Moscatell (sweet wine)

Drinks

Mineral water
Soft drinks,
Beers
Sangria
Coffee

Price upon request, depending on size of the group

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Traditional Cooking Class in Barcelona

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Half-day workshops: 95\$ per person

If you don't have much time, join our half-day workshop (3 hours aprox.). Two different sessions each day: 12am and 18pm (from Monday to Saturday)

Menu will vary according to season. Gazpacho, potato omelet, tomato bread, shellfish paella and Catalan cream.

Work shop + Boquería Visit : 115\$ per person

The workshop can begin with a tour at La Boquería, in the heart of La Rambla, one of Barcelona's most interesting markets and the most visited market of Europe. We will take a guided tour around the Boqueria market and buy the ingredients for the workshop.

the price includes

- A cooking demonstration
- Translated recipes
- A meal with Spanish wine



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General Conditions and Booking Information

The tour participant/s acknowledge receiving, reading and agreeing to the terms and conditions set forth below, covering the tour packages operated by TourCrafters, INC., 28085 N.Ashley Circle, Libertyville, IL 60048, Tel -1-800-621-2259 or 1-800- ITALY-95.

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Deposit Payment: \$200 per person for Hotel Packages; \$200 per person for Hosted Packages; \$300 per person for Air & Land Packages; \$300 per person for Escorted tours. Deposit is required within 7 days of initial booking. For booking under \$300 an additional \$30 booking fee will be added. Final payment for land and air arrangements is due 60 days prior to departure. Full payment accompanies all tours booked less than 60 days prior to departure. If final payment is made 14 days prior to departure or less an express fee will be required (current rates apply).

Cancellation and Refunds: A \$200 fee per person will be retained for any cancellation made 60 days prior to departure. Received in writing the following penalties will apply: 60-31 days 30% of booking, minimum \$250 per person; 31-16 days 50% of booking, minimum \$300 p/pax, 15-18 days 100% of booking, minimum \$500 p/pax.

Trip cancellation insurance is available and strongly recommend. All claims for refund have to be presented in writing to TourCrafters, Inc. no later than 3 weeks after the land package.

Reservation Change: \$100 fee per booking will be required for each change made for all programs up to 7 days. Thereafter, no change can be made.

Hotels: TourCrafters reserves the right to provide hotels of similar category to those listed if the circumstance makes it necessary, at no extra cost, or refund to the tour member. Hotel rooms are not available before 12:00 noon. TourCrafters is not responsible for early arrivals. Porterage at the hotel is not included in hotel prices.

Claims: Claims have to be submitted in writing no later than 21 days after the return date.

Baggage: Baggage is carried at owner's own risk and insurance is recommended. Free baggage allowance: 2 checked pieces of luggage per person, either piece must not exceed 62 inches with the total dimension not to exceed 45 inches. All the latan carriers, steamship lines, and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act., omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passage.

Documents: Will be sent prior to departure provided full payment has been received. If full payment is received 14 days prior to departure date or less, an express fee will be required (current rates apply).

Air Fares: Any special air fare may be utilized in conjunction with the independent tour featured in this brochure. Please consult your travel agent as we solely use our contract rates.

Holiday and Changes: During local or national holidays abroad, certain facilities such as museums, sightseeing tours and shopping may be limited. In such instances, and whenever possible, slight itinerary adjustments are made by TourCrafters to minimize inconvenience for tour members. If, however, your enjoyment might be diminished by such minor limitations, please check with the Italian Tourist Office before selecting a departure date. Holidays, closings days and other circumstances may change the day of the week for scheduled "dining out", sightseeing and other activities.

Forum Selection Clause: Any litigation concerning the trip, including accommodations or any other services booked through TourCrafters, maybe brought only within the state of Illinois and nowhere else, and Illinois law will be applicable to any and all such litigation.

Not Included in the Tour Price: Local airport taxes, passport and visa fees, laundry, telephone calls, wines, liquor, mineral water and after dinner coffee or tea; meals not included in the itinerary, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned; tips to the Tour Director, motor coach driver when touring, local guides, and steward on cruises; items of personal nature, and excess baggage.

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Optional Excursions: Available at additional cost from your Hostess or Tour Director. Land Operator: Tours are operated by: Ocio Vital tours, Gourmet tours, El cortes Ingles. All US citizens must have a valid US passport to travel to Europe. Please apply to your local passport office to obtain the necessary application form. For non-US citizens, a visa may be required. Please check with your local authorities.

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