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SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

The Best of Both Worlds – Culture and Agriculture!

February 12 – 25th, 2012

Agricultural Components in this tour:

MACHINERY - FRUIT PLANTATION - AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL - POLYVALENT FARM, STOPPER CORK PRODUCTION - PORTUGUESE WINE - STRAWBERRIES - CITRUS - COTTON & FLOWERS - SHERRY WINE - PUREBRED SPANISH HORSES - LECTURE - GREENHOUSE VEGETABLE PRODUCTION - OLIVE OIL - MEAT PROCESING FACTORY - BEEF CATTLE.

Scenic Components in this tour:

LISBON – ROSSIO, THE ROYAL PALACE, MONASTERY OF THE JERÓNIMOS, EVORA – HUELVA – WORLD HERITAGE SITE, SEVILLE, ANDALUSIA, THE FAMOUS TOWN OF RONDA AND ITS BULL FIGHTING RING, ANTEQUERA, CORDOBA, MADRID, TOLDEDO, MEDITERRANEAN COAST LINE, INCLUDING GUIDED WALKING TOURS, ENTRY TO MUSEUMS, CASTLES AND CHURCHES.

Day 1 – 12th February 2012, Sunday - ARRIVAL IN LISBON

Arrival at Lisbon airport; individual transfer to the hotel on your own.
Time to freshen up and relax.

Afternoon city tour. The heart of the city is the Plaza Marqués of Pombal and the most important street is the Avenida de la Libertad. In the lower part of the city, next to the River Tagus you will see the Plaza del Comercio where the Royal Palace is, Rossio being the popular square of the low area and Plaza dos Restauradores. The medieval quarters are Mouraria and Alfama, and include San Jorge's Castle. The Cathedral is a Romanesque-style church and the residential areas are located in Lapa and Alcantara.



The quarter of Belém located to the west of the city is an area built in the Manuelino style where one can find the Monastery of the Jerónimos that you will visit whose church and its cloister stand out. In this quarter you will see the Tower of Belém, the Monument to The Discoverers from which one has a good view of the 25 of April Bridge.



Accompanied by the official local guide you will see some of the described places and monuments.

Return to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

Day 2 – 13th February 2012, Monday - LISBON - SANTAREM

Breakfast. Visit to the headquarters of one of the most important machinery manufacturers in the world; then you drive to Alcobaca to visit a fruit plantation where you will have a meeting with a technician who will give you all explanations about the farm.

In the afternoon visit an agricultural technical engineer Institute, which is probably the most important of Portugal; it has about 1.500 students.

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Day 3 – 14th February 2012, Tuesday - SANTAREM - EVORA

Breakfast. Visit one of the largest agricultural companies in Portugal. This farm has about 20.000 hectares; partly dedicated to arable land and the remainder are pastures and forest for the bovine and ovine herds; they also have rice plantations. Light lunch at the restaurant of the farm. In the afternoon you head south to visit a factory that belongs to the largest cork stopper processing company of the world. They produce cork stoppers for the most reputed wine and champagne makers of the world. You see how the cork is processed.

Continue to Evora. Dinner and overnight – Valentine’s Day.

Day 4 – 15th February 2012, Wednesday - EVORA - HUELVA



Breakfast. Accompanied by the official local guide visit this beautiful and walled city of Roman origin occupied later on by the Visigoths and in 715 A.D. by the Moors. Under their domination the city developed and attained its maximum splendour.



Evora was declared a World Heritage City by the UNESCO and nowadays still retains from its' historical past, the Roman temple to Diana, the Moorish Arches, a 16th Century University and some



medieval and Renaissance style palaces and churches, being considered Portugal's foremost showpiece of medieval architecture. Accompanied by the official local guide you will see some of the described places and monuments.

Departure towards a small village to visit Portuguese winery, which has the best reputation, is located. They have three different centres of wine



production although we focus the visit on the red wine area. You see the vineyards and you also receive full process. Then you have a wines of this estate, which region.



planted with different grape varieties explanations about the elaboration light brunch tasting a couple of different probably is the top one in the Alentejo

Continue towards the South heading towards the city of Huelva or surroundings. Dinner and overnight.

crossing the Spanish border and

Day 5 – 16th February 2012, Thursday - HUELVA - SEVILLE

Breakfast. Huelva is the biggest single area in the world where strawberries are the main production; you visit a biological plantation where you will be informed about the production, the packaging in the warehouse and the marketing systems.



Continue to Seville. Time for lunch en route on own. Then you visit another co-op whose main production are oranges and clementines; they also produce jams, fruit juices and other derivatives. They sell their products in the domestic market but also export to the European Union countries and Canada. Short drive to Seville for dinner and overnight.



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Day 6 – 17th February 2012, Friday - SEVILLE - JEREZ - SEVILLE

Breakfast. You head towards Las Marismas del Guadalquivir area, to visit a co-op that has more than 500 members cultivating in total about 15,000 hectares, producing tomatoes to be canned, cotton, flowers and some species of vegetables. The president is a very dynamic person with very clear ideas and an efficient working system.



From there you head towards Jerez, lunch on your own. This is the area where the world-known Sherry wines are produced; you visit a wine cellar where a person responsible will give you full explanations about the wine elaboration and special ageing, ending with a tasting and some snacks. This winemaker also has some purebred Spanish horses that you can admire. Return to Seville. Time at leisure. Overnight.

Day 7 – 18th February 2012, Saturday - SEVILLE

Breakfast. Meeting with a technician of the Andalusian Co-op Federation, who gives you a lecture of the agriculture and farming situation in this region. After the meeting you will do a wine & tapas walking tour.

Visit of the city and its main streets, avenues and monuments. You will see the Park of María Luisa. In its interior, there are several commemorative buildings of the Latin-American Exhibition of 1929 where the semi-circular Square of Spain stands out. You will then go to the Gardens of Murillo from where you begin the journey on foot through the Quarters of Santa Cruz that used to be the Jewish Quarter during the Middle Ages and today has become the quarter with the most typical character with its narrow streets, white houses, flowering patios and small squares with palm- and orange trees.



The most significant square is the one of Doña Elvira. By the side of this quarter, you will find the Royal Alcazar or Fortress in whose interior the Palace of Pedro the Cruel stands out. In front of this fortress, one can find the Cathedral, the third largest one of Gothic style in the world with Renaissance influence and in whose interior you can admire the gigantic Altarpiece of the Main Chapel. You will visit either the Royal Alcazar or the Cathedral.

Next to the Cathedral stands the Giralda-tower with 98 meter-high. From there, you will go towards the river Guadalquivir, seeing the Golden Tower and the most emblematic bullring of the country that is “The Maestranza”. Time at leisure, dinner and overnight.

Day 8 – 19th February 2012, Sunday - SEVILLE - MOTRIL

Breakfast and departure towards the south-west, crossing the White Villages route to Ronda, a town built at the edge of the Ronda Range Mountains on a platform cut by the Guadalquivir River ravine with a depth of 150 metres. The Old Part has narrow and picturesque streets with typical ironwork balconies. There is also a Collegiate Church built over the remains of a mosque and some palaces with Renaissance façades.



Then you head towards the well-known Costa del Sol; driving along the Mediterranean coast you arrive in Motril. Dinner and overnight.

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Day 9 – 20th February 2012, Monday - MOTRIL - ALMERIA AREA - ANTEQUERA

Early breakfast and departure towards Almeria area to visit the installations of the main tomato exporting company in Spain that produces more than 220.000 tonnes of different varieties.



Then you leave west along the Mediterranean coast to visit a vegetable Cooperative whose production is sold inside the European Union countries but also to the USA and Canada. You see an impressive power point presentation and then you visit the installations.

Continue to Antequera. Dinner and overnight.

Day 10 – 21st February 2012, Tuesday - ANTEQUERA - CORDOBA



Breakfast. Visit the largest olive oil cooperative in the world. They have made a joint-venture with Cargill to sell olive oil all over the world. Meeting with a responsible person. From there you visit an olive oil mill during the harvest season, probably having the possibility of a tasting. Then you leave to the north to make a stop at a machinery factory, whose owner is a self-made man. Then continue to the city of Cordoba. Dinner and overnight.



Day 11 – 22nd February 2012, Wednesday - CORDOBA

Breakfast. Early departure to the north of the city to visit one of the most important cooperatives in Spain with more than 9,000 members. They produce almost everything: milk processing factory, cheeses, Iberian ham, different kind of meats ... Besides that, they also have a feedstuff factory and a slaughterhouse. You visit some of these installations. Lunch at the restaurant of the co-op or in the city.



Then return to Cordoba to visit this beautiful city nominated World Heritage by the UNESCO. You see the



Jewish Quarter and the Mosque. Accompanied by the official local guide you will see some of these of the described places and monuments. Transfer to the railway station to board the high-speed train to Madrid. Transfer to the hotel. Time at leisure. Overnight.

Day 12 – 23rd February 2012, Thursday - MADRID - TOLEDO - MADRID

Breakfast. You drive south to the province of Toledo to visit an important cattle farm that has about 5,000 bovine, between cows and calves of the Limousin, Charolais and Retinta races. Lunch will be served in a countryside restaurant or in Toledo.



Toledo is declared a World Heritage Site by the UNESCO. It is located

next to the River Tagus and used to be the capital of Spain, up to 1561 when King Felipe II transferred it to Madrid.

Going along the ring road, the magnificent location of this city can be appreciated, full of history where several cultures converged. The way in which Christians, Muslims and Jews lived side by side for centuries, has been reflected in a great artistic and cultural legacy.

The maze of streets making up the historic centre of Toledo is only bounded by walls in which many gates were opened. Synagogues, mosques and churches jostle in the narrow streets of Toledo, which is characterised by the mixture of artistic styles.

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The Bisagra gate, presided over by two bodies and a great imperial shield forms the main access to the city within the walls. The central space of Plaza de Zocodover in the Arab period housed an important market and nowadays is place full of life.

The Mosque of Cristo de la Luz, which predates the Christian reconquest, was built in 999 as a copy of the Mosque at Córdoba. Good examples from the Mozarabs (Christians who lived under Moslem rule) are the churches of San Sebastián and Santa Eulalia, while the Mudejars left in Toledo a style with rich Arab decoration. The same Mudejar style can be seen in the church of Santo Tomé, famous for housing El Greco's famous picture entitled "El Entierro del Conde Orgaz" (The burial of Count Orgaz). A 14th-century Mudejar tower stands above the rest of the building, which dates from the 12th century and has Visigoth elements on its main façade. Remains of the Jewish community are still preserved in the city in the synagogues of Santa



María la Blanca and El Tránsito.

One of the most outstanding buildings in the city is the Cathedral, considered one of the high points of Gothic art. This monumental building was constructed with a basilica floor plan and five naves, because in 1226, although it was not finished until the 15th century. On its main facade the outstanding feature is the doorway, made up of three doors. Inside, the choir stalls, located in the building's central nave, are outstanding. Other main features are the beautiful flamboyant Gothic reredos in the main chapel as well as the many minor chapels, like those of San Ildefonso and El Sagrario.



Also Gothic are the San Martín bridge, built in the 13th century with its characteristic defensive towers, and the Monastery of San Juan de los Reyes, a superb example of flamboyant Gothic. Accompanied by your local guide you will visit many of the described places and monuments.

Return to Madrid. Time at leisure. Overnight.

Day 13 – 24th February 2012, Friday - MADRID



Square, the Cortes or Parliament, the Paseo del Prado, where the



Museum of the Prado is located, one of the most important art galleries in the world, the Gran Vía, the Plaza de España and the Plaza de Oriente where the Royal Palace is located. Stroll through the "Old Madrid", the Habsburg Quarter, walking along the Main Street and seeing the City Hall Square, the Main Square and some old backstreets. Accompanied by the official local guide you will see some of these of the described places and monuments. Afternoon at leisure. We suggest visiting some of the important museums, to walk around or go shopping down at the big stores or the exclusive boutiques.

Breakfast. In the morning you will visit the most important city in Spain, which is also the capital of the country and therefore, an important political and financial centre. On your panoramic journey you will go through the streets, squares and most important avenues, seeing at the same time from the outside different monuments such as the Recoletos Promenade, Plaza Colon, the Cibeles Square, the Cortes or Parliament, the Paseo del Prado, where the Museum of the Prado is located, one of the most important art galleries in the world, the Gran Vía, the Plaza de España and the Plaza de Oriente where the Royal Palace is located. Stroll through the "Old Madrid", the Habsburg Quarter, walking along the Main Street and seeing the City Hall Square, the Main Square and some old backstreets. Accompanied by the official local guide you will see some of these of the described places and monuments. Afternoon at leisure. We suggest visiting some of the important museums, to walk around or go shopping down at the big stores or the exclusive boutiques.



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Day 14 – 25th February 2012, Saturday - MADRID DEPARTURE

Breakfast.

Individual transfers to the airport on your own according to your flight schedule or with the group.

Important note: For groups, transfers in and out it would be included.

Disclaimer: All technical visits pending travelling dates, growing seasons, and real availability of the Companies visited. If a visit cannot be realised, it will be replaced by another visit in the area. The number minimum of participants is 20 persons

BASIC PACKAGE PRICE – Net rate per person sharing twin room:	
Based on 20-24 Pax:	\$3,249 CAD Dollars
Single room supplement:	\$595 CAD Dollars

Flights TBA: Clients have the option of using Air Miles, Aeroplan or other points systems, to book their own flights. Booking through AgriTours Canada /Royal City Carlson-Wagonlit will be booked using group rates.

The package price Include:

- 1 deluxe coach services as per itinerary
- Gamma Tours Tour Escort with agricultural knowledge throughout.
- Official local guide for city tour in Lisbon, Evora, Seville, Cordoba, Toledo and Madrid.
- Entrance fees: Monastery of the Jeronimos in Lisbon, Royal Alcazar or Cathedral in Seville, Mosque-Cathedral in Cordoba and Toledo’s Cathedral.
- All Technical visits arrangement including wine tasting at the vineyard.
- 13 nights’ accommodation in double/twin rooms on Bed and Breakfast basis in 3* hotels centrally located.
- 10 dinners at hotels as per program – drinks not included.
- 5 lunches as per indicated in the program (drinks included).
- Tourist class ticket for the high speed train from Cordoba to Madrid.
- 1 Farewell dinner in local restaurant in Madrid as per program (drinks included).

The package price doesn’t include:

- Portage service at airport neither at hotels
- Meals not specified as specifically included in the itinerary
- Drinks at meals at the hotels
- Entrance fee not specified as included.
- Travel insurance and personal expenses
- Any service not firmly specified as included in the program.

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