

U3A TEULADA/MORAI RA TRAVEL TRIPS

TIMETABLE

Trip	Dates	Number of places available
VIVA ESPANA	22 ND February	6
BENIDORM PALACE	22 nd March	22
BARCELONA	21 st to 24 th April 2014	20
VALENCIA SHOPPING	8 th May 2014	50
JEREZ	10 th to 16 th May 2014	2
Javea Trip to Confrentes	2 nd to 4 th May	10

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VIVA ESPANA

- Three course meal and Floor Show -

Saturday 22nd February 2014

Leaders: Pam Powell & Carol Mantle

Since its opening over 30 years ago, Viva Espana in Oliva has gained an excellent reputation for the combination of its three course meal and its flamenco floor show. For our visit, we will leave Moraira by bus at 7.30pm in the evening....



....and, after our arrival at Viva Espana, enjoy a three course meal. Coffee and half a bottle of wine per person are included.

Our visit continues with the floor show, one of the best to be found in the Valencian Community. The skilled dancers guide the audience through the evolution of flamenco – alegrías, bulerías, flamenco tangos, solea, rumba and seguidillas. After the floor show, we will return to Moraira by bus.



Cost €35 per person...

EVENING AT BENIDORM PALACE

- Dinner and a Floor Show -

Saturday 22nd March 2014

Leaders: Carol Mantle & Pam Powell

Benidorm Palace first opened its doors in 1977. Since that time it has been entertaining audiences of all ages, with good food and an excellent floor show. So that you can enjoy the evening we have arranged a coach which will leave Moraira at 7:30 pm in the evening....



....and, after our arrival at approximately 9 pm, we will enjoy either a four course or five course meal, depending on which menu you choose. Whichever menu you choose half a bottle of wine per person and a glass of Cava is included. The higher price menu includes seating in the centre of the auditorium.

Our visit continues with a fantastic floor show. There will be a variety of acts. The skilled dancers perform all types of dancing including flamenco, river dance etc. After the floor show, we will return to Moraira by coach.

**DEPENDING UPON THE MENU AND SEATING CHOICE
THE COST OF THIS TRIP WILL BE EITHER 65€ OR 55€**

To view the menu choices follow the link

<http://www.benidorm-palace.com/en/dinner-menus/cena-menus#0,14>

For more information email carol.mantle@hotmail.com



Barcelona

Monday 21st to Thursday 24th April 2014

-4 days, 3 nights-

Leader: Carol Mantle

This trip has been designed to give those taking part an opportunity to discover the beautiful city of Barcelona in your own time and to suit your own interests.



Plaça De Rei, under which are the Roman ruins of the original city

At an extra cost of €35 per person you can include a 2 day tickets for use on the Barcelona tourist buses, which will take you to all the attractions of the city. Many of the attractions are classified as World Heritage Sites. On our last trip to Barcelona many people used this ticket to get around the city.

Programme:

- DAY 1: Depart Moraira. Travel to Barcelona stopping for coffee breaks and lunch on route, arriving in Barcelona between 16:00 and 17:00
- DAY 2 and 3: Free days to explore the city.

One of the most famous of the attractions of the City is the Sagrada Familia. Each façade of the building is carved which difference scenes, one showing the Nativity and crypt and another showing the crucifixion.





Park Güell, designed by Antoni Gaudí

Palau de la Música Catalana, is a concert hall, designed in the Catalan modernist style by the architect Lluís Domènech i Montaner, it was built between 1905 and 1908 for the Orfeó Catalá, a choral society founded in 1891 that was a leading force in the Catalan cultural movement.



National Museum of Art of Catalonia, is one of Barcelona's main art galleries, holding the greatest collection of Catalan art in the world. The museum is located in the Palau Nacional in Montjuïc.

Casa Batlló is a building restored by Antoni Gaudí and Josep Maria Jujol, built in 1877 and remodelled in the years 1904–1906; located at 43, Passeig de Gràcia.





On one day, there will be an optional half-day visit to the Monastery at Montserrat.

Montserrat is a spectacularly beautiful Benedictine monk mountain retreat, North West of Barcelona...

Not only is Montserrat Monastery of significant religious importance but the natural beauty surrounding the monastery is simply breath-taking.

Those opting for the visit to Montserrat will still have one whole day and two half days free in Barcelona.

- DAY 4: After breakfast and a free morning we will join the coach for our return trip to Moraira.

We will arrive back in Moraira at about 7 pm and full details of time departure time etc. will be sent out 10 days before the date of departure.

Cost per person is €280

and will include half board at a four star hotel, situated

within 5 to 10 minutes off Las Ramblas.

Single supplement will be €75.

To secure a place, please pay a deposit of €60 per person using a Spanish cheque made payable to Gandia Tours SL which must be handed in at the Travel Desk at a General Meeting.

Barcelona has introduced a hotel tax for visitors. We understand that this is likely to be roughly €3 per person per night. Rather than have everyone queue to make individual payments when we check out, we now intend adding €10 to the final payment and making a single payment to the hotel.

VALENCIA DAY TRIP

- Shopping or Sightseeing day trip -

Thursday 8th MAY 2014

Leader: Anne Cattle & Carol Mantle

Valencia is a fascinating city with many things to see and do. We will arrive in the city in time for those who want to go to the many attraction that Valencia offer to catch the tourist bus to enable quick access to where ever you want to go. Amongst the attractions on offer are the Safari Park, the Aquarium, several museums, the indoor market, a tour of the old town and many other things.



Cost €10 per person...

JEREZ

Saturday 10th May to Friday 16th May

-7 days, 6 nights-

Leader: Carol Mantle

On numerous occasions we have requests to visit equestrian events so it is hoped that this trip will not only satisfy that request but also give other members an opportunity of visiting other attractions in Spain.

We will be based in Jerez for five night and on our return to Moraira we will spend one night in a hotel near Cordoba giving an opportunity of visiting that famous town. Whilst in Jerez we will have excursions to Cadiz, Seville, Ronda and the possibility of visiting a natural Wetland area. The highlight of this trip will be the Horse Fair in Jerez. We will time our stay in Jerez to coincide with the opening ceremony and usually at about midnight there is a spectacular Firework display. In the fairground itself there is a fantastic light display that is seen nowhere else in Spain and there are side shows of all description, including bodegas etc. Many of the local inhabitants of Jerez dress in national costume. There should be something at the fair for everyone. Also in Jerez itself there are many beautiful buildings, such as the Cathedral, Palace and Gardens to visit. Our accommodation will be half board and we will be staying at the Hotel Sherry Park which is in centre of Jerez but the Hotel for the sixth night has not yet been decided upon.



The Horse Fair



Example of the Light show at the Horse



Equestrian School



Bodegas de Sherry

Excursion to Seville This day promises to be a very full one, after breakfast we will get the bus to Seville where there will be a bus tour of the most important monuments of the city, such as the Maria Luisa Park which includes the Plaza de España with its beautiful display of tiles representing the provinces of Spain. The bus will continue along the banks of the River Guadalquivir (Spain's only navigable river) we will pass the Torre del Oro constructed by the Almohades, the famous Plaza de Toros de la Maestranza, the church of La Macarena and ending at the wonderful Murillo Gardens. You can then continue on foot through the typical labyrinth of streets of the old Jewish quarter of Santa Cruz and finally to the area of the Cathedral (entrance not included). There will be free time to visit Los Reales Alcazares or take a boat trip on the River Guadalquivir. Late afternoon we will depart for Jerez. After the evening meal you will be able to stroll around the Fair.

Day in Jerez. After breakfast there will be free time but for those wishing to go to the Equestrian School there is normally a Show of horsemanship at 12 noon (entrance not included). In the afternoon there will be an opportunity to visit one of the famous bodegas de Sherry. For those who would prefer to visit the National Park and Wetlands this can be organised, there may be an additional cost but this is not known at this stage.



Torre del Oro, Seville



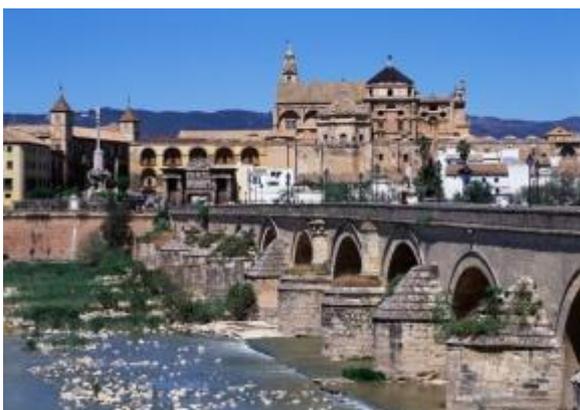
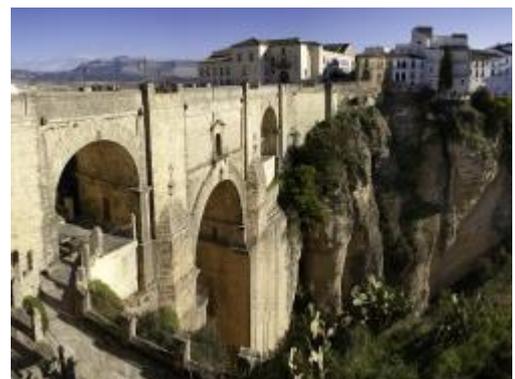
Plaza de España, Seville



Excursion to Cadiz. The Central Market itself is well worth a visit in the morning, especially the fish section. Cadiz is said to be the oldest city in Western Europe, as it was founded by Phoenician sailors about 3.000 years ago, as a commercial stronghold. Archaeological remains can be found all around the old town. The Archaeological Museum (Plaza de Mina) exhibits are interesting, specially two



Excursion to Ronda. After breakfast we will depart from Jerez travelling toward Ronda crossing the natural Park of Grazalema. We will pass through white villages such as Arcos de la Frontera, Villamaritin and Algodonales arriving in Ronda where there will be free time for lunch. Ronda is the capital of the white villages. Ronda is said to have the oldest Bullring in Spain, there is also Santa Maria church and the impressive bridges. We will return to Jerez for dinner in the Hotel.



The Roman Bridge in Cordoba

After breakfast on the sixth day we will board the bus for our journey to Cordoba where we will arrive in time for Lunch and an opportunity to visit the old town. Within easy walking distance you will find the Mezquita, the old Jewish quarter and the Alcazar with it's beautiful gardens.

We will leave Cordoba late afternoon and make our way to Baeza and our hotel for the night. After dinner there will be time to relax ready for our last day of sightseeing.



Baeza



Ubeda

After breakfast on the seventh day we will board the bus for our return journey to Moraira en route we will visit Baeza and Ubeza. You will either be able to have an early Lunch before boarding the bus for the last leg of the journey back to Moraira or have a snack during one of our stops.

The cost per person will be €455

Single room supplement: €150.

To secure a place, please pay a deposit of 60 euros per person at the Travel Desk at the next general meeting.

If you are unable to get to a General Meeting please contact Carol at carol.mantle@hotmail.com

JAVEA TRIP

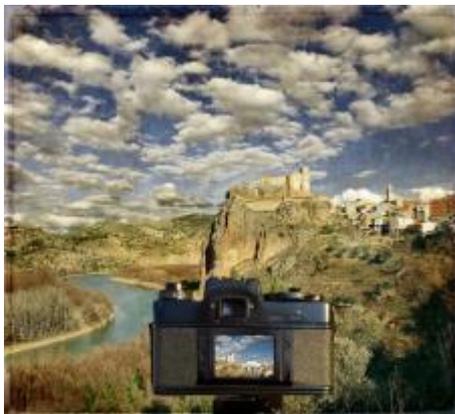
Cofrentes and Albarracin 2nd – 4th May - 3 days/ 2 nights

There are spaces still available on this trip

Day 1. We will leave Javea at 08.15 am on Friday 2nd May from Rafelet Car Park on the Benitachell Road, Javea. Our first stop will be **Requena** where we will visit the Winery, with wine tasting, followed by **lunch (incl.) in Utiel.**



We arrive in **Cofrentes** in the afternoon and will be staying for two nights, at the **Hotel Balneario Hervideros Cofrentes**, website: www.balneario.com/alojamientos-en-cofrentes-valencia/hotel-balneario-de-cofrentes which is located 4 miles from Cofrentes, situated in a unique natural setting between mountains. It has been a popular Spa Resort since the 19th century.



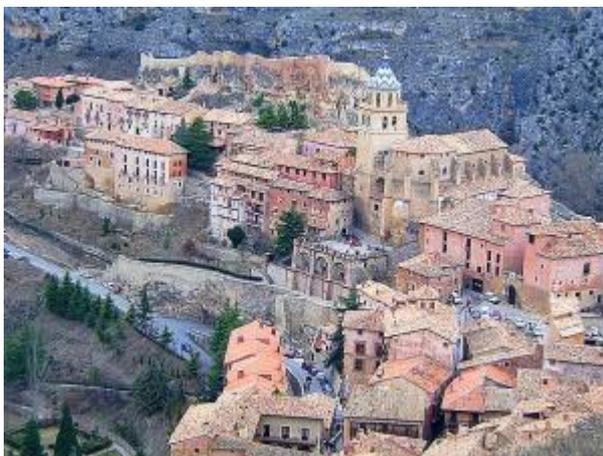
During our stay you will be able to enjoy a thermal water circuit which is included. There will be free time in the afternoon and evening. Dinner (not included) can be taken in one of

the Hotel restaurants or in one of the many restaurants in town.

A special three day festival will be taking place in the town with a medieval market, religious procession and stalls of typical food of the region. (We will have a full programme of events nearer the date of departure). The coach will be available to transport to and from the town, however there is also a footpath for the more energetic members. There will be some evening fireworks and river jousting, I believe on one or both evenings.

Day 2. After Breakfast there will be a boat trip to the Jucar Canyon, approx 1 hour. The boat will take you through the Canons where you could see golden eagles, heron, mountain goats and rugged landscape by the Muela de Cortes mountains. This is followed by a guided tour of the town (optional). The rest of the day and evening is free time to enjoy the many and varied activities available.

Day 3 We will leave Cofrentes at 9.00 am, after breakfast (inc.) and drive to **Albarracin** where you will be able to explore the town at your leisure.



Albarracín is the former capital of a Moorish kingdom (Taifa), the small town has preserved all its Islamic and mediaeval flavour. There are outstanding steep streets around the town, among which the **Plaza Mayor** square is found. The Town Hall is located there, providing an amazing **lookout point over the Guadalaviar River**. The current **El Salvador Cathedral**, adjoined to the **old Episcopal Palace**, was built in the 16th century.

The coach will leave at **15.30 to return to Javea** with a 1 hour stop in the small village of Segorbe for refreshments, **arriving back approximately 20.00**.

Cost of trip €205/Singles €255.

First payment of €100 due 29th January 2014.

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