

Truffle and Mushroom Tours in Spain with Christine Fischer

Discovering the Roots of the Black Truffle: A Winter Pilgrimage to Spain February 10-17, 2019

Come to the heart of Spain and join a pilgrimage to the land of truffles, the culinary Black Diamonds! Discover the truffle world starting with a truffle hunt in its wild forest habitat, followed by visits to managed truffle orchards. Relax into truffle dining, and learn a few culinary secrets from expert chefs. Explore the spectacular natural landscapes with guidance on history and culture over the last centuries in this province of Castille and Leon. And for a special treat, join the Truffle Festival of Abejar, to help celebrate its 17th year promoting truffle cultivation in Soria.



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Showcasing Spanish wines with fresh truffles is always part of the fun, so you can anticipate meeting an expert enologist to tell us about the "terroir" of Ribera del Duero. Get to know 5 very talented chefs who want to delight you with feasts paired with wines from the appellations of Ribera del Duero, Rueda and La Rioja.



We offer this trip in February when the truffles are ripe and aromatic, and the chefs have elaborated their new truffle menus. This is for a small group of travelers who seek a unique and intimate taste of Spain, and most importantly, to get to know the local truffle experts, chefs and guides. Every year is different and we want to make this a journey one that we can tailor to the special interests of each group.



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Here is what's included:

- ◆ Transportation to Soria from Madrid and back and all transportation during the weekly outings
- ◆ Hotel accommodations with breakfast for 7 nights
- ◆ Truffle hunting!
 - ❖ Collecting black truffles in the wild: *Looking at the ecology.*
 - ❖ The wild meets planted orchards: *Meet 3 generations of truffle hunters.*
 - ❖ A technical visit to productive orchards: *Let's discuss the latest management approaches!*
- ◆ Four truffle feasts accompanied with regional wines
- ◆ Wine tasting with guest enologist
- ◆ Guided visits to the old city of Soria and the Castle of Berlanga de Duero
- ◆ Excursion to the limestone canyon of La Fuentona
- ◆ Excursion to the Soria Highlands: How to make a life in rural lands
- ◆ "Cooking with truffles" hands-on with one of Soria's outstanding chefs
- ◆ Participation in the Abejar "Feria de la Trufa" 17th year!

Tour Cost in euros:

3350 € per person (double occupancy)

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Early Reservation Price: Reservations made by October 30.

3250 € per person (double occupancy)

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Full payment is due by December 6, 2018.

A **deposit** of 500€ will reserve your place.

Cancellation policy: From December 6, 2018 through Jan. 10, 2019 we will refund 30% of the tour cost in case of emergency cancellation.

We shall follow the wisdom of "When in Rome, do as the Romans" with respect to meals. The main meal in Spain is enjoyed between 1:30-4:30, with lighter evening meals at night. For this tour all breakfast and main meals are included in the cost, but each participant can choose an evening option depending on personal desires.

Trip does not include: personal items, laundry, room service and telephone charges.

We carry full accident insurance coverage for all transportation service within Spain. However, this package does not include individual travel insurance that covers loss of baggage or flight delays/cancellations. Please carry your own travel insurance that includes repatriation. This insurance is easily available through most airline companies when you book an international flight.

Trip activities: Walking tours or hiking will be daily activities and suggestions for proper outdoor wear will be provided. In early February we can expect to have cold clear nights (23-35°F) and mostly sunny dry days (32-48°F).

Tour language will be English but you'll have many opportunities to join-in with your Spanish!

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