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Message from Pam

As the Group Leader for U3A Dénia Travel it is my duty to keep you all informed of what we have on the agenda.

Therefore due to the continual updating of U3A Dénia Travel and Events we have decided that we will issue a Travel Newsletter as and when necessary rather than quarterly.

I apologise to those of you who do not wish to receive emails regarding Travel and Events so I suggest, in that case, you just delete them.

Pam Rowlinson
U3A Dénia Travel Group Leader

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December:

Alicante

1st December



A visit to Santa Bárbara castle in the morning for a 1 hour tour with English speaking guide to explain the important role played in the Spanish civil war.

You can't fail to notice this impressive castle situated on an outcrop overlooking Alicante City. It's one of the largest medieval fortresses in Europe and covers the complete summit of the Benacantil Mountain. Originally built by the Moors in the 10th century, the castle received its name from the conquest of King Alfonso the Wise that took place on 4th December 1248: Saint Barbara's day. Over the following centuries it was developed and extended leaving it with three main areas all dating from different eras.

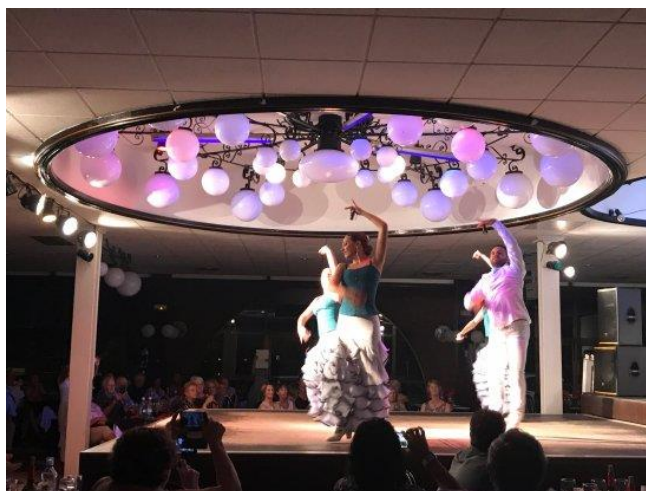
Santa Barbara Castle has everything you would expect, cannons, a palace, dungeons, a moat, the ruins of a small church and of course that famous lookout tower.

The coach will then take us to the front at Alicante with free time for lunch and afternoon shopping.

€12 per person

This trip is fully booked but we are compiling a waiting list – please contact travel@u3adenia.com to be added to the list

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A Christmas Party at Viva Espana

This could be either on Saturday 9th or Sunday 10th December
We are hoping for 10th but Viva Espana have a provisional booking on 10th which has yet to be confirmed - so if it comes available our party will be on 10th - but because of the short time before the event we need to advertise it to assess how many members will be joining us.

Lunch time Meal and Flamenco Show

Starter

Prawn with crab and pineapple cocktail

Or

Homemade pumpkin cream soup

Main course

Turkey with gravy and garnish

Or

Roast beef with gravy and garnish

Desert

Homemade apple tart with cream

1 bottle of wine per couple

Water on the tables

Glass of champagne included

Coach Travel from Dénia included

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Cost per person - 40€

Pick up time from:

New Marina Denia - 11.15 am

McDonalds Denia - 11.30 am

Mas y Mas Ondara - 11.45 am



PROPOSED 2018 TRIPS

FEBRUARY:



BENIDORM PALACE

7 February 2018



Departing on 7 February 2018 and returning on 8 February 2018

Treat yourselves to an overnight stay in the fabulous fourstar Melia Hotel in Benidorm, with tickets to the show, a gala meal, wine and cava.

We'll travel by coach in the morning to the hotel, which is just down the road from the Benidorm Palace. We can check in and use their spa facilities. This beautiful hotel has a spectacular lagoon pool with waterfalls and is surrounded by tropical vegetation. It also has a heated indoor pool, complete gym, sauna and two whirlpools. Buses and taxis stop outside so you can enjoy an afternoon here or shop or sightsee in town.

Benidorm Palace is just 450 mtrs from the hotel and is within easy walking distance on the flat

Dinner starts at 8.30pm and the show finishes at 12.30am.

Buffet breakfast next morning will set you up for the day and you'll have free time before we depart for Dénia around four in the afternoon.

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Benidorm Palace menu:

Marinated chicken salad with bacon, crunchy croutons and Gran Palace sauce

Pumpkin cream soup

Grilled fillet steak with port sauce, potato gratan and sautéed vegetables

Chef's special dessert

Wine and Cava throughout the meal

Price will be reduced from 40 people plus

Cost for a double room - 240€

Cost for a single room - 150€

Pick up time from:

New Marina Denia - 9.30

McDonalds Denia - 9.45

Mas y Mas Ondara - 10.00



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WINE TASTING

22 February 2018



A WINE EXPERIENCE FOR APPRECIATORS OF FINE WINES

VENUE: New Café Solés, Las Marinas

TIME: 6.30 PM

COST: €15 per person

To include samples of 4 wines, 1 white, 2 red and 1 Prosecco and a glass of whichever you prefer

A presentation from Mark O'Neill

Tapas

Santa Ana Malbec from Argentina

Guilhem Rouge from France

Rimera Luz Sauvignon

Fiabesco Prosecco

Mark O'Neill, an Irishman who lives in Valencia, has 30yrs experience in the wine industry and is holder of the prestigious WSET Diploma.

He has an online business called The Wine Place.es – an online store offering wine lovers in Spain the opportunity to enjoy carefully selected imported wines.

Mark writes weekly columns in the Spanish newspapers El Mundo and 5 Barricas sharing his experiences and ideas on the world of wine with the readers. He also broadcasts a weekly wine programme on Levante Radio.

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He is also a WSET Approved Programme Provider offering courses to professionals and wine enthusiasts, cursos.thewinplace.es. His objective is to introduce a global perspective for those working in the wine business while providing wine enthusiasts with the confidence to explore the world of wine.



MARCH:

Mar Menor – 3 nights, 4 days – 25th – 28th March



Departing on 25 March 2018 and returning on 28 March 2018

Day 1 25/03 - Leaving Dénia, lunch en route. Afternoon arrival at the hotel, free time. Dinner at the hotel.

Day 2 26/03 - Breakfast. Going to Shopping Plaza la Zenia. Free time for lunch. Afternoon back to the hotel. Free Time. Dinner at the hotel.

Day 3 27/03 - Breakfast. Leaving in the morning to visit Cartagena :

Visit Licor 43 factory. Teatro Museum, old town hall and the main buildings in its old town.

Lunch at a local restaurant. (in between 17 and 20eur p.p.)

Panoramic lift view point. (1eur)

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After some free time at Cartagena, late afternoon back to the hotel .
Dinner at the hotel.

Day 4 28/03 - Breakfast. late morning back to Denia, lunch in route.

Price Includes : Bus + Rolf as tour guide + Local English speaking Guide
in Cartagena + entry roman theatre + 3 hotel nights with Half Board

Cost for a double room - 430€

Cost for a single room - 255€



Fallas – Valencia – day trip

Date and price to be confirmed. One we have price and date full details
will be published on the U3A Travel pages of the U3A Dénia website.

APRIL:

Day trip to Albufera

9:15 – Departure from Dénia by bus

10:15 – Arrival at el Palmar where we will meet our guide

10:30 – We go by bus to a Barraca (tradicional valencian house), where
we'll get some explanations

11:30 – Walking tour of an hour to see the 3 different landscapes of the
Albufera (very relaxed walk)

12:45/13:00 – Paella lunch at restaurant

15:00 – Visit of Casa de la Demanà, a tradicional fishermen building

16:00 – Boat tour to see some local fauna and flora of the area

17:00 – Departure by bus to Dénia.

Day and price to be confirmed. As soon as we have the full details they will be published on the Travel pages of the U3A Dénia website.

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MAY:

GIRONA FLOWER FESTIVAL



A trip to the wonderful city of Girona, seen more beautiful than ever during the "Temp de Flor" when the whole city is dressed in flowers and artistic installations in monuments, courtyards and gardens together with a programme of cultural, gastronomic and commercial activities.



4 days/ 3 Nights

From 15th May 2018 until 18th May 2018.

Staying in the centre of Girona in a 3* Hotel

Double /Twin rooms only.

(Sorry no single rooms available).

Cost of tour to include travel by coach and 3 nights hotel.

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Half board including drinks - 370pp

Final payment April 2018

Contact details : Lynn Bishop 96 640 5426

Email radolynnb@hotmail.com

This is an event organised by the Travel Team at Val del Pop U3A to which we have been invited to join. Please email Lynn if you would like to join them.

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SEPTEMBER: Sunset Catamaran Cruise

Also being researched

Rafting – day trip near Valencia

Oceanographic in Valencia – 2 day trip with overnight stay.

You can choose to either spend 2 days at the Oceanographic/Arts & Sciences museum or spend just one day at the museum and the second day in Valencia sightseeing or shopping – your choice.

Once full details have been obtained they will be published on the Travel pages of the U3A Dénia website.

Northern Lights

Majorca – with flight from Alicante included

Christmas 2018

Please book early for Travel trips/events as places are filling up already – once any of the trips/events are fully booked we will compile a waiting list

If you have any suggestions for day trips or holidays in 2018 we are always happy to hear from you.