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Merry Christmas



From the Travel Team

Thank you for your support during 2017

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Barcelona – November 2017

Our trip to Barcelona was a great success and went without any problems. We did see a couple of demonstrations but mainly students and all very orderly and not at all aggressive.



Please view some of the photographs which have been sent to me:



The Gaudi apartments



Delightfully named restaurant

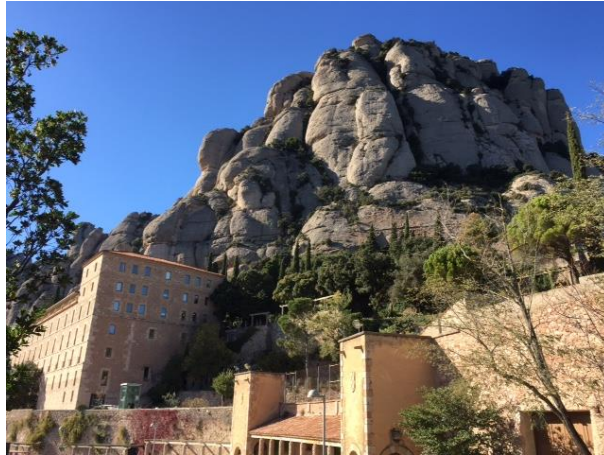


The Gaudi house



Montserrat

The visit to the monastery at Montserrat was also very interesting



On the last day we visited the Cordoniu cava winery



The house at the Cordoniu winery





As you can see there was plenty to do on this trip but also free time in the beautiful Barcelona city.

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Christmas Shopping trip and visit to Alicante Castle

The Christmas shopping in Alicante was very popular and we all enjoyed the added trip to Alicante castle where our guides Rosas and David informed us about some of the history of the castle.

Please see photos:



During the civil war some of the prisoners carved their names

VIVA ESPANA


9 December 2017



Lunch time Meal and Flamenco Show

The show was brilliant and enjoyed by all

Just a pity no one but me wanted to 'strut their stuff' after the show and

the DJ gave up!! 



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



There are a few places left for this event - please go to the Travel Bookings section on the U3A website

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.



There are some places left for this event. Please go to Travel Bookings on the U3A website

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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

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buildings in its old town.

Lunch at a local restaurant (between 17 and 20eur p.p.)
Panoramic lift view point. (1eur)

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 Dénia, lunch en 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€

The excursions are optional although included



There are some places left. Please go to Travel Bookings on the U3A
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March - Fallas – Valencia – day trip

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

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APRIL: 19th 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.

Cost per person - 43€ including lunch

There are 38 places left for this event. You must sign in to book travel events.

Pick up time from:

New Marina Denia - 8.45

McDonalds Denia - 9.00

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MAY:

Wednesday 13th

White Water Rafting in Cabriel



The activity will be placed in the area of Hoces de Cabriel only one hour from Valencia city and it will be consisting in a 2 hours of exhilarating white water descend on the Cabriel river.

There is up to several kilometers of navigable water with different grades along the way, on spring time (April, May) this descend can be wilder than the rest of the year and in summer period (from June to 31st Aug) it is perfect for families and for none experienced people.

The day starts at the PaddleinSpain Centre Group - located in *Venta del Moro*.

You will receive your equipment, getting changed in our facilities. You will meet your instructor, the one who will be accompanying you all the time in tour and give you a briefing on safety and [Rafting](#) techniques.

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Afterwards that will be the moment to brave the Cabriel river rapids, completing the route and finish the run.

Cost: €70 per person including transport from Dénia/Ondara. The more people that book the lower the price.

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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.

Day trip to the Bio Park, Valencia

Northern Lights

Majorca – we will be receiving full details of this event in the very near future and once available they will be published on the Travel pages of the U3A website and booking will be opened.

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.