

The Saffron Harvest & Culinary Tour

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Safinter, S.A. offers you one of the World's most wonderful experiences, in cooperation with a prestigious company specialized in gastronomic tours. A weekend tour of the heart of La Mancha invites you to participate in a unique culinary experience. You can take part in the harvest of Saffron, the World's most expensive and highly-appreciated spice, on Saffron fields belonging to Safinter, S.A. Discover the renowned Saffron from La Mancha, in the land where the highest quality is produced. This unique experience will be complemented by meals which include Saffron as the main ingredient.

We have organized a very special weekend focused on this culinary delicacy. You will visit the fields during harvest time, which mainly takes place within a two-week period in the month of October, with daily flowering that lasts but a few hours. You will see the "roseras" collecting the flowers of saffron, and join in their task, guided by experts from Safinter. You will then learn about the "monda" or peeling of the saffron flowers (separation of the stigma), the toasting and drying process using traditional methods, and finally the packaging. In fact, you can bottle your own saffron to bring home and enjoy. In sum, a unique weekend featuring this almost magical spice, adding an exclusive culinary experience to your enjoyment of Spanish gastronomy.

▪ *Itinerary*

- Day One

Leave Madrid by luxury private bus, direction Albacete (Castilla – La Mancha). We will make a stop in Alarcón for coffee. Arrive in Albacete and check-in at the Hotel. Lunch* at the exclusive restaurant: special tasting menu with saffron as protagonist, including detailed description of the uses and culinary applications of saffron. Free time after lunch. Dinner free also. Night in Albacete.

- Day Two

Early excursion to the saffron fields of Safinter, participation in harvest with the "roseras", the peeling and toasting process, all guided by Safinter. After work in the fields a rustic lunch will be enjoyed in a rural "venta" (roadside restaurant), based on local specialties. After lunch we will continue in the direction of Belmonte. Check-in at Hotel. Free afternoon to rest and visit Belmonte, its beautiful castle and city walls. Transfer to Pedroñeras to enjoy a magnificent dinner at the famous Restaurant, La Mancha's best restaurant. Return to Belmonte after dinner. Night in Belmonte.

- Day Three

Check-out after breakfast. Visits in the D. Quijote Route: El Toboso, Campo de Criptana, Consuegra,.... Lunch in the area. Return to Madrid. End of the trip.

▪ *Prices and dates*

-Price per person: 1,035 EUR* (land only, double occupancy, in Euros).

The program includes:

2 nights accommodation and breakfast daily
All domestic transportation and English/Spanish speaking guide.
3 Lunches and 1 Dinner
Excursion to the saffron fields to pick up the flowers with Safinter expert and to take part on the whole process.
Local taxes and a Safinter saffron jar
Tour Dates 2008: October 17 to 19 & 24 to 26

(*) This price applies for a minimum group size of 12 people and a maximum of 18. If minimum size is not reached, a supplement should be paid to guarantee the departure. This would be announced with a 45 days notice. Single supplement: 45 EUR .

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