

TORREVIEJA U3A TRAVEL AND SOCIAL DIARY

WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH

FULLY BOOKED

A visit to the Torrevieja Water Treatment Plant

We will meet at the Plant (directions will be sent) at 11.30 in the morning. Following the visit we will have a Menu del Día at Ca'Felix in Torrevieja (**cost €11** – payment required at the February General Meeting).

THURSDAY 17TH MARCH

Coffee morning at Restaurante La Mirada Playa, La Zenia

Sheila and Barbara, the Social Organisers, will be at the restaurant from 11.00 a.m., please come along and join them for a coffee and meet new friends.

FRIDAY 25TH & SATURDAY 26TH MARCH FULLY BOOKED

A two day trip north to Onda and Sagunto

An early start, but there is a lot to see and do on this trip north. The coach leaves Pilar de la Horadada at 8.00 a.m. (other pick-ups available). A stop for coffee will be made en route to Vall d'Uixó where the Grutas San José caves are located. Our visit to the caves includes a boat ride on the underground river. Lunch will be taken at the La Cova restaurant next to the caves before we continue by coach to the ceramic town of Onda. Here we visit the tile museum to see their special exhibition celebrating 700 years of English tiles. We stay overnight at the Gran Hotel Toledo in Onda on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis. The following morning a stroll around the old town and the castle, before boarding our coach for the short journey to Sagunto for lunch prior to visiting some of the sites. Sagunto is an historic town with a two thousand-year-old fortress, a Roman theatre and remains of the wall of Diana's Temple saved by Hannibal from the raging flames that engulfed the city. Then its home, with a stop on the way.

FINAL PRICES: €96.46 per person in double or twin room;
€111.46 in a double room for single occupancy

(based on 45 people)

Passport required.

Final payment at the February meeting

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LATER DEPARTURE TIMES



APRIL

A quiz is planned, more information nearer the date.



TUESDAY 3RD TO FRIDAY 6TH MAY - A four day trip to Cordoba and Granada

The coach leaves Quesada at 8.00 a.m. (other pick-ups available) for a visit to Cordoba to enjoy the *Patio Fiesta* - a chance to wander around many of the internal courtyards. They will also be celebrating the *Cata del Vino* – a *feria*, when many bodegas gather in marquees and offer tastings of their products (not free), with tapas and musical entertainment. We will stay at the 4* Ciudad de Cordoba Hotel for two nights on a bed and breakfast basis. We then travel to Granada for a one night stay at the 4* Hotel El Alixares on a half board basis. Places to visit here include the *Mirador de San Cristobal*, the *Cathedral*, *old quarter* and *Alhambra* (please advise if you would like entrance tickets, which are extra).

Price: €320.00 (per person sharing a double or twin room) PRICE REDUCTION

Please bring your passport. Further minimum payment of €160.00 at the February meeting and the balance at the March meeting

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FRIDAY 6TH MAY

An evening trip to Crevillente

A Friday evening visit during the half year Moors and Christians fiesta celebrations. The evening will start at 18.00 and will include visits to the Casa de Cultura (inc photographic exhibition of Moors & Christians 2010), Moors & Christian fiesta museum, Church & Hermitage, Art Museum and possibly a visit to the HQ of one of the Christian Groups. All are within easy walking distance within the town centre. Final details are expected to be available at the March general meeting. It will be possible for the group to have dinner in a local restaurant afterwards, but no arrangements will be made prior to the evening. Members make their own way, directions and a map are provided.

There is no charge.

Priority will be given to members of the Spanish Life & Culture group, but there will almost certainly be additional places available.

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SATURDAY 21ST MAY

Teteria Carmen del Campillo, Crevillente Moroccan Tea Gardens

This is without doubt one of the most magical places, where the rooms are decorated in Arabic style and Arabic music plays. Enjoy a walk around the gardens where peacocks roam. Everything changes when night falls, with indirect lighting around the gardens and candles in the rooms, making it enchanting.

The gastronomic attractions are the tea, typical Arab sweetmeats and some other non-alcoholic drinks. Remember it is an Arabic tea shop, therefore alcohol is prohibited.

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SATURDAY 11TH JUNE

Summer Barbecue – Casa La Pedrera, Torremendo

Starting at approximately 6.30 p.m. The fare will include sausages, chicken, beef burgers and salads. Wine, soft drinks and beer will all be available at a reasonable price. We are also planning to have some musical entertainment.

The price is just €12.00 per person, payable in full when reserving your place. Reservations can be taken up to and including the May General Meeting, depending on availability.

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FRIDAY 17TH JUNE

A day trip to the Spa of Leana in Fortuna

Famed for its waters since ancient times, the Spa of Leana is one of the oldest in Spain. The complex of thermal pools are kept between 30°C and 37°C. The pool price is for unlimited time in the pool area, where a swimming hat must be worn. The spa price includes, by prior appointment, a 1½ hour treatment of your choice. There are three relaxing pools; a jacuzzi; steam sauna; spray shower and aroma shower. There are many beauty treatments and other therapies available, including massages, mud based therapies, rheumatic treatments and respiratory facilities. To book a treatment in advance contact the Spa directly on 902444410, www.leana.es, info@leana.es. Coffee and lunch can be bought on site at the cafeteria in the thermal pool complex. Alternatively the nearby Hotel Balneario which dates back to 1860 offers lunch in their stupendous dining room featuring the only scale replica of the Sistine Chapel. **Group prices per person: pool only €7.00; spa only €17.00; spa & pool €24.00 plus €9.00 for the coach (based on 40 people). Full payment when making booking.**

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SATURDAY 16TH JULY

Habaneras Concert, Playa del Cura, Torrevieja

An evening concert to be enjoyed whilst sitting on the beach. Bring a picnic and join Sheila and Barbara for a memorable evening.

More information closer to the time.

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SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2011

Moors & Christians Fiesta - Crevillente

An opportunity to see this spectacular display of imagination and colour. This visit is open to all members.

The evening features the full dress parade of the Moors, which normally commences at 18.30.

Members will make their own way and will be met by Chris. Directions and a map will be provided.

There will be a charge of 3 or 4 euro for seating, payable locally on the night..

Final details will be confirmed in September when the official programme is published.

No charge other than for seating.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE – A TASTE OF GERMANY

The airline timetable for next winter has just been published and the flights no longer operate on the same days as last winter. You will appreciate this is outside our control.

The dates for the trip to Germany have therefore had to be changed and will now be – departing on Tuesday 29th November and returning on Monday 5th December.

If you are booked on the trip but are unable to accommodate these changes please notify Rolf as soon as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.

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TUESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER – MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER **A Taste of Germany**

A seven day trip to Germany flying from Alicante to Hannover via Palma de Mallorca. Staying at a 3* hotel in Hildesheim, with excursions to Nörten-Hardenberg, Wernigerode, Hannover and Goslar. For full itinerary (which will be finalised in October) please contact Rolf.

***Estimated cost: €680 per person sharing a double room;
€760 per person in a single room
(based on a minimum of 30 people)***

The price includes half board accommodation, with lunch included on days 3 and 4; all travel by air, coach and train; tour guides and entrances; schnapps at the distillery and coffee and cake at Café Winuwuk, as mentioned in the itinerary.

Travel to and from Alicante airport and airport parking are NOT included.

Payment to be made by monthly payments of €100 per person per month, commencing at the January meeting

Please remember that travel insurance is essential and is the responsibility of each individual.

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