



Castles & Concerts Chronicle

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The rain in Spain stays mainly on the plain

1.5 Euros



Hotel Barcelo La Bobadilla

Photo by Hugh Ever

Life is good!

The most spectacular property we have ever visited!

By Marcy Pattinson

Life is Good! Welcome to Hotel Barcelo la Bobadilla! We enter a world where time stands still ... an Andalusian flavor, a scent, a rustic elegant song. The Mudéjar architecture will envelope us in Medieval Spanish splendor! Isn't this thrilling, right from the start?!?

But wait! Has there ever been a Castles & Concerts trip where a musician or traveler, a reveler or wine connoisseur, a dancer or adventurer has *ever* stood still? I think not! We have such a bounty of sights and history, music and learning to take in, that our seven days will be a whirl of the most fun yet!

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ACTIVITY

AFTER LUNCH
SETTLE IN AND
EXPLORE THE
GROUNDS

ACTIVITY

6:00 PM
COCKTAILS

ACTIVITY

7:00 PM
CONCERT
FOLLOWED BY
DINNER



77°F
PARTLY
CLOUDY
89°/58°

FUN FACTS OF SPAIN

- The national anthem of Spain has no words.
- Spain has the fourth highest life expectancy in the world at 82.8 years.
- 43% of the world's olive oil production is done in Spain.
- There are no laws against public nudity in Spain.
- There is a 47 story skyscraper in Spain that has no elevator.
- The Eiffel Tower was originally intended for Barcelona, Spain but the project was rejected.

Dear Dave,



Dear Dave

My husband and I enjoy dancing a lot. Last night when I got back to our room my feet were really bruised. It was dark and we'd had a lot of Spanish wine, but I'm pretty sure he was the cause of my pain. How do I tell him that I want to keep dancing with him but he needs to learn the basic steps?

Signed, Ginger

Dear Ginger,

I think I saw you last night...do you have dark hair? Anyhow if so...your husband looks to be a reasonable dancer. Is it possible you were the couple on the floor dancing next to the Thompsons? If so, it might have been Larry who was stepping on you. He means well but has no sense of the fox trot; and it's best to stay away from him especially on those samba numbers. Give your husband another chance.

Dear Dave,

This has been a great trip and we are having a really fun time. All has been good but have you noticed that there has been a shortage of butter at dinner? How do I say something to our hosts? I don't want to hurt people's feelings, but the bread in Spain is otherwise really bland.
Signed, Dry Mouth.

Dear Dry Mouth,

That is a very sensitive issue. The Spanish people have tried for years to make good bread but have failed. The hosts knew this going in. I get it, but try to work with the locals here. Have you considered olive oil? Or get crackers and use salt. Alternatively, the rice might give you the carbs you need.



Hotel Barcelo La Bobadilla

Photo by Hugh Nose

Life... (Cont'd from Page 1)

Our own musicians, like Freddy Clarke (astonishing Flamenco guitarist), will undoubtedly know that the music of this region shares its ancestry with the Visigoths, Moors and Jews ~ our new best friends! We have Dick Hardwick with us, possibly the happiest and funniest friend to be imagined! And you can bet Carolyn Baker will be able to teach us dances like the Bolero, Fandango and Jota.

So, invite the spice and vibrancy of the week to unfold, as Matt and Tom and Chip offer us a masterpiece of a trip that we will remember for a lifetime! Let the joy and games begin!!

STARGAZING IN SPAIN

By Steve Majewski

The country setting of Roja and its moonless skies during our stay here offer a wonderful chance to take in dark and starry nights. As our traveling astronomer, I will be offering tours of the Spring constellations, with my usual commentary mixing relevant historical and scientific context. Al-Mushtari will reign the Roja sky — come and find out his secrets!

Weather permitting, tours start at 10ish PM and will meet in the hotel lobby.

