

# EXPLORING SPANISH CRAFTS: AN INSIDER'S TRIP TO SPAIN

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**MONDAY 27 OCTOBER: TRAVEL DAY USA - SPAIN**

## **1. TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER: MADRID**

### **AM**

Arrive to Madrid. Transfer to

Check-into the **Hotel ICON EMBASSY** for 2 nights. ( Prepaid night for immediate check-in)

It is centrally located in the heart of Madrid´s barrio de Salamanca district where you have the top shopping, antiques , galleries. Walking distance from the museums.

**Hotel ICON EMBASSY (2 nights)**

**Calle de Serrano, 46, 28001 Madrid.**

**Tel.: +34 914 31 30 60**

**[www.iconembassy.com](http://www.iconembassy.com)**

### **PM**

3:00 pm. Meet in the lobby with Sofis Barroso from Around Art. Walk to **Club Matador**, Madrid´s top Arts Club (5m)

Welcome coffee. Introductory lecture on Spanish traditional crafts and on its 21 st century new craftsmen.

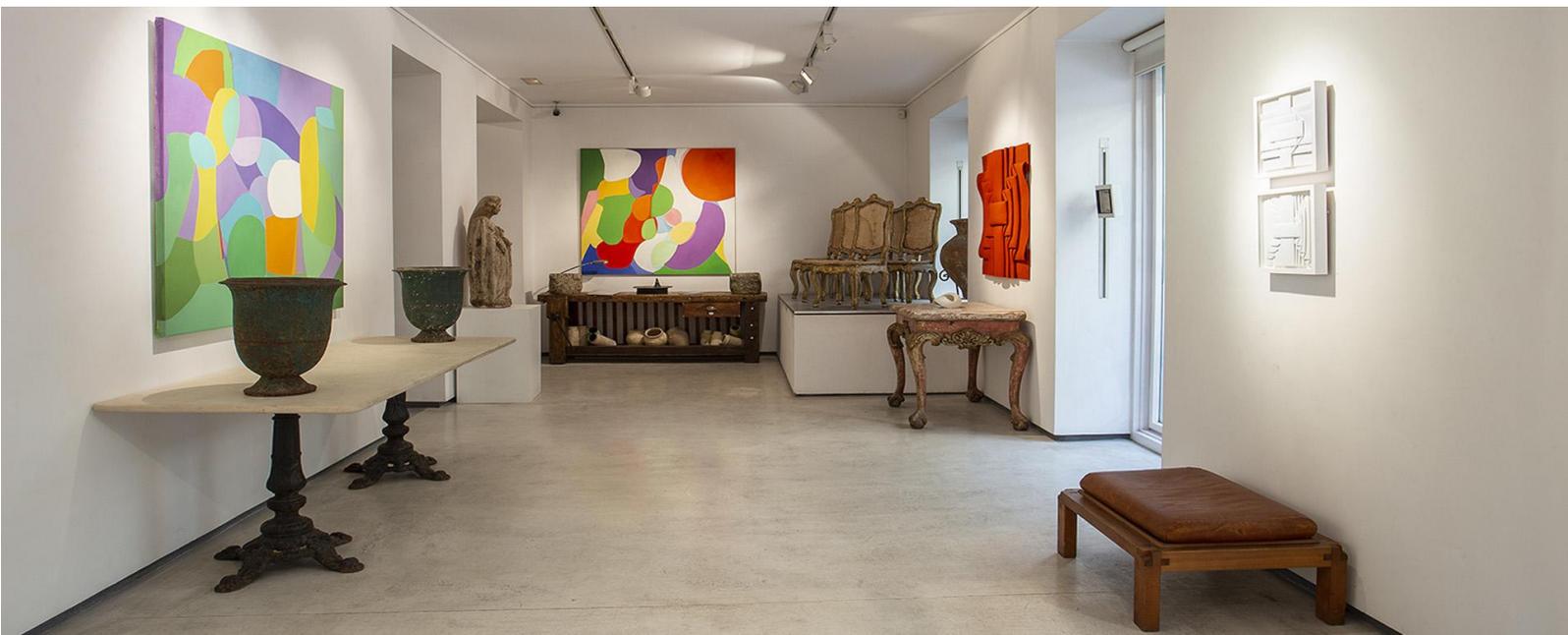
4:30pm. Departure on foot (15m). Visit the **Decorative Arts Museum**, which now also focuses on design and contemporary crafts. Welcome by its director: Sofia Rodriguez-Bernis.

<https://www.culturaydeporte.gob.es/mnartesdecorativas/ca/portada.html>

6:30 pm Continue on foot. Visit Es Fascinante

Welcome drinks and tapas at **Marita Segovia gallery** that presents design, arts & crafts, antiques and contemporary art. <https://galeriamaritasegovia.com/gb/>

8:30pm. Return to the hotel (5m).



## 2. WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER: MADRID.

### AM

10:00am. Departure by minibus. Visit the workshop of craftsman **Javier Medina** that creates wonderful esparto grass objects.



Drive to **Matadero**, Madrid's old abattoir, seat of Madrid Design foundation and of the association of Madrid designers.

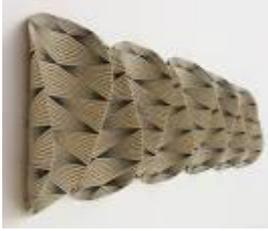


We will continue to see the showroom of hat designer **Candela Cort**, who has been one of the icon designers in the past 30 years. <https://www.candelacort.com/>  
Lunch will take place at her lovely home.



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In the afternoon we will visit the studio of contemporary ceramic artist **Maria Oriza**, before returning to the hotel.



7:30pm. Departure to the home of **Luz Camino**, who will show us her exquisitely animated jewels that are inspired by nature. Camino is one of the only Spanish fine jewellery designers to be represented in the Decorative Arts Museum of Paris, and the NY Museum of Art and Design. Cocktails and tapas- dinner will be hosted.



## 3. THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER: MADRID-SEGOVIA.

### AM

9:30am Departure with luggage. Visit the showroom of **Es Fascinante**, which promotes contemporary Spanish slow fashion and crafts. Welcome by owners Margarita and Valentina Suarez-Zuloaga. <https://es.es-fascinante.com/>

Continue for a 2h drive to the province of Segovia to the lovely medieval village of **Pedraza de la Sierra**.

Arrival Pedraza. Welcome by Sabine Derouledé, who promotes the crafts in her village. On arrival lunch at La Taberna restaurant, decorated by her daughter and interior decorator Mafalda Muñoz.



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In the afternoon Sabine will show her the crafts she has promoted and rebranded in Pedraza-Will visit "los Estaños", Pedraza pewter designs for hosewhere. We will also visit the ceramists she has bought to produce their work in Pedraza.

We will finish our afternoon visit at the private home of Sabine, where antiques, crafts and contemporary art live comfortably with one another. Tea, drinks and tapas before we drive to the lovely town of La **Granja de San Ildefonso**, also called Spain´s Versailles, to the **Parador of la Granja**, where we will spend 2 nights. Installed in the "Casa de los Infantes"

( house of the princes), this historic building has been decorated by Iñigo Guell.

The Royal town of La Granja was created by Felipe V, the first Spanish Bourbon king in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. Here he built a palace full of decorative arts, an incredible garden and glass factory. He was a great promoter of the decorative arts following the influence of his grandfather Louis XIV.

**Parador of la Granja( 2 nights)**  
**Calle Infantes, 3,**  
**40100 Real Sitio de San Ildefonso,**  
**Segovia, España**  
**Tel: +34 921 01 07 50**



## 4. FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER: SEGOVIA.

### AM

10:00am Departure on foot. Visit the **Royal Glass Factory Foundation and National Centre for Glass**. Awarded the Europa Nostra prize ( equivalent to a Pritzker for its restoration), here the craftsmen not only create 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> glass models but also create contemporary glass. Masters coach young aprendices in the art of blowing glass.

<http://www.realfabricadecristales.es/es>

At noon we will continue by coach to **Abbate**, located in the Cisterian abbey of Santa Maria de la Sierra, where we will be welcomed by Elena Goded, owner and promoter of the beautiful . Here the textiles are woven and hand dyed by the women of the nearby village, who have learnt a new profession. Abbate is also a place where seminars, courses and conferences take place on the world of textile, fashion, colour, botanical plants for hand -dying, crafts and contemporary art applied to crafts. <https://www.abbatte.com/>

Lunch will take place at Abbate.



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After lunch we will drive back to La Granja. On the way, we will visit the studio of the contemporary artist **Carlos Leon**, who collaborates with his designs at Abbatte. He is one of the great established artists of the Spanish art scene. [www.carlosleonarte.com](http://www.carlosleonarte.com)



In the evening we will have dinner at the Parador.

## 5. SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER: SEGOVIA- OROPESA (TOLEDO).

### AM

Check-out of the Parador.

10:00h Guided visit to the **palace of La Granja** and its incredible tapestry collection followed by a stroll of its beautiful gardens.

13:00h Departure by coach for lunch at the **private home of Coro López Izquierdo and Mariano Vilallonga**, both architects, artists and designers. We will visit their studios after lunch. <http://marianojvilallonga.com/> <https://www.corolopezizquierdo.com/>



## PM

Drive to the town **of Oropesa, in the province of Toledo.( 2h30m).**

**Check-into the parador**, installed what was the place of the Counts of Oropesa.

**Dinner at the Parador.**

**Parador de Oropesa. ( 2 nights)**

**Plaza Palacio, 1, 45560 Oropesa, Toledo, España**

**Tel: +34 925 43 00 00**



## **6. SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER: OROPESA-PUENTE DEL ARZOBISPO - LAGARTERA.**

### AM

Today we will devote our day to the crafts of the villages of Lagartera and Puente del Arzobispo, both declared of world interest by UNESCO because of its crafts ( Intangible heritage).

10:00 am Departure. Drive to the village of **Lagartera** famous for its embroideries.

Meet the interior decorator Tomás Alia who is an expert on Lagartera crafts and has created an association to promote and produce new designs.



1:00pm. Lunch will take place at the beautiful **Valdepalacios Relais & Chateaux**, private country estate turned into a charming hotel and restaurant.



**PM**

Drive to **Puente del Arzobispo**, a village only devoted to pottery, where we will visit the main craftsmen.



Return to Oropesa.  
8:00pm. Dinner at the parador.

## 7. MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER: OROPESA- TOLEDO-MADRID.

### AM

9:30 am. Departure with luggage. Drive to **Toledo.(1h)**. Panoramic drive around this beautiful historic town. **Visit a damascene workshop** where we will see this craft that has been done in Spain Since the Middle Ages.

1:00pm. Paella lunch at the **palace of Galiana**, privately owned by the Araoz-Marañon family.



### PM

3:00pm. Drive to Madrid (1h). Check into the Icon Embassy hotel for 1 night. **Free time.**

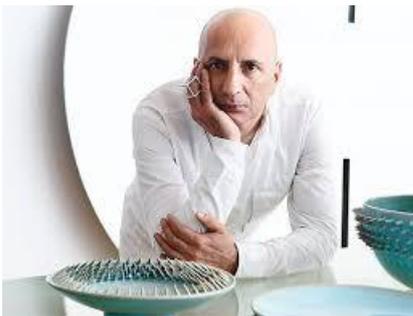
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8:00pm. Departure on foot or taxis for **farewell drinks and tapas dinner at the private home of the jewelry designer Chus Bures.** <http://www.chusbures.com/>

10:00p1m Return to the hotel.



## 8. TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER:MADRID- USA.

Independent transfers to the airport. ( Flat fee taxi fare of 30 €).

*\* This itinerary can be subject to changes that will not affect the quality of the trip*