



Menorca & Mallorca: Art and Gardens May 22 – June 1, 2017

In Support of the UC Botanical Garden at Berkeley
Escorted by Katherine Greenberg

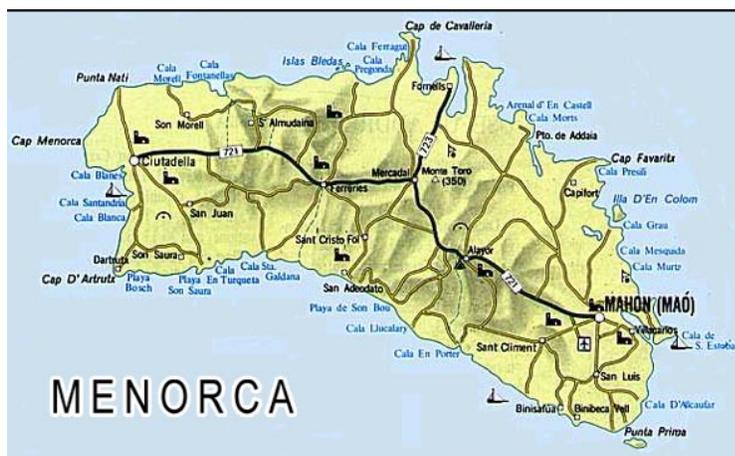
Come with us to discover the natural beauty and diverse culture of Menorca and Mallorca. We will experience the best of what Spain's Balearic Islands have to offer, from ancient stone monuments and centuries-old country estates to contemporary art collections and gardens. Join us for a memorable tour and an "insider's" view of these unique islands.

Monday 22 May: USA to MENORCA

Tuesday 23 May: MENORCA D

Independent arrivals to the island of Menorca.
Check into the Hotel Hamilton Barcelo in Es Castell.

This afternoon we will meet in the hotel for an introduction to the island of Menorca by Sofia Barroso, our lecturer/guide. We will walk through the charming old town of Mahón and enjoy a short organ concert at the Church of Santa Maria, the town's most important shrine. Our welcome dinner this evening will be at Miramar Restaurant.



Wednesday 24 May: MENORCA B,L,D

This morning we will visit an impressive private country estate, where we will see its indigenous plants, a natural lake that attracts an abundance of wildlife, and several coves along the sea. We will enjoy a picnic lunch at one of the estate's private beaches.

Later in the afternoon we will visit Camp Sarch, a private agricultural estate. Starting in the 1990s, Fernando Caruncho, one of Spain's leading landscape architects and a friend of the family, converted the orchards and a small traditional garden into the beautiful gardens that exist today. The main garden has 16 ponds that alternate with beds of native plants and two pavilions. The project respects the existing structures, which according to Caruncho are of Moorish origin. Tapas and drinks will be served.



Camp Sarch by Caruncho.

Thursday 25 May: MENORCA Ciudadella B,L

Today we will drive across the island, stopping to see the megalithic remains in the Talayotic village of Talati De Dalt. From Mount Toro, the highest point on Menorca, we will have views over the entire island and see the monument devoted to the Menorcans who migrated to Florida in the 18th Century.



Mount Toro.

We will also visit the famous megalithic Naveta of Es Tudons before entering Ciudadella.



Naveta of Es Tudons

We are invited to an impressive private palace in Ciudadella for lunch, where we will enjoy a tasting of Menorcan specialties and its beautiful setting. Later we will stroll through the town's historic quarter, viewing its palaces and churches. We will stop for coffee in the town's quaint port before returning to Es Castell.

The evening is free for dinner on your own.

Friday 26 May: MENORCA to MALLORCA B,L



We depart Menorca this morning for a short flight from Mahon airport to Palma de Mallorca.

After arriving in Palma, we drive to Son Oliver, the private home and garden of Margarita Moragues and Olivier Winckler. The garden incorporates plants that are native to the property, and Olivier has created an impressive walled garden for citrus trees.

After lunch at Son Oliver we will drive across the island to the village of Petra to see the home and parish church of Fray Junipero Serra, founder of the California missions. We will continue to Palma and check into our hotel, HM Jaime III, located in the historic center of the city and a short walk from the sea. This evening we will have drinks at Abaco, a spectacular old palace near the hotel. Dinner is on your own.



Saturday 27 May: MALLORCA Palma B,L

9.30 am. This morning we will walk through Palma's old quarter, to see its distinctive architecture, art treasures, and hidden gardens. We will visit the church and cloister garden of the San Francisco Monastery, followed by a tour of the Bartolome March Foundation's art collection and sculpture terrace in the former home of Mallorcan tycoon Juan March. We will also see Palma's impressive Cathedral. It's Gothic interior was redesigned by Antoni Gaudí in the early 20th century, and contemporary Mallorcan architect Miguel Barceló created an impressive chapel in ceramics. After a visit to the Bishop's garden, we will visit the old Arab baths and the Convent of St Claire.



Miquel Barceló Chapel of St Pere

Lunch will take place in the restaurant of the Gran Hotel, a beautiful building by Art Nouveau architect Lluís Domènech i Montaner and seat of the Caixa Foundation. The afternoon and evening are free for further explorations of the city and dinner on your own. A list of shops and restaurants will be provided.

Sunday 28 May: MALLORCA Alfabia, Fornalutx & Soller B,L

This morning we will drive into the Soller Valley, notable for its centuries-old agricultural terraces planted with orange and lemon trees. We will visit the Soller Botanic Garden, which is devoted to plants of the Balearic Islands. The Garden also has an important seed collection and data base. We will continue to the lovely village of Fornalutx for lunch.

Later we will visit "Hort del Bisbe" (The Bishop's Orchard), the private home and garden of Mallorcan artist Francesca Martí and her Swedish husband Gunnar Dahl. We will see Francesca's paintings in her studio. The garden has one of the oldest *Pistacia lentiscus* trees ("Mata" in Majorcan) on the island.

On our return to Palma we will visit Alfabia, Mallorca's oldest country estate, created in the 9th century during the Moorish occupation of the island.



Soller Valley



Gardens of Alfabia

Monday 29 May: MALLORCA Southern Mallorca B,L

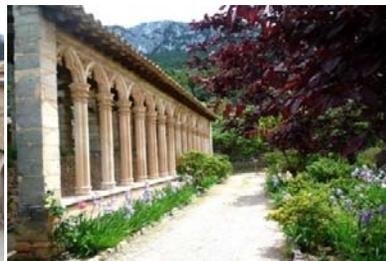
Guest lecturer Alvaro de la Rosa will join us for a visit to several of the gardens he has designed on the island. Our morning tour begins with the impressive cactus garden of S'Avall, the private country estate of the March family. A light lunch will follow in a private home with a garden designed by Alvaro.



On our drive back to Palma, we will stop for drinks at the old fortress of Cap Rocat, now a deluxe hotel with beautiful gardens and spectacular views across the Bay of Palma. Return to Palma for a free evening and dinner on your own.

Tuesday 30 May: MALLORCA Valldemossa & Deia B,L

Alvaro de la Rosa will join us for a visit to Raixa, a recently restored garden and country manor house built by Cardinal Despuig in the 18th century. We will continue to Valldemossa for a walk through the village and a visit to a private garden designed by Alvaro. We will also visit the town's Carthusian Monastery and its gardens, where Chopin and George Sand lived during the winter of 1838. Our visit to the monastery will include a short concert. We are invited to the private home and garden of artist Clara Carvajal for lunch.

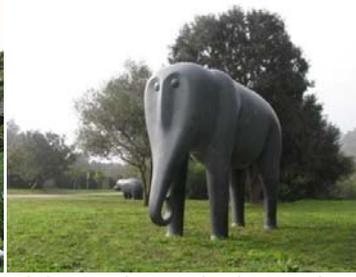


Views over Valldemossa and the cloister of the Monastery of Miramar.

Later we will visit the gardens of Miramar Monastery, created by Raymond Lully in the 14th century, and the nearby Son Marroig, home of the late Archduke Luigi Salvatore Habsburg. We will continue our drive along Mallorca's spectacular North Coast to the village of Deia, home of the late poet and author Robert Graves, before returning to Palma for a free evening.

Wednesday 31 May: MALLORCA Alcudia B,L,D

This morning we will drive across the island to Alcudia for a visit to the Yannick & Ben Jakober Foundation. We will see its impressive sculpture park, rose garden, and art collection, which includes Old Masters paintings of royal children and contemporary art. Gabriel Barceló, director of the foundation, will welcome us. We will have lunch nearby at La Bodega del Sol.



The Jakober Foundation and sculpture park

After lunch we return to Palma. Later in the afternoon we have an optional visit to Es Baluard, Palma's contemporary art museum. Our tour concludes with a farewell dinner at Es Baluard Restaurant, overlooking the Bay of Palma.

Thursday 1 June: MALLORCA - USA

Independent transfers to the airport from the hotel for return flights.

Tour Escort: Katherine Greenberg



Katherine is a garden designer and author with a life-long interest in Spanish gardens, history, and culture. She studied at the University of Madrid and the University of California. A member of the UC Botanical Garden Advisory Board, Katherine is a past-president of the Mediterranean Garden Society (MGS), the Friends of the Regional Parks Botanic Garden, and Pacific Horticulture Society. Katherine has led many tours to Spain, and she has given talks in Mallorca and Madrid. She started a Branch of the MGS in Mallorca, and this will be her third tour of the Balearic Islands.

Lecturers:

Sofia Barroso : An art collector from Madrid, Sofia has organized tours and lectured for American and European museum groups in Spain for many years. She lived in Palma de Mallorca for 14 years and directed a Syracuse University study program in Mallorca called 'The Art of Living in the Mediterranean'. Sofia oversees the preservation of her family's historic garden in Toledo.

Alvaro de la Rosa Maura: A landscape architect and sculptor from Mallorca, Alvaro is now based in Madrid. He has designed gardens throughout Spain and received the Lausanne Garden Competition prize. Alvaro has lectured for the Mediterranean Garden Society, the Garden Conservancy, and the UC Botanical Garden group visiting Spain in 2016.

Physical Endurance level: The tour includes a moderate amount of walking, and some of the places that we will be visiting can only be seen on foot. Walking surfaces may be uneven, and comfortable shoes are recommended.

TOUR LAND COST PER GUEST BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY:

Based on a minimum of 15 guests: \$6198 per person for members of the University of California Botanic Garden. Non-members pay a \$50.00 supplement. We suggest non-members join before registering for the tour. Single supplement \$884.

COSTS INCLUDE:

- 8 night's accommodation, all rooms with private bathrooms
- All hotel taxes and service charges
- Breakfast daily/ lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Deluxe private coaches and top drivers
- Flight from Menorca to Mallorca
- Special English speaking local guide
- All sightseeing and entrances as per the itinerary
- Deluxe portfolio of documents
- Escorted by Katherine Greenberg
- Donation of \$500 to the University of California Botanic Garden

COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Airfare
- Travel insurance
- Passports

To make a reservation, please complete and submit a printed booking form or contact:

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