

## The mythical Priorat: Wine & History

## El Priorat Wine Tour

### ITINERARY 3-NIGHTS / 4-DAYS TOUR

**Day 1:** Penedès Region (D.O. Cava)

**Day 2:** Pioneer Wineries in Priorat

**Day 3:** Origins of the Priorat (Scala Dei)

**Day 4:** Most Sumptuous Landscapes in Priorat (Siurana)

**Day 1: Penedès Region (D.O. Cava)**

#### Morning Program

- *Cava Workshop:* Your driver and guide from Byyou wine tours will pick you up at the agreed meeting point in Barcelona, and take you to a selected winery in the wine region of Penedès for a private visit. Together with the wine maker, you will visit the winery, make an optional tour of the vineyards, and taste the wines of the cellar. You are invited to a Cava-workshop where you get to prepare your own bottle of Cava, that you can bring home as a souvenir and enjoy at a special occasion.

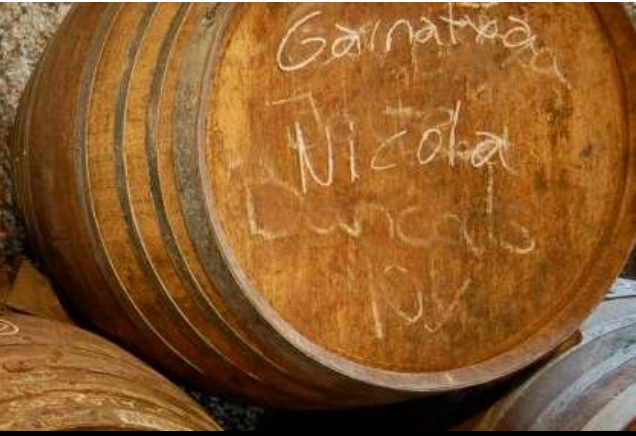
#### Lunch

- Lunch in a local restaurant an special menu with traditional products.

#### Afternoon Program

- *Amphora Wines:* To make great wines you need an amazing winemaker and perfect grapes, to make exceptional wines you also need pure passion and a crazy winemaker. We visit a small cellar where the owner and winemaker falls in the second category. With great knowledge both of grape farming and winemaking, he produces very small volumes of exceptional wines made in amphores, dug into the ground of the vineyard. The cellar is usually not open to visitors, but for small groups of wine enthusiasts the winemaker is willing to make an exception, and prepares a wine tasting in the vineyards
- Check in at Hotel





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### Day 2: Pioneer Wineries in Priorat

#### Morning Program

- After breakfast in the hotel our guide will pick you up to start our second wine day tour
- *Clos Mogador Winery*: Full tour and tasting at Clos Mogador winery, one of the so-called pioneers of the new Priorats. The tour includes a guided off-road tour of our best vineyards with beautiful scenery in our 4-wheel winery vehicles. This is followed by a tour of the winery and a full tasting of our three wines: Clos Mogador, Manyetes, Nelin (accompanied by a little snack).

#### Lunch

- Clos Figueras Winery: delicious grilled meats and salads (wines included)

#### Afternoon Program

- *Clos Figueras Winery full tour & Wine Tasting*: Christopher Cannan has had a long association with the wines of Spain. In the early 1990's Christopher met Alvaro Palacios and René Barbier, he quickly recognized the potential of the Priorat under the guidance of this "new wave" of young producers. They have a spectacular vineyard, with the classic "llicorella" soil, in one piece, just to the north of the famed town of Gratallops, overlooking the Montsant river valley.
- *Castell del vi (Castle of Wine museum)*: By using audiovisual and interactive elements, visitors easily understand the history and the peculiarities of this winegrowing region. This centre is based in the former Castle of the Counts of Prades of Falset, built in the 12th century after the Christian re-conquest of New Catalonia and located on a strategic hill overlooking the town of Falset.
- Back to hotel





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### Day 3: Origins of the Priorat (Scala Dei)

#### Morning Program

- After breakfast in the hotel our guide will pick you up to start our third wine day tour
- *Scala Dei (Carthusian Monastery)* We'll drive to the ruins of the former Carthusian monastery, first of this order on the whole of the Iberian peninsula and origins of the PRIORAT as we know it today.
- Oil Tasting: Catalonia is not only know by its wines but also by other gastronomic product, and the oil is one of the best examples. We'll visit a oil mill finishing with a full tasting of different oils.

**Lunch:** in a local restaurant an special menu with traditional products

#### Afternoon Program

- *Ferrer Bobet Winery:* Masters in Carignen and Grenache vines from the best Priorat vineyards. Unique soils with a unusually high proporation of "licorella" (quality only seen in the top vineyards of the Priorat). An avant-garde winery that sharply contrast with the traditional ones in Priorat.
- *Clos 93 Winery:* located in Lloar town, wine and oil makers who started recently its project with a great passion which is reflected in everything they do
- Last night at hotel



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### Day 4: Most Sumptuous Landscapes in Priorat (Siurana)

#### Morning Program

- After breakfast in the hotel our guide will pick you up to start our last day tour
- *Siurana*: one of the most spectacular places in Priorat. Stroll around this picturesque cliff-top village with sweeping views over the surrounding Montsant nature reserve and mountain range. Romanesque church and lovely stone buildings It was the last Moorish stronghold in what is now known as Catalonia..
- Back to Barcelona.





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### ACCOMMODATION

**Cal Compte** is a small hotel perfectly adapted to our guests' needs. It is a great house for family groups or getaways with close friends. It is also ideal for business meetings, romantic weekends for couples — there is even a suite if the occasion is really special... It is an innovative concept made up of 500 square metres, available only to those who know how to appreciate this historical jewel.

The philosophy behind the house is based on offering all the things which we ourselves would like to find when we take a few days out to relax and to learn about the world of wine.

Cal Compte has converted the area under the eaves into 8 luxury bedrooms — three are standard doubles, two are superior and three are suites. The space is decorated in a minimalist style and is very light and airy.



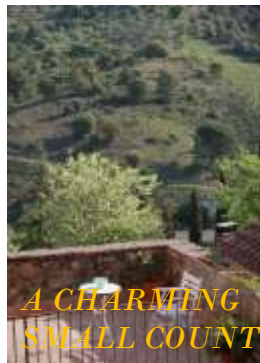
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### INCLUSIONS

- Transport with private vehicle (from Barcelona Airport)
- Guide and driver from Byyou wine tours
- Private visit and wine tasting at described cellars
- Visit and Oil tasting at described mills
- Lunches detailed in program
- Entrance fee at Museums detailed in program
- Accommodation:
  - Hostal Cal Compte (Torroja del Priorat)
  - 3 nights in double standar room (breakfast included)

### FACTS

- The region of the Priorat has two wine designations of origin or wine appellations, the DOQ Priorat and the DO Montsant. (DOQ - Denominació d'Origen Qualificada; DO – Denominació d'Origen) The DOQ Priorat is the elder of the two and was established in 1954, grouping together the territory that used to belong to the Prior of the Carthusian monastery of Santa Maria d'Escaladei. The soil has a high proportion of shale, known locally as llicorella. Nowadays, the DOQ Priorat has a place amongst the great wine growing regions of the world
- Surface: 1.767 has
- Main Grapes:
  - Red wines: Garnacha, Cariñena,
  - White wines: White Garnacha, Macabeo, Pedro Xi.





## The mythical Priorat and the holy Montsant El Priorat Wine Tour

LOCATION: FROM BARCELONA TO EL PRIORAT WINE REGION

DISTANCE FROM BARCELONA: 138KM.



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