Anglatin invites you to Spain and Portugal for nine days of discovery, learning and enjoyment. Explore woodlands, orchards and forests. Delve into the history of Lisbon, Seville, Jerez de la Frontera, Faro and other unique villages and cities. Participate in the International Cork Festival, and visit national parks endowed with a grand variety of fauna and flora. Follow the annual cork harvest, sample famous port wines and make friends with Portuguese, Spaniards and international visitors.

Cork oak forests occupy an estimated 2.2 million hectares in the West Mediterranean basin. Around 90% of the area of these woodlands is found in Portugal, Spain, Morocco plus Algeria. From all the cork oak forests, approximately 340 000 tons of cork are harvested each year. Portugal, which has a third of the total area of cork oaks, is the largest producer, being responsible for 55% of the world's cork production.

### DAY 1 – Friday 26th May 2017

**Program**
- Arrival Lisboa Airport
- Transfer on your own to hotel
- Welcome by your English speaking guide followed by a panoramic tour of Lisboa
- Welcome dinner
- Accommodation at Hotel Evolution 4**** or similar

Lisboa
Day city tour Lisboa. We begin with a visit to the Castle of São Jorge, which gives every visitor a beautiful view of Lisboa. From the castle we walk downhill through the maze of alleyways of the Alfama, Lisboa’s oldest quarter. Once we reach the Praca do Comercio on the banks of the Tagus we go by bus to the Belém district with its famous tower Belem. From there you can admire the showpiece of Manueiline architecture - the style of the era of the discoveries: the Jerome Monastery. Subsequently, we cross the Monument to the Discoveries. A monument, which was erected as a reminder of the great navigator who discovered time. Afterwards we drive to the heart of the urban life of Lisboa, Rossio plaza. A place like a world stage. If you go for coffee in one of the many sidewalk cafes, you will have the feeling of watching the theater from the first row.

**DAY 2 – Saturday 27th May 2017**

- **Breakfast at the Hotel in Lisboa**
- **Transfer to International Cork Fair (Lisboa / Coruche: 1h15)**
- **Lunch in Coruche**

The International Cork Fair is a show dedicated to the themes of the cork assembly, cork oak culture and cork production. The fair is intended to convey values associated with a unique ecosystem where it is possible to develop agro-forestry-pastoral activities, promote and highlight the innovative character of the cork, and reaffirm the importance of cork oak and cork for Portugal and the world.

The fair is divided into two spaces, the Sorraia Park, which includes the Exhibition center, the Observatory of Sobreiro, and of the Cork.

- The Sorraia Park is based on craft displays (mainly cork products), the exhibition of various entities, musical shows and good food, cooking shows and wine tasting.

Also, in the Sorraia Park you can find the "Innovation Space" where are exposed many innovative cork products, such as soccer balls, surfboards, furniture, and ceramics.

Furthermore, there is a fashion show "Fashion Coruche Cork" where you can observe different garments made of cork fabric, always attended by a renowned designer.

- All scientific components of FICOR take place in the Centre of the Cork Oak and Cork where you can participate in seminars, conferences and workshops about the plantations, cork oak or cork. Also during the FICOR are organized visits to Ceibo and Arrozeira.
- Back to Lisboa
- Free evening
- Accommodation at Hotel Evolution 4**** or similar

**DAY 3 – Sunday 28th May 2017**

**Program**

- Breakfast at the Hotel in Lisboa
- Technical visit to Cortiçarte - Arte em Cortiça, Lda - in Evora. (Lisboa/ Evora: 1:30h)

**CORTIÇARTE - ARTE EM CORTIÇA, LDA**

Sixty percent of the world’s cork comes from Portugal, and about three-quarters of that is from the **Alentejo**, a beautiful, intensely rural region unfolding south and east of Lisbon.

- Lunch in Evora
- Wine tasting
- Visit to Evora historic center, an UNESCO world heritage site

**EVORA (CORK, WINE AND CITY TOUR)**

Alentejo is a region of unique characteristics. It’s a region to which it is impossible to remain indifferent...for its landscape, handcrafts made of cork and the simplicity of a gastronomy limited only by the amount of ingredients. The explosion of flavors fed by the chef’s imaginative mix of aromatic herbs.

- Back to Lisboa
- Free evening
- Accommodation at Hotel Evolution 4**** or similar

**DAY 4 – Monday 29th May 2017**

- Breakfast at the hotel in Lisboa
- Lisboa to Faro: 3 hours by coach
- City tour in Faro

**Faro**
The first settlements in the area of Faro date back to the 4th century A.D., during the period of Phonecian colonization of the western Mediterranean. At that time, the area was known as Ossonoba, and was the most important urban centre of southern Portugal and commercial entrepot for agricultural products, fish and minerals. Between the 2nd and 8th century, the city was under the domain of the Rome and later Visigoths, before being conquered by the Moors in 713. The Moors were defeated in 1249 by the forces of the Portuguese King Afonso III. In the following years, the town became a prosperous position along the Algarve, due to its secure port and exploitation of salt and other products. At the beginning of the Portuguese Age of Discovery, the town was positioned to be a commercial centre. The city has many attractions, including the "golden" Baroque Carmelite church of Nossa Senhora do Carmo from the 18th century, whose eerie attraction is the Capela dos Ossos (the bone chapel), which is decorated with skulls and bones. Through the Arco da Vila or the Arco do Repousado you will get into the old town, the Vila Adentro, where the Cathedral Sé, from the 13th century, at the Largo da Sé, as well as the town hall can be found. The former convent of Nossa Senhora da Assunção from the 16th century consists of a beautiful Renaissance cloister and since 1973 it serves as an archaeological museum. In this museum among other things, exhibits from the nearby Roman milieu, as well as azulejos and religious arts and paintings are shown.

- Lunch in Faro
- Faro to Sevilla : 2h30 by coach
- Arrival to Sevilla – Check in Hotel
- Free evening
- Accommodation Hotel in Sevilla – Hotel San Gil 4**** or similar

**DAY 5 – Tuesday 30th May 2017**

- Breakfast at the hotel in Sevilla
- City tour in Sevilla
- Lunch in Sevilla
- Visit an agricultural cooperative specializing in olives (about 1h15 from Sevilla)
- Accommodation Hotel in Sevilla – Hotel San Gil **** or similar
- Free evening

**Sevilla**

Situated on the banks of the Guadalquivir River, Seville has a rich Moorish heritage, and used to be a prosperous port that carried out trade with the Americas. The streets and squares in the historic quarter of the capital of Andalusia are lively and busy. They treasure many constructions that have the World Heritage designation, and many districts are full of traditional culture, like Triana and La Macarena. Seville is a prominent business and service center for the south of Spain and has many hotels distributed all over the city which enable
visitors to discover endless attractions. Museums and art centers, theme parks, cinemas, theatres and clubs are some of the many leisure options that Seville holds. Without forgetting, of course, the numerous terraces, inns and bars where visitors can practice one of the most deep-rooted and tasty traditions in the city: "Going out for tapas".

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**DAY 6 – Wednesday 31st May 2017**

**Program**

- Breakfast at the hotel in Sevilla
- Half day trip to Parque Natural de Doñana: Time visit 5 hours
- Lunch in Parque Natural de Doñana

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Doñana is a complex mosaic of landscapes forming a flat, clean horizon, a paradise for birds in the most important wetlands in Europe.

**FLORA AND FAUNA:**
Whereas the lagoons are dominated by plants adapted to this habitat, such as reeds and rush, the further away you get, you will find other species more related to banks and river channels. First of all are the cork trees, alongside strawberry plants and palm trees, among others, followed by
the blood-red willow, an endemic of the Tertiary period, which make up amazing forests next to the royal fern, ash, white poplar, sarsaparillas and honeysuckle,... The union of very different ecosystems is the main reason that **Doñana** is a true paradise for birds, as it has over 120 species of so-called aviaries: a real explosion of sound, colour and life.

The fertile ground gives way to magnificent forests of stone pine, such as Coto del Rey, El Abalario or the Pinar de La Algaida, which share their habitat with the black mountains - myrtle, mastic, Moorish rock rose, rosemary, thyme, lavender, white and yellow rock rose, as the more humid land changes to higher and dryer land. This is where two of the most valued species live, the Iberian lynx and the imperial eagle, as well as other mammals, reptiles and birds.

Stabilizing the coastal dunes are plants that can handle a dryer and windier atmosphere, with the sand and salt, also known as *unkempted* forest, which include juniper, savins and marram grass.

- Bus transfer to Sevilla
- Free Time in Sevilla or possible visit with an environmental expert
- Free evening
- Accommodation Hotel in Sevilla – Hotel San Gil 4**** or similar

### DAY 7 – Thursday 1st June 2017

**Program**

- Breakfast at the hotel in Sevilla
- Sevilla to Jerez de la Frontera: 1.15 hour by bus

### Arrival to Jerez de la Frontera

Jerez is the capital of Sherry country. "Jerez" is actually "Sherry" mispronounced, centuries ago by British wine importers. It is home to many of the big names (Real Tesoro, Emilio Lustau, Garvey, Emilio Hidalgo, John Harvey, etc).

The town has an aristocratic air, with wide avenues linked with palms, and many lovely squares. The two most interesting architectural monuments are the Cathedral of Salvador (boasting a masterpiece painting by Zurbarán, "The Sleeping Girl", in the Sacristy) and the
remains of an 11th century Moorish fortress (called the Alcazaba, it contains a maintained mosque).

- Visit Bodega (Winery) Real del Tesoro in Jerez de la Frontera

**Bodega Real Tesoro**

- Lunch in Jerez
- Free time in Jerez
- Free evening
- Accommodation at HOTEL LOS JANDALOS JEREZ 4* in Jerez de la Frontera or similar

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**Program**

- Buffet Breakfast at HOTEL LOS JANDALOS JEREZ 4* in Jerez de la Frontera
- Technical Visit to Parque Natural de los Alcornocales including a visit to la Suberoteca (They are only two in Spain)

Los Alcornocales Natural Park, which covers an area of 170,025 hectares, stands between the provinces of Cadiz and Malaga and is the world largest cork oak forest. It is made up of a series of low mountain ranges which contain more sandstone than limestone, unlike the neighbouring Sierra de Grazalema, where the reverse is true, and, as the third largest park in Andalusia, is one of the regions most important protected areas, stretching as far as the Straits of Gibraltar. Its interior houses Cortes de la Frontera National Game Reserve. Rhododendrons, ferns and laurels grow in the shade. In the south are the canutos, river valleys in which species of vegetation from the tertiary period still survive.

The park is an important centre for ecological, rural and educational tourism due to its immense
archaeological, cultural, historical and monumental values. It successfully combines compact patches of protected cork and gall oaks with cork extraction, big game and cattle farming.

Alcalá de los Gazules is an excellent starting point for exploring the Los ALCORNOCALES NATURAL PARK, the ideal location to engage in active tourism. Declared a Historical Site, Alcalá is a beautiful typically-Andalusian town with steep, whitewashed streets that open onto large squares. It lies on the Bull Route.

Suberoteca de Alcala de Los Gazules

- Lunch at Parque Natural de los Alcornocales
- Back to the Hotel in Jerez de la Frontera
- Free evening
- Accommodation at HOTEL LOS JANDALOS JEREZ 4* in Jerez de la Frontera or similar

DAY 9 – Saturday 3rd June 2017

- Breakfast and check out.
- Transfer according to flights to Airport at Sevilla

All sites and times are subject to change. Alternative sites, if required, will be similar in nature and duration.

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Services Included:
• All Transfers and tour in a new Portugues and Spanish luxury bus with air conditioning
• English speaking tour guide from the hotel in Lisboa to Airport in Sevilla (except transfer from Lisboa to Jerez de la Frontera)
• Eight overnight stays in above mentioned hotels or equal
• Eight Buffet Breakfasts
• One Welcome dinner
• Seven Lunches
• Seven Technical and four cultural visits

**Services Not Included:**
• International nor national air
• Beverages or meals not included in the program
• Transportation or admissions for leisure time activities not included in the program
• Transfer In from Lisbon airport to hotel
• Airport skycap, bus driver nor guide gratuity
• Incidental hotel charges such as telephone, laundry, internet, pay-per-view movies, laundry, mini-bar or room service
• Medical expenses
• Replacement of damaged property
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