



'The sky is like turquoise, the sea is like emeralds, the air as in Heaven.'

Composer Frederic Chopin, November 15, 1838, writing about Mallorca

MCDUFFTOURS is pleased to bring you *Gardens of Mallorca*. The two islands off the Mediterranean coast of Spain, the Balearic Islands, are our destination this coming April. We begin in Menorca, the smaller and wilder of the pair, and after two days take a quick flight to Mallorca, our home for the remainder of our time. Our adventure takes us to the homes of artists, poets, architects, and landscape architects. We visit gardens in historic city settings, at private country homes, and in the palaces of barons and countesses. We walk through gardens designed by outstanding Spanish designers and even one designed by Piet Oudolf. And we visit important art galleries and drink in the culture of these exotic islands.

We are happy to invite you to join us. We have a *limited* number of spaces—17 in all—so we encourage you to register early as seats are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Cost: \$7760.00 per person

(Double occupancy, including airfare from Washington Dulles to Mallorca, Spain)

Dates: April 10-19, 2023

Deadline to Register: December 9, 2022

Come along for this spectacular garden and cultural adventure!



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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Camp Sarch Private Garden

Gallery of Hauser & Wirth with garden designed by Piet Oudolf

Private palaces of the Baron of Lluriach ♦ Pilar and Joan Miró Foundation

Yannick & Ben Jakober Foundation sculpture park and rose garden

Private garden of the Countess of la Coruña designed by Fernando Caruncho

Son Muda Gardens designed by Helene Lindgens Alqueria

Blanca private garden, designed by Alvaro de la Rosa

Son Oliver, private home and garden of Olivier and Margarita Winckler

Mallorcan fig grower, Son Mut Nou ♦ Vicens textiles

TOUR AT A GLANCE

The tour begins at Dulles International Airport with a flight to Menorca (with a layover in Madrid). We spend two and a half full days on Menorca before flying to Palma, Mallorca, where we spend the rest of our time. Our hotel in Palma is located in the Historic District and we spend time in the city and in the surrounding countryside, exploring gardens and artists, ever mindful of the rich culture that surrounds us.

TOUR HOST

Our host is Sofía Barroso, President, Around Art. She has a BA in Art History from Universidad Complutense, Madrid. She has directed two Art galleries: Arte en Europa and Arte Express, and has directed summer programs for Syracuse University Centre in Spain (1992-2004); was head curator at the March Foundation Contemporary Art Museum in Palma de Mallorca (1995-1997); has directed the ARCO Collectors Programme for eight years and was member of the Board of Friends of ARCO from 2000 to 2006. She was also involved with the Collectors Programme for Art Cologne



Palma, and presently, is on the Board of the Jakober Foundation, Zuloaga Foundation, and Anar Foundation. She is the delegate in Spain for the National Museum of Women in the Arts committee. Sofia has been organizing garden and cultural travel since 1984.

ITINERARY

Included meals: (B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

Day 1 – Monday, April 10, 2023

We board our evening flight from Washington Dulles Airport to Menorca on Iberian Airlines.

Day 2 – Tuesday, April 11

Once we arrive in Menorca, we transfer to our hotel. Menorca is one of the wildest islands of the Balearic Islands and it is part of the Heritage of the Biosphere by UNESCO. It was under Spanish, English, and French hands for centuries. There are important remains of the **Talayot Culture** which took place from 900 to 250 BC. We have a welcome coffee & drinks along with an introductory talk about our tour by Sofia Barroso, our lecturer/guide during our Balearic trip. Afterward, we enjoy a stroll through the **historic quarter of Mahón** down to the port, where our minibus will be waiting for us. From there we drive to the nearby village of St. Luis to visit **Camp Sarch**, which was once a potato field, but now is a beautiful private garden designed by top Spanish landscape architect Fernando Caruncho. We are welcomed by the owners and later enjoy a tapas dinner. Lodging: Hotel Can Alberti Mahón (D)



Harbor in Mahón



Camp Sarch Garden

Caruncho. We are welcomed by the owners and later enjoy a tapas dinner. Lodging: Hotel Can Alberti Mahón (D)

Day 3 – Wednesday, April

We head to the port to board two solar powered boats that take us to **Isla del Rey**, the site of an 18th Century military hospital. In several of its buildings, this Swiss **gallery of Hauser & Wirth** have opened an Art space following the other Art and garden spaces they have at Durslade in Somerset and Chillida-Leku in San Sebastian. On arrival, we are received by Hauser & Wirth Menorca director, who shares the garden designed by Dutch landscape architect, **Piet Oudolf** with his Spanish Balearic counterpart, Alvaro de la Rosa. At noon we return to port where we have a lunch of Menorca's famous "caldereta de langosta" or lobster



Hauser & Wirth Piet Oudolf Garden



Hauser & Wirth Piet Oudolf Garden

soup. In the afternoon we will drive to a private country home to see a garden designed by **Alvaro de la Rosa**. We also visit the archaeological Talayot remains and enjoy a walk to their private beach where we see all the autochthonous plants such as mastic bushes (*Pistacia lentiscus*). In the evening, we have the possibility of a 45-minute organ concert at the Church of Santa Maria. Lodging: Hotel Can Alberti Mahón (B)(L)

Day 4 – Thursday, April 13

We depart with our luggage in tow as we drive to Ciutadella. On the way, we visit **Cape Caballeria**, Mount Toro with its Franciscan Church, and the **“Naveta des Tudons,”** a World Heritage Talayotic burial site. (1200-750 BC). We arrive the charming city of Ciutadella where we have lunch at one of the **private palaces of the Baron of Lluriach**.

In the afternoon we visit Ciutadella with its many churches and palaces. In the evening, we catch a flight to Palma, Mallorca, followed by a tapas dinner at our hotel. Lodging: Hotel Bo, Palma (B)(L)(D)



Yannick & Ben Jakober Foundation

Day 5 – Friday, April 14

This morning, we drive to Pollensa to see

Vicens textiles (pictured below) that have been producing the Mallorcan typical cotton fabrics of Ikat influence for generations called “telas de llenguas.” Later, we drive to Alcudia to visit the **Yannick & Ben Jakober Foundation** and its sculpture park, rose garden, and art collection. It includes an





Sa Vinya Vella, private garden of the Countess of la Coruña

impressive old master's collection of paintings depicting royal children along with a contemporary art collection. We are welcomed there by Yannick & Ben Jakober with lunch at the foundation. This



Son Muda Gardens

afternoon, we visit **Sa Vinya Vella**, the spectacular private garden of the Countess of la Coruña designed by Fernando Caruncho over twenty years ago. Lodging: Hotel Bo, Palma (B)(L)

Day 6 – Saturday, April 15

Our first stop today is to visit **Son Muda Gardens** designed by Helene Lindgens. This garden has been featured in "Adventures in

Eden" by the American author, Carolyn Mullet. Afterward, we stop for lunch at Alqueria Blanca, a private garden designed by Alvaro de la Rosa. It's a beautiful dry garden utilizing the local dry resistant plants. Before we return to Palma, we visit the **home and studio of Lin Utzon**, daughter of Jorn Utzon, Pritzker award winning architect, best known for his design of the Sydney Opera House. Lin is a Danish designer who has created a wide variety of abstract decorative works from textiles to ceramics both in Denmark and abroad, participating in the 2016 Venice Architecture Biennale. Since the early 1990s, Utzon has been married to the blind French writer Hugues de Montalembert. The couple spends their time between Denmark, Paris, and Cap Feliz, the house that Utzon inherited from her father. Lodging: Hotel Bo, Palma (B)(L)



Pilar and Joan Miró Foundation

Day 7 – Sunday, April 16

We start the day at the **Pilar and Joan Miró Foundation**. Located on the grounds of the Miró private home, it has a building designed by Pritzker prize winner, Rafael



Son Mut Nou fig collection

Moneo. Joan's studio was built by architect José Luis Sert (Harvard architectural Dean in the 40s) as an old farmhouse and sculpture studio. It was purchased thanks to a Carnegie Mellon award. The property is surrounded by almond and carob trees and a lovely sculpture garden. Later, we visit **Son Oliver**, the lovely private home and garden of Olivier and Margarita Winckler. He is an architect, and she is a poet and wonderful cook. Both are passionate gardeners and 20 years ago, they inherited a family home with a 19th century garden. Over the years, they have created an incredible

garden using local indigenous species. We enjoy drinks and lunch before visiting **Son Mut Nou**, one of the most important fig tree collections of the Mediterranean. Welcomed by owner and fig tree expert, Montserrat Pons, we see his collection with explanations of all the different varieties. We finish the afternoon with not only fig tasting, but also samples of other Mallorca products. Lodging: Hotel Bo, Palma (B)(L)

Day 8 – Monday, April 17

This morning, we will enjoy Palma's architecture and art treasures and some of its hidden gardens. We begin at **St. Francesc Monastery** and church followed by the **Bartolomé March Foundation and sculpture terrace**, home of Mallorca tycoon Juan March.



Palma Cathedral

Then we visit the **Cathedral**, Palma's landmark. Its Gothic interior was redesigned by Gaudí and Mallorcan artist Miquel Barceló who designed the impressive chapel of St. Peter in ceramics between the years 2011 and 2016. After a visit to the bishop's garden, we enjoy coffee at a private manor house. We then visit the **Arab baths and the Convent of St. Claire** before having a tapas lunch of Mallorca specialties at Can Vivot, Palma's grandest manor house, still privately owned by the Counts of Zavella. In the afternoon, there is free time to rest or explore Palma's incredible shopping. Sofia guides us on a short shopping tour including Majorca glass, fabrics, interiors, and ceramics. At the end of the day, we visit **Cap Rocat Fortress**, a Europa Nostra 2017 prize winner. It has been turned into one of Mallorca's top hotels and it is where we have our farewell dinner. Lodging: Hotel Bo, Palma (B)(L)(D)



Arab Baths



Port of Palma, Mallorca

Day 9 – Tuesday, April 18

You have the day free to explore beautiful Palma on your own. Lodging: Hotel Bo, Palma (B)

Day 10 – Wednesday, April 19

This morning, we transfer to the airport for our flight home to Washington Dulles Airport. (B)

OUR HOTELS

To find out more about our hotels, you can click on the hotel names above to visit their websites.



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

COST:

\$7760.00 Total cost per person (double/twin sharing, airfare **included** from Washington to Menorca, Menorca to Mallorca, and return to Washington)

\$1400.00 Single room supplemental fee

While we attempt to find roommates for single participants, if a roommate is not available, the participant is subject to pay the single supplement fee.

Method of Payment: by check only, payable to: MCDUFFTOURS LLC

Included in the Cost

The cost of this tour includes lodging, entrance fees, guides, ground transportation, all breakfasts, bottled water, and dinners and lunches outlined in the Itinerary. Also included is the cost of flights on Iberian Airlines from Washington Dulles to Menorca, Menorca to Mallorca, and return to Dulles. While we attempt to find roommates for single participants, *if a roommate is not available, the participant is subject to pay the single supplement fee.*

Not included in the Cost

Costs of obtaining passports, visas, excess/overweight baggage charges, items of a purely personal nature such as drinks, laundry, telephone and optional tours are not included. All meals except those included in the tour are not included. Trip insurance is not included as well as tips to driver/guides and any foreign departure taxes. Transportation from home to Washington Dulles International Airport is not included.

Please note that this tour requires a considerable amount of walking and since most of the gardens, markets, and rainforests we visit are not wheelchair accessible, participants must be able to walk on uneven paths with steps. Participants must also be able to manage their own luggage.

TOUR CONDITIONS:

MCDUFFTOURS LLC acts only as agents for the passengers with respect to transportation, hotels and restaurants, and exercise every care possible. MCDUFFTOURS LLC assumes no responsibility to any person or entity for liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, breakdown, disruption of advertised schedules, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any ship, ferry, airplane, train, automobile, motorcoach, carriage, or any other conveyance used in carrying out these tours, or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour. We cannot accept responsibility for losses or additional expense due to delay, refusal of visa, or

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I understand and accept these terms and conditions:

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Cancellation and Refund Policy: The total deposit is refundable until December 9, 2022. If you must cancel between December 9, 2022 and March 1, 2023, \$100 of the \$2000 deposit will be retained. After March 1, the \$2000 deposit plus actual expenses incurred in airline and hotel arrangements will be retained and the remainder will be refunded.

MCDUFFTOURS LLC is a travel company founded by Nancy and Robert McDuffie, both former professors at Virginia Tech. Nancy is a soprano and was on faculty in the Department of Music, while Robert is a Landscape Architect and was faculty in the Department of Horticulture as well as Director of the Hahn Horticulture Garden. After establishing the first Virginia Tech Horticulture group study abroad program 26 years ago, it was a natural progression to now take garden lovers of all ages around the world to see the most beautiful gardens on earth. More than 1600 travelers have joined us on tours in the U.S. and abroad. Our travels have taken us to England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Costa Rica, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Monaco, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, France, Ecuador, Israel, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, and the Netherlands.



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REGISTRATION FORM

Please print – each participant must complete this form

Full Legal Name (as on passport) _____

First name for NAME TAG _____ Phone # _____

Birthdate _____ Email _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Passport# _____ Place of issue _____

Date of issue _____ Date of expiration _____

Emergency contact _____ Phone # _____

Special food requirements or allergies _____

Name of preferred roommate _____

Total Tour Fee is \$7760.00 (double occupancy, per person)

_____ \$2000.00 Deposit due: December 9, 2022

_____ \$5760.00 Final payment of the balance due: March 1, 2023

_____ \$1400.00 Supplemental Fee for Single due: March 1, 2023

\$_____ Total payment enclosed

Questions? Ask Robert McDuffie - 540 818 0154 - mcdufftours@yahoo.com

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