

New Experiential Harvest Adventures Tap the Undiscovered Andalusia

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Building on an already extensive list of luxurious services and gastronomic offerings, private rental estate Cortijo El Carligto establishes itself as the premier luxury, culinary destination in La Axarquia, Malaga Province, with their new harvest holiday (<http://carligto.blogspot.com.es/2012/07/harvest-holiday-at-el-carligto.html>) package and private supper club.

The little known Andalusian region of La Axarquia is a major agricultural producer, including olive oil and wine production established millennia ago. Cortijo El Carligto, a luxuriously renovated farmstead available for exclusive use rentals, sits hilltop with views over much of this agricultural land with vineyards and harvestable gardens of its own. The owners have developed inside contacts with local chefs, winemakers, farmers and olive millers to offer experiential opportunities for clients to engage in the harvest and learn about the unique history and traditions of Spanish wine and oil production.

The harvest package includes wine tastings at local bodegas, in-house harvest meals at the estate using fresh seasonal produce grown by the chef and the hosts, and guides to the many local harvest fiestas for a truly Spanish take on the harvest. The owners offer further opportunities for exploration in the area by tapping into the rich cultural and culinary history of the area with such things as a Three Cultures tasting menu and tapas tours, and guides to local gastronomic routes, museums and historic food markets.

Many of the hands on wine harvest activities are scheduled for between mid-August and early September, but the Carligto hosts can cater to interested parties outside of these times as well; the olive harvest can last from October all the way through February.

Until now, only private guests had access to the top rate chef service (<http://www.carligto.com/en/savour/chef-service.html>) at El Carligto, but Carligto Chef David Palacios has begun organising a pop-up restaurant with service at the private estate for occasional supper club gatherings by invitation. Presenting these new culinary offerings, Carligto owner and General Manager Alan Hazel asserts, "There's really no other rental property or business in the entire region doing what we do here at Cortijo El Carligto."

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