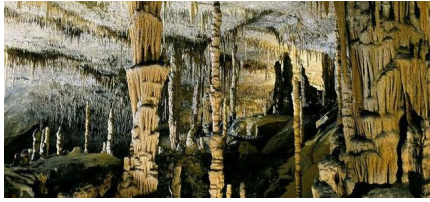


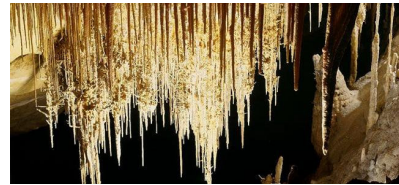


VISIT TO THE CAVES OF THE DRACH - PETRA - FACTORY OF PEARLS



Placed on the oriental coast of Majorca, these caves constitute one of the principal tourist attractions, being no doubt one of the most prominent cavities of the island, since they present a horizontal development near to 2.400 meters of length and a depth in his maximum level of 25 m. under surface..

The Caves shelter in his interior a great underground lake, the Lake Martel, considered one of the major underground lakes of the world, where they offer concerts of classical music.



After the concert you can enjoy a brief boat ride on the lake.

The concert consists of following pieces:

Alborada Gallega

Plaisir d'amour

Tristesse. Estudio 3 opus 10

Barcarola de "Los cuentos de Hoffman"

Caballero

Martin

Chopin

Offenbach



The tour lasts about an hour, accompanied of a guide who will make the explanation of the caves, his formation and will answer to the questions that you have, in the Lake Martel.

Inside the cave it is forbidden to take pictures, movies or videos.



Later we will go to the magnificent village of Petra, an emblematic place for the Majorcan culture. This village re-joins all the basic and common ingredients of the villages of " Es Pla " of Majorca. Plains of fertile lands cut by small hills, in this case " puig of Bonany "

still exist.

It is a rural village of great agricultural activity as you will see with the mills that



Besides there are other places of interest like the Monk Junípero Serra's natal house, which you can visit. Junípero Serra was a Franciscan friar, Doctor of Philosophy and Theology, evangelist and



founder of missions of California like Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento and San Diego.

There you will have time to eat before going to our next destination.





ORQUIDEA PEARLS



To finish the excursion we will stop in the factory of Pearls Orquidea, that exists since March 1952, when the father of the current president of the company, acquired a small workshop where pearls were elaborated following a handcrafted process that, in the essential, has changed very slightly to the present day.

The facilities are in Montuiri, a small village in the heart of Majorca, and is nowadays the biggest exhibition of pearls of the Island..



Here you will be able to see the use of technologies that are more than 200 years old of which are witnesses more than 500.000 visitors that they receive every year.

Internationally, Orquidea Pearls exports to more than 40 countries in 5 continents and has got innumerable awards for his exporting activity.

At present the company has own offices in Spain and France and distributors in such countries as Holland, Russia, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Mexico, Brazil or Canada

RESTAURANT "ES CELLER DE PETRA"

The name of Petra itself (it means "stone" in latin) denotes the characteristics of the town. Already the Romans used a stone to symbolise the essence of this town, and still today, after almost 20 centuries, it is used to define the landscape and the people of Petra.

Petra is a typical town of the Pla (the main plain of central Mallorca): a plain of fertile land with a few hills. In Petra's case, it is the Puig of Bonany which breaks the flatness of the area: from there one can admire most of the island: from the Pla to the Tramuntana range or to the Bay of Alcudia.

Petra is a rural town of great agricultural and farming activity. The still existing windmills bear witness to this as do the large estates and the tradesmen dedicated to the maintenance of traditional agricultural machinery. Another important activity of the town has been the extraction of "mares" stone and of building materials.



Petra also happens to be the birthplace of Junipero Serra. Who's he? I hear you say. Well, in his time in the mid 1700s, he was a renowned traveller and missionary. He's well known on the West coast of America, around California, as he played a key role in the Spanish settlement. In Petra itself they consider him as a hero. There's even a smallish museum.

And there we find the Celler de Petra. Possibly one of the only places where traditional Majorcan cuisine is preserved.

Some time ago wine was made in this celler and for some years it has been a familiar restaurant where traditional Majorcan cuisine is made, with a totally rustic decoration and atmosphere and with its tasteful dishes based on old Majorcan recipes like sopes de matances, arroz brut, caragols, young pigeons with cabbage, stuffed pork feet, young goat with wild mushrooms and some other seasonal dishes like tumbet and stuffed aubergines both with meat and fish among others.

Desserts are homemade and you can find cheese cake with cranberries, cottage cheese cake, pudding, gató (cake) with hazelnuts or almonds.

Let's enjoy a familiar restaurant with rustic decoration and very cozy.



Price of the excursión: 75 Euros (included entrances, Guide, Lunch, Transportation and VAT)