

MANCA 2016 LEG 1 BENALMADENA TO LAGOS JUNE 1 TO...JUNE 27

Part 2



Moorish architecture in the now city hall:
Rota.

Warship and two small fishing craft and two gulls while on a very windy ferry crossing of the Bay of Cadiz from Rota.



The fast ferry from Rota to Cadiz quickly
destroys a few dozen hairdos!

Approaching Cadiz from the sea in a very stiff breeze reminds you how brave the ancient sailors were.

Cadiz has been well looked after recently. The ancient sea walls remain. The wind continued to build and next day the ferry was cancelled. Although we arrived by a high speed ferry it was wonderful to imagine the ancient mariners navigating the hazards.



The Cathedral built at a time when Cadiz was raiding South America and bringing back the masses of loot

The city provides free flamenco dancers during the summer in public places.





15th Century fortifications Cadiz.

I met the proud owner of this beautiful white marble and blue tiled bar. He had inherited it from his grandfather





Part of the central plaza Cadiz.

Fun to get a personal “MANCA” phone cover in Cadiz. It took this fellow barely a minute with his poker pen to make the lettering and decorations



The sea food at the Cadiz Mercado is amazing. I counted over 10 species of shrimps and prawns. These were just 7 euros a kilo. You can order your fresh fish to be prepared in the tappas bars surrounding the market.

The Mercado walls and tappas bars outside.



The west wall of Cadiz. A backhoe continues the struggle to protect the city from the relentless attack of the sea.. The invaders stopped a few centuries ago. Cadiz, a flat island, was difficult to defend.

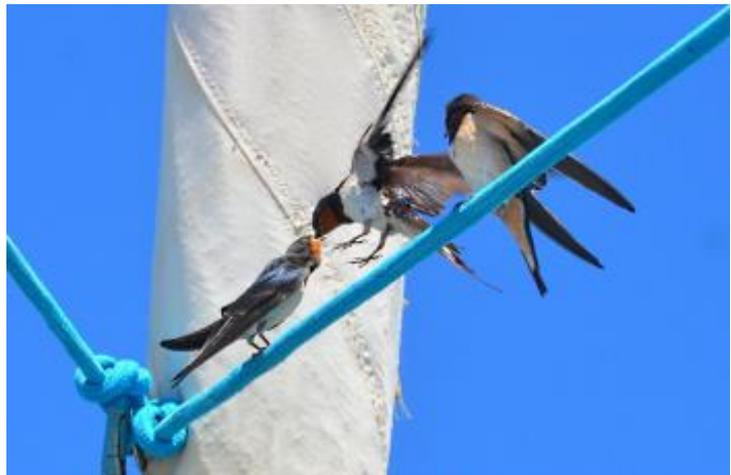
Beautiful Rota swallow family on Manca. Lunch time on the fly!





Mom flies off for the next mouthful round of mosquito sandwiches!

The baby on the right feigns injury to signal its my turn Mom!



LAND CRUISE TO JEREZ AND WINE TASTING

It is a short bus ride to Jerez from Rota. I had heard of the wonderful “Sherry” from this region so I was excited to get the chance to visit the ancient town and take in a tour of the famous Tio Pepe winery.

We had time to visit the Alcazar Fort first.



Restored gardens of the Alcazar Fort

A stunning collection from an ancient Pharmacy remains in the Fort Alcazar



TIO PEPE WINERY TOUR

I have been on wine tours before but this one takes the cake . What a beautiful setting and amazing history. The walk through the old winery is relaxing and beautiful.



This big Daddy holds 5000 litres of vintage sherry

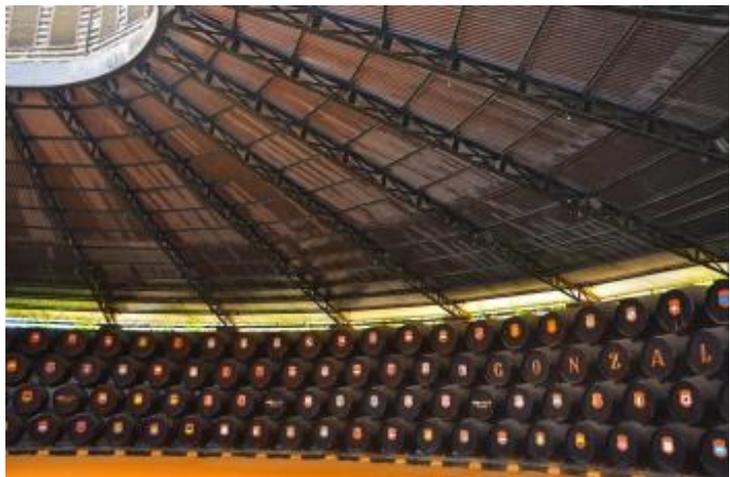
Old stills .





Tio Pepe use only this grape from their own vineyards.

Sherry shipped to over 150 countries



The little red train makes sure you don't need to walk too far in the heat.

The Tio Pepe wind vane is the biggest in the world according to Guinness The Levante is still blowing too hard for us to leave Rota



The rich and famous have barrels racked away in their name. Philip better hurry up if he wants to finish this one off

So many barrels and so little time!





Beautiful streets of the extensive winery... and a very good tour guide. As the winery grew it took over whole streets of the surrounding village.

I know some bottle collectors who would like this lot of dusty old jars.



Shady street and guide.

Jerez Cathedral is right beside the winery



Central Plaza Jerez

It's a lovely "Don Quijote" view across the plains to the windmills. Tio Pepe vineyards and the winery in the foreground. The windmills have taken on a modern design.



CHIOPINA

The Levante finally subsided enough for us to make a beautiful short sail to Chiopina. We had to time our arrival around the rising tide to make sure the entrance channel was deep enough for Manca. The entrance was being dredged as we approached.



Low tide at Chiopina with Moorish castle on the water front

Tidal gauge at Chiopina. The entrance was being dredged so we needed a good reading on the tides. It should be fine when they are finished but the approach on a low tide and a running swell would not be a good idea for Manca until they are finished.





Dredge busy at work on the entrance to Chiopina.it should be minimum of three metres when finished.

End of MANCA 2016 LEG 1 Fuengirola to Lagos part 11
Final PART 11 AND END OF LEG 1 COMING SOON
Leg 1 in three parts
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