

Spain

The dawn of Latin food begins in Spain, a passionate, sometimes tempestuous culture. In the Spanish kitchen, you'll find distinct culinary traces of the many cultures that invaded the Iberian peninsula: Arabs from the Middle East; Moors from North Africa; Roman conquerors; and Visigoths from central Europe.

Our chef literally tasted Spain in person when his family lived in Zaragoza and Sevilla. They lived across the street from that city's legendary Tower of Gold, where New World treasures brought back by Spanish explorers were stored, and just a block away from the city's main church, Catedral de Santa María de la Sede, final resting place of Christopher Columbus.

The family's cook made such specialties as garlicky caracoles in their shells and gazpacho blanco. On Sunday afternoons, they regularly attended bullfights at the Plaza de Toros, and afterwards ate dinners of spicy chorizo and grilled meats at local bodegas.

Some of our chef's most vivid memories of Spain were formed during Semana Santa, Spain's Holy Week leading up to Easter. He especially remembers the nightly candlelit processions of lay penitents from local churches, marching solemnly through the city's streets wearing flowing robes and colorful pointed hoods to conceal their individual identities as they devoutly carried bejeweled floats depicting Jesus and the Virgin Mary. He also remembers special Semana Santa foods, from Lenten-style cod stews to salads of garbanzo beans and blood oranges.

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SHERRY FLIGHT

FINO / AMANTILLADO / OROSO

gazpacho blanco 7

PRE-COLUMBIAN WHITE GAZPACHO

BLACK GARLIC, GARLIC FLOWERS

MUSCATEL GRAPES

habas sagrada familia 10

FAVA BEAN VEGETABLE SALAD

BOQUERONES

ensalada semana santa 10

SEVILLA-STYLE SALAD OF BEETS

BLOOD ORANGE, GARBANZOS

MOORISH SPICES, PISTACHIO DUST

caracoles 11

SNAILS, JAMÓN IBÉRICO

VINHO VERDE, GARLIC PETALS

vieiras arabesque 29

SEA SCALLOPS, EGGPLANT

PRESERVED LEMON, RAS EL HANOUT

the horse latitudes 24

ATLANTIC COD, CHORIZO

ALCACHOFAS, GARBANZOS, SPINACH

pato 29

MUSCOVY DUCK, GREEN OLIVES

SEVILLE ORANGES

gitano 29

RIB-EYE, PIMENTÓN, JEREZ VINEGAR

PATATAS BRAVAS

queso catalunya 12

[cheese course]

XOCOLATA, QUESO AZUL, BANANA