

# Saranjan Tours

Saranjan Tours Spring '11 Newsletter

## LATIN AMERICA AMAZING ECUADOR

From the beautiful colonial capital at Quito, travel to the Equator, the Indian market at Otavalo, and then on to the Galapagos Islands, to follow the path of Darwin on a land based 4 island tour. Depart the islands for the Amazon Basin, an extraordinary opportunity to observe birds from the canopy and marine life on the Napo River, tributary to the Amazon. Accommodation includes eco lodges and a boutique hotel. Call us for a custom trip quote for a solo traveler or 2+ travelers, anytime. Call or email for details.

[www.saranjan.redmangrove.com/tours/amazing-ecuador.html](http://www.saranjan.redmangrove.com/tours/amazing-ecuador.html)

## NEW CHILE & ARGENTINA 2011

Fixed & guaranteed weekly departures for 2+ pax. Santiago, Atacama Desert, the Lakes & Patagonia 12 days/11 nights from \$3025 net per person, excluding air. See our website for details.

## SPAIN

### THE LUXURY TRAIN IN SPAIN

Hottest New Trips for 2011—Financial Times of London 9.01. 11

Gourmet Train Trip in Spain. [www.saranjan.com/transcantabrico.htm](http://www.saranjan.com/transcantabrico.htm)

This all suite train includes double bed, sitting area with sofa, computer, TV, bath and shower with sauna, and dining in some of Spain's finest restaurants.

From San Sebastián for Santiago, 8 days/7 nights, all inclusive.

See our website for continually updated train offers in 2011.

### WHAT'S NEW IN MADRID:

The Spanish capital has added many exciting art and performance spaces in the past few years, including the Tabalacera, Casa Encendida and the



Matadero—in disused factories and even a former slaughterhouse. A 2010 addition: the ABC Museum of Drawing & Illustration. Currently the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum is featuring Impressionist Gardens in Madrid (its complement to the Paris Monet blockbuster show). Of course there are new hotels too as design projects are completed. For non smokers there is BIG news: it is official and enforced from the first of the new year: no smoking inside public places—restaurants and bars (inside) are now smoke free, as are trains, airports, etc.

## PORTUGAL

This year's scheduled tours include monthly departures from Lisbon, to the east and north to the Douro Valley. See Secrets of Portugal: [www.saranjan.com/po\\_secrets.htm](http://www.saranjan.com/po_secrets.htm). Spring is the perfect time for an easy bike ride along the Alentejo Blue Coast to the Algarve, or Through the sunny Algarve: [www.saranjan.com/po\\_cyc\\_orange.htm](http://www.saranjan.com/po_cyc_orange.htm) [www.saranjan.com/po\\_cyc\\_blue.htm](http://www.saranjan.com/po_cyc_blue.htm)

The next Blue Coast by Bike departs June 11-18—it's a magical ride down the Atlantic coast to the sunny Algarve!

If you aren't able to bicycle the back roads of Portugal or join one of our tours this year, look out for these Portuguese wines:

Esporão Reserva 2007 Alentejo, produced near our Cooking in the Alentejo program.. And anticipating the sardine season, Quinta do Ameal, Loureiro 2009 Vinho Verde. And if you can't join a Saranjan Tour to the Douro anytime soon, buy a bottle of Quinta do Soque, Vinhas Velhas 2007, and console yourself!