ABC’s of Seville

A: Aseo en Córdoba struck me with the fusion of Muslim and Catholic traditions. After the Reconquista, the Catholics built a church inside this Mosque and the picture I have illustrates the differences between the two. The left is the Muslim side which is simple, just made of stone and paint whereas the right, Catholic Church, is ornate with gold and stained glass everywhere.

C: Castilla- ¡Nos divertimos mucho! Aunque los caramelos nos golpearon! The Cabalgata is the Three kings Parade that takes place twelve days after Christmas. In Spain they do not have Santa Claus, instead Spanish children wait until January 6th to receive their Christmas presents from the Three Magi, who came to Bethlehem bearing gifts for the Christ child.

E: Elephunk, el disco that we went to every night in Seville. Elephunk is one of the many discotecas in Seville, which became our favorite. People don’t go out at night until 12 o’clock and come home usually around 5 o’clock. It is a totally different city at night; everything is dark but welcoming and the people you see are usually young-just looking to have fun and avoid work.

M: Marco, el hermano español de Cherise y Ana. Marco was Cherise’s house brother who showed us around Seville. Marco had an amazing ability to make you feel like you were the center of his universe when he spoke to you. He embodied the traditional Andalusian stereotype of a zest for life and a total disregard for the concerns of most adults; work, family and money.

P: Patio de las naranjas en el Alcázar en Córdoba. Me sentía a paz allí y pasaría todos mis días allí. As you enter the patio outside of the Mosque in Córdoba you are hit with a sense of peace and tranquility that the Muslims must have felt during their time there. It is a place that can have no explanation because its beauty is felt, not seen or heard.

Q: Querida María Pepa, mi madre de casas Españolas que era una buena persona. ¡Ella es la mejor cocinera en todo el mundo! Ella hizo espinaca y garbanzo muy rico y uno que le gusta Cherise. Especialmente me gusta la voz del cantante. Flamenco con los músicos y bailarines talenticas y uno que le gusta Cherise. Especialmente me gusta la voz del cantante.

R: Roscón de los reyes- mi favorita costumbre hispana de Navidad! Quiero comprar y comer un rosco cuando tendrá nífrom y les diré el cuento de mi primer rosco que comí en la calle San Jacinto en Sevilla, España y como celebraba Navidad por una semana más de normal. ¡Era fantástico! El Roscón is another part of Spain’s Christmas tradition. It is a cake filled with whipped cream and inside the baker hides a prize, usually a little ornament or figurine. Whoever finds the prize within has good luck for the entire year!

T: ¡Toledo! El viaje a Toledo era muy divertido! Mi parte favorita era ver el cuadro de El Greco, EL ENTIERRO DEL CONDE DE ORGÁZ. Era un momento tan emocionante porque cuando vi este cuadro, finalmente me dio cuenta de estar en España. Toledo, a fortress city, houses El Greco’s most famous painting named above.

V: Vino de naranja que era interesante. Esa noche nos divertimos mucho porque el vino es fuerte. Hablo en broma pero me encantan las fotos. We drank orange wine, which is more like a liquor than wine-strong but sweet.

Please enjoy my ABC’s of Seville. I wrote it as a fun way to remember all the amazing events of my winter abroad trip to Spain. The first part is in my original Spanish. Some of the letters are missing due to space constraints but these are the most exciting ones! Thank you very much!

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