

## RECENT CUSTOMER TESTIMONIALS

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**Mike McLeod**

**Tour of Andalucía and Extremadura**

**October 2009**

**Canada**

Hi Nicola, Its hard to believe it has been 2 weeks since we returned from Spain. I want to get this note off to you to let you know we have a wonderful time.

1. The Hotels – All the hotels were perfect. I was under the impression that you do not normally book hotels in Extremadura. Let me assure you that the hotels you picked in these cities were up to your excellent standard as evidence by your choices in Seville, Cordoba and Granada.
2. The Hotel Locations – Again, perfect. We could easily walk everywhere we wanted to go. All the hotels were in interesting neighborhoods, close to the things we wanted to see. All also had restaurants and tapas bars very close by.
3. The Tours – You booked us on 3 tours:  
The tapas tour in Madrid with James was a lot of fun and a good introduction to Spanish eating and drinking (oh yes, and the history of Madrid). James did an excellent job.  
The Seville tour with Concepcion gave us a real feel for the city and its history. Again a lot of fun and we really appreciated Concepcion working for us on a holiday. The Granada tour with Rosa was also very good, but as the groups was much larger and divided into 2 (English and Spanish) it was harder for us.
4. The Trains – Trains in Spain are 2 levels above any trains we have in Ontario. Even the local train from Merida to Seville was great. The trains are so clean and fast.
5. Your printed book – This item really helped to get us started in each city.
6. Your maps – We used your maps everywhere, the maps in the hotels and at the tourist places just were not up to the standard of yours. I did get lost once or twice but I cant blame the map only the map reader.

Summary: We had a great time – Thanks!

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**Gail Barrington**

**Train Tour of Andalucía**

**October 2009**

**USA**

Hi Nicola, I can't thank you enough for the arrangements you made for me.... if I was there I would hug you! Everything was completely thorough and above my expectations. The hotels were lovely, paper work organized beautifully and the guides were fun. Whenever someone asked about the type of travel I was doing I recommended your services highly.

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**Hilary Day**

**Short break in Granada**

**October 2009**

**UK**

I had a lovely time in Granada! The hotel was perfect (and one of my memories of my room will be being woken up during the night by Flamenco musicians outside my window), the Alhambra spectacular, the Hammam baths unforgettable (walk in, float out) and the Flamenco tremendous...so thank you for all your help.

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**Andrew Freeman**

**Tailor-made tour of Andalucía**

**October 2009**

**USA**

What a holiday! We arrived back safely last night –and can't begin to thank you for all you did to make our holiday so amazing.

The trip was spectacular – and we know it couldn't have happened without your guidance and recommendations.

From the hotels to the tours and all the details in between—everything was just great. Thanks also for lending an extra hand in the lost luggage mishap.

We will surely recommend Lemon Valley –for all of our friends headed to Andalucía.

In the meantime – we also wanted to know what other areas you specialize in –for next year!

Thanks again for all –and while we don't have plans to be back there soon –let us know if you make it out to San Francisco.

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**Jess Findlay**

**Train tour of Andalucía**

**September 2009**

**UK**

Just thought I'd let you know how much we enjoyed our holiday. All the arrangements you made for us worked our perfectly. We were very impresses by how easy it was to navigate the Spanish rail system and by the comfort and punctuality of the trains.

The information booklet you prepared for us was really helpful and we were soon referring to it as "Nicola's bible". We ate at a number of the restaurants suggested in it and enjoyed the food in all of them. The guided walks also really added to the holiday experience.

Thanks for creating such a stress-free holiday for us; we'll be recommending you to our friends and I hope we'll be returning to Andalucía ourselves before too long.

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**Tim & Judy Moungey**

**Imperial Cities & Atlas Mountains Morocco**

**July 2009**

**USA**

Thank you so much for all your help in arranging our tour of Morocco. It was an awesome experience.

Our driver/guide Ibrahim was wonderful. He explained so much to us about Morocco and was very patient and kind to us. It was obvious that he loves his country and wanted to share his knowledge about his country with us. He made our trip into a tremendous one!

Again, thank you so much for organizing this tour for us. It was a vacation we will never forget!

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**Richard Stackhouse**

**Personal Tour**

**April 2009**

**UK**

This is to thank you very much again for all the care and attention you put into organising our recent holiday which I must say surpassed our wildest expectations! We knew we would love Andalucía and the superb weather helped, but we really appreciated all your wonderful extra touches.

The tours of Granada and Seville were excellent value. Conception was lovely! These should be compulsory as we were able to orient ourselves, locate the sights, and more importantly learn of the culture and history in a way that guide books don't convey.

The Tapas Tour was fantastic fun; we had a great evening, felt at the end we really understood tapas, and tasted iced sherry, some excellent wines. Roger was an excellent source of local knowledge and equally happy to discuss politics and history. We learned a lot about the essence of Andalucía in an extremely pleasant manner.

The relaxing Turkish bath was perfectly timed. We had rather overdone the walking and seen two ruined baths – so we greatly enjoyed the massage in preparation for the next day's sightseeing.

The Flamenco show was also very well chosen. Friends of ours (one of whom is a dancer) warned us of poor flamenco shows, and we were very well impressed with the quality of the show, the liveliness of the participants and the variety of the dancing. I only wish I understood more of the songs!

The hotels you chose were exactly the sort we like – central and comfortably quirky!

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**Mui Li Heung**

**Train Tour**

**June 2009**

**UK**

We would like to thank you for your choice of hotels in each of the destinations and also your consideration with regard to train times. Everything went along smoothly and the suite near the cathedral was great.

Thank you once again I would certainly recommend your organisation to others.

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**Daphne Passmore**

**Train Tour**

**June 2009**

**Ireland**

We had a wonderful time in Andalucía and everything went very smoothly, thanks to your organisational skills.

We were very pleased with your selection of hotels, especially the great locations.

The flamenco was fabulous and the Churrasqueria Brasileira was particularly good.

I may be repeating the experience next year and will be in touch, I hope!

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**Alison Evans**

**Personal Tour**

**April 2009**

**Australia**

Our travels in Andalucía were wonderful. We have the most marvellous travel tales and memories. Food, people, countryside and history made it all an inspiring holiday.

Your guidance in creating our trip as a combination of staying in small villages and also experiencing a self guided walking tour out from Grazelama made for perfect variation and interest.

It was only with your regional knowledge and experience that these perfect villages were selected, wonderful accommodation pre-booked and even which direction to travel.

The Ronda accommodation - San Gabriel was so beautiful and ideally located. We saw the Good Friday evening procession and we all thought seeing this in a smaller village was terrific - earlier we had considered Seville - I am glad we didn't

The Hotel Pennon at Grazelema we also enjoyed, mainly because the owner was wonderful - what hotel manager/owner stands outside to wave you off - a lovely lady!

Granada!!! And of course Hotel Isabel!!! Both were a fabulous surprise in every way. The staff/family at Hotel Isabel were friendly and very helpful - also perfect location.

The Pre-paid tickets to the Alhambra also worked well, and of course the Alhambra was everything we dreamed and more - of course wished we had an extra day to spend there

It has been enjoyable dealing with Lemon Valley Holidays right from the very first email I received. This is why I chose Lemon Valley as your emails were always personal, chatty and informal - sounded as though you really cared about our trip - and this is exactly how it seemed while we were on the road - everything was very personal; from the perfect car to suit our needs, the wonderful boutique accommodation which we had dreamed about down to the restaurant

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**Sue & Kevin**

**Train Tour**

**May 2009**

**UK**

Just wanted to say how much we enjoyed our holiday in Granada, Seville and Cordoba.

Everything went really well, train tickets/bus tickets were excellent. The hotels were really nice especially ones in Seville and Granada, all your instructions worked well too

We really enjoyed the whole holiday and all your arrangements worked brilliantly, so thanks so much and carry on the great work. If we are in the area again will contact your company.

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**Helen Edwards Davis**

**Train Tour**

**May 2009**

**Australia**

The trip around Andalucia was an absolute highlight: we both thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and were thrilled to be there during Holy Week and we particularly liked the hotels in Madrid.

It was great to have really central hotels with such character, and the Picasso museum in Malaga was amazing, thanks to an exceptional guide who really knew her stuff.

We absolutely love Spain, and I am sure we will be back!

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**Gillian Andrews**

**Train Tour**

**April 2009**

**Canada**

Just thought I'd drop you a line to let you know that we had a wonderful holiday.

Everything went very smoothly. We certainly enjoyed Andalucia; such fascinating history and so much to see and do. We even got to see a religious parade in Granada!

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**Sara Andrews**

**Personal Tour**

**April 2009**

**USA**

Everything was wonderful, and we had a fantastic time. It was so nice to have all the arrangements put together. It made the holiday much more stress free. The location of all the hotels couldn't be beat, and I loved the smaller, more intimate feel of all of them.

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**Mort Silverman**

**Tour of Madrid and Barcelona**

**April 2009**

**USA**

I just wanted to say thank you for putting together such a wonderful trip. Everything went smoothly and the tours were wonderful. My granddaughter loved the Tapas tour (so did my wife and I) and please be assured that we will recommend you to all our friends. We look forward to having you plan a trip to the south of Spain in the future.

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**Marie Goldberg**

**Personal Train Tour**

**March 2009**

**Canada**

Just a short note of thanks for the wonderful tour you put together for us. We love the hotels and the train trip through Andalucia.

Spain was just wonderful--the food, the sights, the people.

We truly appreciate what you did. We're talking about going to Paris and Northern Italy next year. Maybe we can make the arrangements through you or one of your colleagues.

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**Nikki Green**

**Personal Tour**

**March 2009**

**USA**

Thank you so very much for all of your help with the organization and planning of our trip!! You did an amazing job and my mom and I had the trip of a lifetime!

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**Lynne Marshal**

**Personal Tour**

**March 2009**

**USA**

I wanted to thank you for the great arrangements for our fantastic trip.

The hotel at Vejer de la Frontera was a place we could have spent many days hanging out on their patio and reading books. I'm thinking we may book a future trip there through you to simply relax, sleep and read!

We ended up going south from Granada and spent a lovely day driving along the coast; we went to the caves at Verjas, then the Balcon de Europa. We turned north at Marbella and drove to Ronda on the twisty road, enjoying the spectacular views. The next day, we drove south from Ronda, returning back to the sea and REALLY enjoyed the white villages and views capes we drove through.

We drove past Gibraltar and around past Cadiz to get to Vejer de la Frontera. We REALLY enjoyed the views from high on the cape, looking at two oceans and two continents! I would definitely recommend those routes again.

The hotel in Madrid was great and the tour guide there (Julia) was fabulous!!!

We thoroughly enjoyed Spain and look forward to many future trips. I appreciate all your help with the planning and will definitely recommend your services to friends who may plan trips to Spain in the future.

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**Laurie Cowan**

**Personal Tour**

**March 2009**

**USA**

Our trip was wonderful! Our entire family is in love with Spain.

Thank you so very much for the assistance you provided. Everything worked out beautifully. I really couldn't have done it without you.

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**Heather Daniel**

**Tour of Andalucía**

**February 2009**

**UK**

Thank you for arranging a really marvellous holiday. ALL your plans worked out perfectly with smooth connections and easy directions, we had no difficulties or hassles. We loved having the strain taken away without feeling organised. (I know we were organised but it was a gentle touch!!)

We especially loved the location for our hotels which were excellent. They were bang in the heart of things with character and we did not waste time getting to the historic and beautiful sights.

The holiday was everything that I had hoped for and more. I will certainly hope to return - the Alhambra particularly stole my heart!

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**Dominic Monti**

**Tour of Andalucía**

**February 2009**

**USA**

Greeting from snowy New York! I just wanted to let you know that my friend and I returned to the US on Saturday after our delightful holiday in Andalucía. All the arrangements you made for us worked like a charm and there were no "glitches" at all. It took away the worries and enabled us to enjoy our stay in this wonderful part of the world. I definitely want to return again if I am able to.

We especially enjoyed Concepcion – the tour guide in Seville. She was truly excellent.

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**Shelli Wessels**

**Personalized Tour of Andalucía and Morocco**

**February 2009**

**USA**

I would like to thank you for setting up a wonderful vacation for my friend and I. We had a wonderful time exploring Southern Spain and Morocco. It was an amazing experience.



Thank you so much Nicola, once again, for your excellent organisation and for the detailed information you provided. We certainly enjoyed the different cities, despite rather unreliable weather! Luckily, we had taken umbrellas and waterproof jackets as well as sunhats!!

Once again, many thanks for an excellent holiday.

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**Alfred Nilsen-Nygaard**

**Train tour of Andalucia**

**May 2008**

**Norway**

I am very pleased with your planning of the trip. Everything went smoothly, trains, hotel, guides, and will recommend you and Lemon Valley holidays to those of my friends planning to visit the beautiful and cultural very valuable Andalusia.

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**Sylvia Worrall**

**Train Tour of Andalucia**

**April 2008**

**USA**

We were very pleased with all the arrangements you made. We liked the hotels where we found staff to be friendly and helpful...We are serious readers of good guidebooks before we visit any country, but we still found your suggestions helpful and your arrangements very efficient with regards to tours, museums, etc.

The walking guides were excellent and we did buy an additional tour of cathedral from our Seville guide. We even tried out various bars and restaurant that you mentioned.

The Spanish trains are marvellous...so efficient, modern and security protected. This was a very pleasant surprise for us as we are "train aficionados" (*train lovers*). We have travelled extensively by train in USA, Canada, Australia, Europe and are always on the lookout for great train trips...

Again thank you for all your help and I hope you get business from some of our friends.

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**Paul Doucet**

**elf-drive Tour of Moorish Andalucia**

**April 2008**

**USA**

Just wanted to drop you a line to thank you providing us with a great Tour of Andalucía.

The self drive part worked out great with the GPS. Getting to the hotels in the centre of town was a bit of a challenge but certainly added to our memories. Being able to walk about to everything was terrific. We were pleased with all of the accommodations as well. Thanks again!

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**Robin Thompson**

**Personalized Tour of Andalucía**

**April 2008**

**UK**

I arranged a tour of Seville, Cordoba and Granada with Lemon Valley Holidays. At last minute before I left, an old knee problem flared up and I could not go. Nicola Wright went to the trouble of getting everything rescheduled for ten days later when I could travel. Everything was arranged professionally and carefully.

I would recommend the Lemon Valley formula to anyone: with it, you have the freedom to do things at your own pace, with some guided walking tours in key locations. You look forward to your next hotel because you know it is going to be full of character, and in a good location.

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**Wayne Giles**

**Personalized Tour of Andalucía**

**March 2008**

**USA**

Thanks very much for arranging our trip last month. The hotel choices were wonderful and the staff at each went out of their way to make us feel comfortable and welcome. Everything flowed as planned from town to town and all three of us thoroughly enjoyed the journey. Thanks again.

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**Sandra Ray**

**Personalized Tour of Andalucía**

**March 2008**

**Australia**

I wanted to take a moment to let you know the trip was wonderful! Everything worked! And we can't begin to thank you enough. ... And couldn't wait to tell you how very pleased we were with you and the trip you planned for us. Thank you!

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**David Forsberg**

**Train Tour of Moorish Andalucía**

**March 2008**

**USA**

We just returned from our trip to Spain and want you to know what a great time we had. Your itinerary worked out beautifully. We were able to see so many wonderful things.

I'm not sure I could tell you the best of the trip because it was a new, incredible experience each day. We found the train and bus transportation a great way to see the countryside and your schedules made it possible for us to do so in a leisure fashion without having to rise early to meet a train or a bus.

I specially want to thank you for the information given on Semana Santa procession. We viewed several and found them to be beautiful and interesting. We delighted in being with the crowds and seeing the Spanish people celebrate the season.

You are tops on our list and when we come to Spain again, we will know who to contact.

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**Elizabeth Hallam Smith**

**Short break in Granada**

**February 2008**

**UK**

We had a great time in Granada! The Hotel was excellent and the arrangements for the city tour and the arrangements for the city tour and visit to the Alhambra went like clockwork.

The new system for collecting tickets worked well. Your notes were helpful and informative and helped us to get the best from our visit. We loved Granada and that part of Spain-and did not want to come back! Wasn't the weather good too! Thanks for your most professional help and advice which greatly contributed to the success of our break.

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**Florence de Silva**

**Christmas in Andalucía**

**December 2007**

**Malaysia**

Just a short note to thank you for having planned a lovely trip for us. We had a lovely holiday and the information provided was very helpful and made our holiday a successful one.

The hotels were great and our stay at Santa Isabel will not be forgotten for a long time, the owners and their hospitality not forgetting their great rooms will be remembered.

Once again THANK YOU. Have a Great 2008. God Bless

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**Lyn Martin**

**Andalucía & Morocco**

**November 2007**

**UK**

Finally home safely in Darwin and just want to take this opportunity of thanking you for arranging a wonderful holiday. We were both amazed at the contrasts in Morocco and were very pleased with all that was arranged on our behalf.

The accommodation was good and our guide was absolutely wonderful. Andalucia was all and more than we expected. What a wonderful part of Spain and our time was too short. The train trips all went like clockwork and the trains are clean and well run.

Thank you again and I will not hesitate to recommend you.

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**Graeme Morgan**

**Personalized Tour of Andalucía**

**November 2007**

**UK**

Just to let you know that I am now back home after a very enjoyable & interesting holiday. You are to be congratulated on a very well organised itinerary - everything went like clockwork (even the Trains ran on time!).

The Hotels were very good - very homely - very individual. The Guided Walks were a "must" & very informative. I would recommend Lemon Valley Holidays to all!

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**Anthea Fortescue**

**Train tour of Andalucía**

**November 2007**

**UK**

We have been home for 3 days and the memories of the week you arranged for us are vivid and marvellous, so many treasures to explore, double the time would have been nice! All the arrangements worked very well, the hotels all welcoming and beautifully situated to make the most of our time.

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**Ian Hill**

**Train Tour of Moorish Andalucía**

**September 2007**

**UK**

Wow. What a holiday! It was excellent and you had organized it so well. The trains were so clean, quiet and on time. The hotels were all excellent. The cathedrals, mosques and buildings were out of this world. We were worn out when we got home.

Thank you so much for your attention to detail - it made the holiday.

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**Marianne Butler**

**Tour of Classic Andalucia**

**September 2007**

**UK**

Just a brief note to say an enormous thank you for your wonderful help with our holiday. We were particularly impressed with the choice of hotels - they were all utterly charming, friendly, clean and had the magical ingredient of being quiet yet central. We certainly would never have found four such delightful places to stay left to our own devices!

Your comprehensive notes on each place we were visiting were so much better than any guide book could offer and your skilled organisation regarding travel and accommodation just left us with the serious business of enjoying ourselves to get on with - which we certainly did.

We can happily recommend Lemon Valley Holidays to anyone travelling to the area.

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**Charlotte Seymour**

**Tour of Andalucía**

**April 2007**

**UK**

Having arrived back in London again, both Robert and I want to thank you for having organized such a lovely holiday. Everything was so well organized and worked like clockwork.

The hotel in Granada was like a dream, the one in Seville so central, Cordoba also full of character and Malaga fantastically comfortable, central and had a view out to the sea and the cathedral. The flamenco concert and the meal in Cordoba were excellent. An extra special memorable event was witnessing some of the Semana Santa celebrations in Malaga.

All in all, you provided us with a wonderful experience and we will be recommending you to all our friends. Our holiday is still glowing as a shining star for both of us thanks to your efforts.

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**Neil Holloway**

**Personalized Tour of Andalucía**

**March 2007**

**UK**

We had a fantastic holiday! Thanks very much for your great organizing. Fabulous hotels, great places to visit, excellent - no magnificent - food. We adored the Alhambra (but doesn't everyone) and we revelled in churches, mosques, thousands of olive trees, narrow streets, bright blue skies, great vistas and trees laden with oranges.

We were all very impressed with your guide pack and your advice and recommendations came in very helpful. This certainly was a trip we couldn't have undertaken without you!

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**David McCandless**

**Granada City Break**

**February 2007**

**UK**

Just a quick line to say that we had a fantastic time in Granada. The Hotel was wonderful and in a very central yet quite area.

I would recommend to all my friends to book through Lemon Valley Holiday's and will book again soon in the future.

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**Cynthia Bhowmick**

**Tour of Andalucía**

**November 2006**

**UK**

What can I (and my friend Yvonne) say except a great big THANK YOU for everything you have done to make a dream holiday come true. Everything was so well organised and so well thought out that everything went without a hitch.

The bus time, the train times, the wonderful hotels which we would never have experienced without your knowledge, the guided tours, and even the weather was perfect apart from one morning in Seville when there was a heavy downpour.

We met some lovely characters (especially in a Seville market!!) and found the Spanish people friendly and helpful. I was glad though I had taken the trouble to learn a few phrases of Spanish which did help.

We especially liked the hotel in Granada (Casa del Capitel Nazari) because of its age and history and also a lovely breakfast. We tried the traditional Spanish food and enjoyed it.

The Alhambra was amazing and we spent six hours there looking round and trying to take it all in. Thank you for booking those tickets also.

We both loved Seville and there are some super shops there. The Cathedral at Cordoba was another amazing place and in all the lovely places we visited we had the time to spend and take things in - something it is difficult to do on a package holiday.

I also enjoyed looking out at the Spanish countryside on our train journeys. We have thoroughly enjoyed it and have gained more confidence in ourselves for travelling places.

It is a holiday which will remain in our memories as an outstandingly good one.

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**Jada Fargion**

**Tour of Andalusia**

**November 2006**

**Italy**

My niece and I really enjoyed the tour that you arranged for us. Granada in particular left a strong and pleasant impression on both of us. The guides on all excursions were very kind and professional, so were the staffs at the hotels.

We appreciated the excellent choice of the lovely "Casa de los Migueletes" in Granada. The hotel is beautiful and the atmosphere is very pleasant.

Also the Cordoba Hotel Conquistador is good and we enjoyed our stay there.

I wish to thank you for having so nicely organized my short break and apologise for the inconvenience caused by the sudden change of dates. No doubt, I will contact you again, should the opportunity arise for another tour in Spain.

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**Augusta Lazzati**

**Tour of Andalucia**

**October 2006**

**Italy**

Dear Nicola

Let me thank you very very much for your excellent assistance.

I am sure of two things:

1. You are in love with Spain,
2. You are in love with your job!

Congratulations your "package" was extremely well done and exhaustive, I have never felt so well looked after by a guide, although an invisible guide.

I would like to talk to you much more to tell you how much my sister and I enjoyed Andalucia, but what I really want to tell you this time is that again I thank you very much. I did not want to leave too much time before you receive our news.

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**Lynne & Greg Kostin**

**Tour of Andalucia**

**October 2006**

**UK**

Just to let you know we had a great time. I must congratulate you on your choice of hotels in particular the hotels in Granada, Seville & Ronda were excellent and the staff couldn't have been more helpful.

The hotel in Ronda had the most spectacular view from our bedroom. We arrived, at little travel worn at about 2pm and had a simply delicious lunch on the terrace overlooking the gorge and our spirits soared with the birds flying below us!

Many thanks for arranging a magical holiday; we will certainly recommend Lemon Valley to our friends.

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**Ian Donald**

**Walking in Las Alpujarras**

**September 2006**

**UK**

Only positive feedback from two happy people. Right from the start I have been impressed by the thought and personal attention you gave to our requirements. You are a hard act to follow and we will certainly be recommending you to our friends and acquaintances who would appreciate such excellent service. We ourselves have had an unforgettable holiday and fully intend repeating the experience.

Our thanks again and our best wishes for your future (assured!! ) success.

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**Stephen and Jacqueline Hurst**

**Walking in Sierra de Grazalema**

**October 2006**

**UK**

The holiday was fantastic, breathtaking, inspiring, scary, and fulfilling we thank you and wish you well in your future plans.

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**John and Claire Alexander**

**Tour of Andalucia**

**September 2006**

**UK**

Back from holiday and back to work I'm afraid, we had a fantastic holiday and really enjoyed Andalucia, we had great weather and enjoyed the cities and history very much, the hotels in Granada, Seville and Vejer were fantastic.

We had a great holiday and would recommend your services to others should they want to travel in Spain.