

RIOTINTO MINES

Travel Experiencies





Offer date: 21 July 2022.

Proposal: Riotinto Mines.

Date of the Experience: 28 October 2022.

Number of people: 50 people.

Duration of the Experience: 1 day.

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PROPOSAL

We propose you know the secrets of a place where we find landscapes that seem to be taken from another planet, a river of implausible color, soils that seem radioactive, and scenarios that escape our understanding.

RIOTINTO MINES

The Iberian Pyritic Strip is considered the largest deposit of metallic sulphides than exists all over the planet. In this strip of 250 kilometers in length, there are a great number of mining operations, among which the Riotinto mines stand out.

The name of Minas de Riotinto is also the name of the municipality of Huelva next to the mining operations, which is strongly linked to them.



HOUSE Nº 21

Built-in the 19th century to house the British mining colony, the Bellavista Quarter brings the essence of Victorian England to this corner of Andalusia. House Nº 21 was built around 1985, in which the daily life of a British family settled in the Mining Basin is evoked by the luxury of detail.



CORTA ATALAYA OPEN PIT MINE

This immense crater of 1200 meters in diameter and 345 meters deep is the hallmark of this region, linked since the night of time, to mining activity.



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PEÑA DEL HIERRO OPEN PIT MINE

From the Visitors Center of the Pena del Hierro mine itself we will know how this deposit was worked, the evolution of its mining cut, and the elements used until its closure in the seventeens in the 20th century. From there we will access a gallery of 200 meters in length that we will be able to travel to reach an outside viewpoint with an impressive view of its mining cut and the origin of the waters of the River Tinto.



MINING RAILWAY

At the station of the Mining Railway, we will access the wagons to start a journey that will take us along 22 km. (Round trip) touring the old mineral transformation zones, and railway installations, and accompanying at all times a unique element, the Tinto River and its incredible landscapes. At the Station of the Frailes, we will stop and we will be able to go down to its red waters.



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MINING MUSEUM

Through its rooms we will be able to know the 5,000 years of the mining history of the region of Riotinto, the evolution of the works, tools and historical pieces, railway elements and we will enter a reproduction of roman mine of 200 meters that will make us feel the hard work in the mines 2,000 years ago. A fun way to learn about a mining legacy that remains active today.





PROGRAMME**Riotinto Mine Experience**

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- **10:00 arrival at the mining museum.**

- 10:00 Transfer to the House nº 21

- **10:10 House nº 21 experience.**

In house nº21, we will discover how a British family lived in the Mining Area, in the English Quarter of Bellavista, a neighborhood built to house the British colony that led the mining activity.

- 10:40 Transfer to Corta Atalaya Open-pit Mine.

- **10:45 Corta Atalaya Open-pit mine experience.**

We visited a mine that was a revolutionary way to extract the mineral, in the form of "Corta", which generated the largest open-pit exploitation in Europe and one of the largest in the world.

- 11:45 Transfer to Peña del Hierro Open-pit Mine.

- **12:00 Peña de Hierro Open-pit mine experience.**

We visited this open-pit mining operation next to an underground shaft or mine. Its name is due to the large vein of this metal that crowns the short.

- 13:00 Transfer to the mining railway.

- **13:30 Mining Railway experience.**

We went on a train with wooden wagons that were built to ensure the transfer of the mineral to the Port of Huelva. The river was studied by NASA to study the probable similarity between its environmental conditions and those that could occur on the planet Mars.

- **15:00 Lunch.**

- **16:30 Mining Museum experience.**

We visit the Mining Museum to learn about the history of the mine with countless pieces of mining and metallurgy of all times.

- **17:30 Transfer to Huelva.**



TO INCLUDE

- House N° 21 experience.
- Corta Atalaya Open-pit mine experience.
- Peña del Hierro Open-pit mine experience.
- Mining railway experience.
- Mining Museum experience.
- 2 English guides during the visit.