Eat Spain Drink Spain, Wherever You Are



Craving an authentic taste of Spain? Food & Wines from Spain, the food and wine brand of ICEX (a Spanish government agency), makes it easier to find. Its certification program recognizes Restaurants from Spain and Colmados from Spain around the world—including those in Canada—that offer authentic Spanish cuisine and products. When you see Restaurants from Spain or Colmados from Spain ("colmados" is the term for gourmet shops) certification, you'll know that you're getting a taste of Spain from wherever you are.

Canada is home to 11 Certified Restaurants from Spain and four Certified Colmados from Spain, all of which are highlighted below.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

There are four Certified Restaurants from Spain in B.C. Bodega on Main serves tapas with twists that capture the essence of Spanish cuisine; Casa Molina is defined by warmth, simplicity and premium ingredients; and Como Tapería is a Michelin-recommended bar where small bites are imported from Barcelona and made-to-order dishes play on nostalgia. Meanwhile, Jamonería by ARC spotlights expertly hand-carved Jamón Ibérico (done in-house), while its sister location, ARC Ibérico Imports, is a certified colmado offering a selection of fine Spanish foods.

ONTARIO

Ontario boasts five recognized restaurants. Beso by Patria is a lively spot with a lengthy Spanish-wine list (plus 10 different sangrias); La Lola is run by a husband-and-wife duo who opened their eatery after moving here from Madrid; Little Barcelona offers traditional dishes, like fideuà (a seafood dish with thin noodles and a rich broth), and wants diners to savour Spanish culture; Michelin-recommended Madrina Bar Y Tapas uses seasonal ingredients to put a whimsical spin on Barcelona classics; and Santa Marta Bar whips up delicious tapas, like croquetas with your choice of jamón or prawn.

The province also has three Certified Colmados from Spain. Cozy shop Barcelona Gourmet's offering of Spanish goods includes made-to-order gift baskets and charcutería boards that are perfect for entertaining. Solfarmers has some of the best Spanish pantry staples, such as tinned seafood, turrón (a Spanish nougat with almonds and honey) and gourmet potato chips. Spanish Pig boasts a vast and curated array of artisanal goods, including chorizo and fine wine.

QUEBEC

In Quebec, find two Certified Restaurants from Spain. Montreal Paella specializes in Valencian paella made fresh with direct-from-Spain ingredients. There's also Olé Tapas, which serves up high-quality Spanish wine and culinary specialties against a backdrop of live music and waterfront views.

To discover more Restaurants from Spain and Colmados from Spain, visit **foodswinesfromspain.com**

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