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After waking up and hopping on the train we arrived at the Finca Son Bordills Vineyard. The Bordills family passed on without leaving any heirs to take over the company. The family donated most of the land and the company to church in Mallorca. We went to the fermentation room where the process begins after the grapes come from the vines. They explained to us how the wine was processed, bottled, and labeled. Today, Son Bordills is a thriving business. At the end of our tour we were able to taste their delicious white and red wine along with bread and cheese.

Estuvieron acompañados por Ramón Coll, propietario de la bodega Finca Son Bordills y Presidente del Rotary Club de Inca 2018-19.



After, the visit to the winery we went to the Quely factory in Inca. This brand of cookies are traditional and extremely popular in Mallorca. These cookies were developed because bread has a short lifespan but crackers can last for months without going bad. In this factory there are three lines of production where different types of cookies can be made simultaneously. We went through the production process step by step. We watched as the dough was mixed, how they formed pieces and went through the oven. At the conclusion of the tour we were given crackers to take away.



After our trip to the factory, we met with the Rotary Club of Inca to have lunch and banners with Bernardo Perelló 2017-18 President. We ate the best paella and mingled with the Rotarians. The Rotarians were interested to know about our experience so we each spoke about the things we have learned about so far. At the end, the waiters brought us strong coffee as a dessert. The caffeine gave us a boost in energy so that we could move onto our next activity of the day!









Our final activity of the day was driving up the top of the mountain to see Mallorca from a birds eye view. The cathedral that is on top, Bonany, was constructed in the 1700s. The cathedral was built after the time of a major drought in the city. The people hoped that this addition along with prayers would save the town from this issue. Miraculously, after the cathedral was built, the drought ended. The construction halted and was finally finished during the early 1900s. The reason for the halt was due to a lightning strike that caused damage to a large part of church in its early days of construction. The Spanish style roofing, tejas, which is also used in the states, are shaped by a person leg from clay.





While looking over the ledge at the beautiful town of Petra, we discussed with our guides the characteristics of Mallorca. First, we talked about the tourism and how anyone from outside of Mallorca can purchase a home on the island. But a Mallorican resident cannot purchase a home in a country like the USA. Also, we learned that property owners have been dodging taxes when renting out their home by having their renters pay under the table (black market). As well, renters do not rent here like people do with AirBnB, instead they rent long term through a different platform.

