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Every year, Travel + Leisure editors evaluate hundreds of luxury-travel advisors to determine which ones can best serve their readers. After receiving input from their Travel Advisory Board (select owners and operators who consult with the brand on industry and consumer trends) and other experts, editors vet each one to agree the final list.

Advisors are chosen for their unique itineraries, exclusive access, and positive client testimonials. Travel + Leisure also seek professionals who travel often to the destinations they specialize in and who make a concerted effort to deliver more than their clients expect.

At Madrid & Beyond, Hack seeks to make all trips to the Iberian Peninsula well rounded, incorporating history, gastronomy, traditions, lifestyle, art, people, and more. To do this, he taps into a vast network of insiders, from fashion designers and Spanish nobility to fado musicians and members of the gypsy community. That means the experiences he curates run the gamut – guests can visit the home studio of local art restorers one day, then visit fourth-generation flamenco guitar makers the next!

Bud Weingarden, a recent Madrid & Beyond client, says: "I had a problem originally planning for a trip to northwestern Spain and Portugal, since the area is not that well-travelled by North Americans. Nigel understood right away that we did not want a 'boilerplate' itinerary, and his planning was meticulous and imaginative. He always responded quickly and met all our expectations. While on the trip, we never got the sense that we missed anything that we should have seen. All the guides he picked were competent; some were exceptional. They were always able to adjust to our needs. The hotels and restaurants he suggested were consistently what we were looking for. Nigel was a major contributor in making this one of our favorite vacations."

Hack, a British national and former history teacher based in Madrid for over 20 years, set up Madrid & Beyond out of a burning passion for Spain and a genuine desire to share more widely the people and places that had inspired him. Madrid & Beyond now designs hundreds of trips every year for clients from all over the world. The team comprises 25 multi-lingual travel specialists based in Spain and the US and boasts a collection of important accolades. For more information visit madridandbeyond.com.

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Notes to the editor

Madrid & Beyond is the leading incoming luxury travel agency for Spain and Portugal based in Madrid, Spain. Founded by Nigel Hack in 1999, Madrid & Beyond creates authentic, personalized travel experiences across the Iberian Peninsula for discerning and sophisticated travelers. The agency prides itself on being able to offer clients the most unique and unforgettable experiences that cannot be found online or in a guidebook, and on facilitating access to the most interesting people in contemporary Iberia. Madrid & Beyond's extensive and exclusive network of collaborators, including artisans and art restorers, top chefs and winery owners, flamenco musicians and soccer insiders, allows travelers to get under the skin of Spanish and Portuguese culture. Madrid & Beyond also has excellent relationships with the best four and five-star luxury hotels across the Peninsula and takes care of all client logistics and travel requirements.