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Outstanding examples of the collections in Torre Loizaga

SPANISH SECTION

On the previous tour of the Club's Spanish section we had noted that for any enthusiast of our brand Loizaga Tower Museum would be of much interest. It is one of the largest collections of Rolls-Royces in Europe where, amongst others, the full Phantom range can be found.

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That said and done: our next trip consisted of a visit to the Museum, which is located near Bilbao. We stayed at a delightful hotel in the Rioja area, where the renowned and excellent wines are produced. And if the combination of the best Museum on the Continent and Rioja wine was not enough, our sponsor and importer of Rolls-Royce and Bentley in Spain, Royal Crown Motors, put at our disposal its own castle and winery in the area.

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With such ingredients, the sequence of events was obvious: At sunset on Friday 27 May, thirteen vehicles from different eras, from a 1951 MkVI to a 2016 Wraith, gathered at Cuzcurrita Castle on the River Tirón, to visit the winery and enjoy an excellent cocktail hosted by Royal Crown Motors. For that day and the next we stayed at the charming Hotel Teatrisso, <http://teatrisso.com/>, whilst our valuable cars were parked safely in the courtyard of the castle.

On Saturday, and with the threat of rain, we drove the 120 kilometres to the Museum along a beautiful road. At noon we were greeted at the entrance of the Torre Loizaga Castle and Museum by its current co-owner and member of our Club, Maria Lopez Tapia, who very kindly looked after us throughout the day. It is worthy of mention that in 1997 the founder of the Museum, Miguel de la Via, was awarded the title of "Honorary Life Member of the RREC" in recognition of the great work he carried out creating the collection. All the participants on this tour agreed that the characteristics of the collection (Phantom IV included)

WELSH SECTION

We had a good representation at the Annual Rally this year with Nigel Taylor winning first prize with his gorgeous 20hp, which he drove all the way from Newport in



Cars of the Spanish Section outside the Torre Loizaga castle that houses the large collection of Rolls-Royce motor cars



Pedro Moriyon (left), secretary of the Spanish Section with Sir Roger Fry, Chairman, between between his 1951 MkVI B79MB and Cabrillo Rodriguez' 1954 Silver Dawn LSNF17

together with the spectacular surroundings of the Castle and Museum make a visit to this extraordinary collection highly recommendable.

The return to Cuzcurrita was via another route, also of great interest, and the day concluded with a farewell dinner at the Teatrisso Hotel where the chef applied all his knowledge and enthusiasm, with a very satisfactory result. It is noteworthy that the favourable outcome of the European Champions League football final played that night between two Spanish clubs also contributed greatly to the chef's enthusiasm! On Sunday morning, after a hearty breakfast and a quick inspection of the cars, each participant undertook their return trip to destinations as far away from La Rioja as Sevilla, Mallorca and Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. But once again the reliability of our cars made it possible for all our participants to return home without any mishaps. We are grateful to Royal Crown Motors for generously providing us with technical support throughout the excursion. PEDRO MORIYON - Secretario RREC, Club Internacional para los Entusiastas de Rolls-Royce y Bentley

South Wales to the rally.

We have now enjoyed the hospitality of fellow members Donald and Marlene Rees, who kindly hosted the Welsh Section's annual garden party on Sunday 19 June. They generously greeted us with a drink on arrival and had