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## Toledo: The City of El Greco

Dear Friends,

In 2014 we celebrate the Four Hundredth Anniversary of El Greco's death. Though his work fell into obscurity when he died, it was rediscovered in the mid-nineteenth century, during the process of rehabilitation that reached its climax with the avant-garde movements of the early twentieth century. Since then, El Greco has been subject of constant interest and attention, as witnessed by the numerous exhibitions that have been organized around his work.

The most outstanding body of his work can be found in Toledo, city where he lived half of his life. It was the most fruitful period in his career. The Tavera Hospital is home to many of his works such as *The Holy Family of Saint Anne*, *Portrait of Cardinal Tavera*, *Saint Francis in Prayer*, a version of *The Tears of Saint Peter* and a carving of *Christ Resuscitated*.

At Greatness we invite you to live the privilege of having lunch under this magnificent Art Collection at [The Tavera Hospital](#) or a wonderful dinner

overlooking Toledo at Quinta Mirabel. To complete the journey we suggest a wonderful stay at Count of Teba Country House, located in one of the most beautiful landscapes of Toledo.

Warm regards,

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### **THE TAVERA HOSPITAL**

*Available for visits and  
events*

The Tavera Hospital, is the most important building of Renaissance Classicism in Toledo. It was conceived as a

charity hospital and pantheon of its founder, the philanthropist Cardinal Juan Pardo de Tavera, who in 1541 started the construction of this magnificent building.

After the Spanish Civil War, the Duchess of Medinaceli, recovers most of the old hospital rooms assembling an impressive collection of paintings including works by Ribera, Zurbarán, Tintoretto, Sanchez Coello and Caravaggio. Among all of these the most remarkable is the set of paintings by El Greco, who lived in a house nearby and was commissioned several works by the Hospital.

After visiting the hospital, an aesthete as Cecil Beaton wrote: *"Among the fine homes, I have been privileged to see through my travels in Italy, France, Spain, India, China, Germany and America, none is nobler in taste"*. (The Glass of Fashion, 1954).



Quinta Mirabel, Country House

**“QUINTA MIRABEL”**  
**COUNTRY HOUSE**

*Available for visits and events*

Kings, bishops, artists and Members of the Spanish Court used to come to this

splendid palace to enjoy fabulous celebrations full of music and color. It has also witnessed secret meetings of masons planning conspiracy or served as shelter for the Spanish soldiers during the French invasion.

Property of the Duke of Bailen and his family, this palace is full of history and surrounded by wonderful gardens that offer the best views over Toledo. A perfect location for a private dinner or celebration.

This house also holds a splendid modern art collection that adds a thrilling contrast to the visit. This house has recently attracted film producers attention, being the setting of Pedro Almodovar’s famous movie “The Skin I Live” with Antonio Banderas.



**“COUNT OF TEBA”**  
**COUNTRY HOUSE**

*Available for stays and events (10 rooms, max 20 guests)*

Located in one of the most beautiful landscapes of Toledo, on the banks of the river Tajo, “Count of Teba” Country House was built in the XV Century as a hunting pavilion for the wealthy and powerful cardinals of Toledo. The palace has been enlarged and improved by the succeeding generations of the Teba family and at present you will find a place with all the warmth and taste of the past but with all the commodities of today.

The gardens of the palace were designed by French landscaper, Jean Claude Nicolas Forestier at the end of the XIX Century, and they have been kept exactly the same as they were. With thousands of wild hectares is the most emblematic partridge shooting estate in Spain.



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