

# ESPAÑA: EUROPA PUESTA AL DÍA



## Madrid: Orden y Creación

For our own sake, and in the interests of this column we like to get the opinions of world travelers on the various countries they visit. What Manilans traveling abroad have to say of the merits of various countries is, however, no longer newsworthy. It's always the same. All of the letters we receive and all of the travelers we talk with say: "Spain is the best of all."

Ed and Crystal Milans returned from a round-the-world trip Sunday and by now must have exhausted superlatives in their description of the lovely land of Spain, the charm of its people, and the almost unbelievable hospitality extended foreign visitors. As Crystal Milans says it hardly seems necessary for Spain to have a tourist bureau. Visitors of Spain advertise the charms of that country to the point that Spain is jam-packed with tourists of all nationalities (principally Americans) the year around. Inexpensive living is no longer Spain's drawing card. Spain's is less expensive than many European countries but it is by no means "inexpensive" any more.

In addition to the beauty and great art the visitor finds all about him in Spain, and which cannot but impress even the most unknowing and insensitive, great appeals lies in the courtesy of the people of the country. This courtesy is a characteristic not only of members of the Spanish aristocracy by whom so many Manilans have been entertained but of the humblest shopkeeper in the humblest side street, and of all who serve.

We have met only one person who didn't like Spain. She was there eight days. "They didn't speak my language in the shops," she says. Of course she didn't speak their language either."

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