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The Choir flew to Torrevieja in Southern Spain on 7 September for five days of singing and sunshine. Staying at a centrally located hotel in the town enabled us to savour the delights of the many excellent eating places and bars and also enjoy the seafront. A cruise along the coastline in bright sunshine gave us an overview of the continuing development that is such a feature of this part of Spain.

All aboard the Skylark!



Our first concert was in the brand-new Municipal Theatre where the capacity audience of nearly 800 included many Welsh ex-pats reveling in a bit of 'home'. Just eight bars into 'Men of Harlech' and we had a standing ovation! We shared the concert with professional opera singers of the group Bohème and joined with them at the close in singing Jerusalem. Not a dry eye in the house.

On stage with Boheme



Early in the tour we had informally sampled the acoustics in the beautiful Inmaculada Church adjoining the main square in Torrevieja and were overwhelmed by their quality. We gave our second concert in the Church after the

Sunday 20.00 Mass to over 650 including many Spaniards. In both concerts Sue Black delighted all with her solo performances and the Pie Jesu in the Church was particularly memorable.



In front of the Inmaculada Church

Nightlife!



The afterglows following both concerts took place along a street near the seafront and lasted well into the small hours. A truly memorable and most enjoyable five days. Muchas gracias Torrevieja!

NEWLAND CHURCH



The last day in September saw the Choir singing to help the Friends of the 'Cathedral of the Forest' in fund raising for their enormous task of weather-proofing and renovating this magnificent 13/14thC building. All Saints Church contains many tombs and historical features including the 15thC brass plate showing a Forest of Dean iron miner complete with the stick & candle in his mouth and hammer in hand.



Informal singing in the crowded but convivial Ostrich Inn across the road from the Church rounded off a busy evening to the delight of many visitors