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El Bulli

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We had heard so much about Chef Ferran Adrià, often described as the best chef in the world. Most would have to wait two, even three years for a reservation. But because of a personal connection and our ability to shape our own itinerary, there we were, just over a year after our initial request, the entire restaurant ours for the evening.

Not one of us - 45 in all - could anticipate the 35-course meal that followed. To list each dish would be futile. For an evening at elBulli is about more than food. It is about the combination and contrast of flavor, texture, and temperature.

As each dish was set before us, we expected it to taste and feel a certain way, only to be surprised and delighted in ways we never thought possible, once the morsel reached our tongues.

We left late that night, and as we walked along the stone beach outside the restaurant, we had no way of knowing it would close its doors not long afterward, lending more truth to the phrase "once-in-a-lifetime" than we had originally envisioned.

