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ZARAGOZA  
SPAIN: TAPAS



**What is Zaragoza famous for?** Zaragoza is famous for its tapas.

**What are tapas?** In the photo in this colouring page, you will see lots of different tapas. These are small snacks or appetisers that originated in Spain. Tapas can be very tasty and fun to eat as you can try lots of different tapas during one meal. Also tapas are eaten often as a group, so they are great food to share with your family and friends.

**Who invented tapas?** Legend tells us two different stories about how tapas came to be invented. One story is from the 13th century and the other is from the 19th century. Although we cannot be sure which one is true, the funny thing is that both stories include Spanish Kings named Alfonso!!

In the 13th century, King Alfonso III (3rd) had been unwell and could only manage to eat and drink wine in small amounts. When he was well again he had enjoyed these small snacks so much that tapas became part of the lifestyle. He said all drinks should be served with these tasty tapas.

The other story says that in the 19th century, King Alfonso XIII (13th) was in the port city of Cadiz in the south of Spain. He ordered some wine and the glass came with a slice of ham on top of it. This was because Cadiz is a very windy city and even the sand flies around, so the ham was there to protect the wine. But the King enjoyed the ham with the wine so much that he asked for the same again. Of course, if it was good enough for the King, it was good enough for the people and so a trend was born!

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