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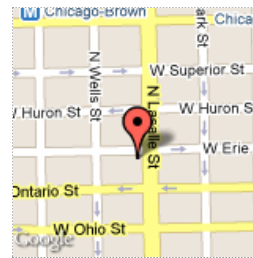


The Tavernita crew in Spain [Photo: Facebook]

When you're gearing up to [open a Spanish-inspired small-plates restaurant](#) what better way to gain inspiration than take a research trip to the motherland. And that's exactly what **Ryan Poli**, **Patricio** and **Alfredo Sandoval** and the rest of the **Tavernita** crew did the first week of May.

The team, which also included the **Tippling Brothers** (who create the beverage program for the Mercadito group), spent a whirlwind week tasting, drinking and cavorting through restaurants, tapas bars and taverns in Madrid, Barcelona and San Sebastian. Poli, who said he felt constantly full due to the constant tasting, added that the trip really got him primed to create the menu at the River North spot scheduled to open mid-summer.

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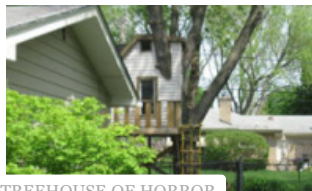
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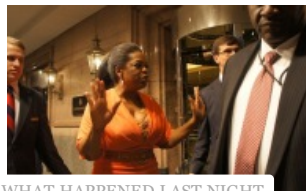
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