



Ana Briongos

Sometimes we receive special gifts from life totally unexpected and for me, one of them has been to meet the traveller and writer Ana Briongos. (Ana is on the left of the picture, with Mercedes López-Tomlinson).

Ana is a traveller in the true sense of the word. She is one of the pioneers of the modern women travellers of the twentieth century. She dared to travel to a country such as Afghanistan during the 1960s, when neither the Spanish society of the time, under the dictatorship of Franco, nor the traditions of the time, considered it proper for a woman at the time. But Ana not only travelled to those places, she also got to know deeply the country visited and the people.

Ana Briongos lived in Afghanistan and Iran during 10 years and they are both countries which she knows in depth and that she loves, particularly the people she met there and amongst whom are some of her best friends.

In order to know better about her experiences, reading her books becomes essential. This is the list:

- "Black on Black" published in English by Lonely Planet and finalist of the prestigious Thomas Cook Prize of Travel Literature 2001
- Un invierno en Kandahar. Afghanistan, cuadernos de viaje (At present only available in Spanish)
- L'enigma de la Pe Pi. A book in catalan for children
- La Cueva de Alí Babá. Irán día a día (At present only available in Spanish)

If you want more detailed information about Ana Briongos, visit her web site in: www.ana-briongos.net