

Malaga to Ronda

Costa del Sol (Andalusia, Spain)



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Malaga to Ronda Cycling Tour (Andalusia, Spain)!

Ronda is spectacularly located on the edge of the Tajo Gorge and is only a short drive from Malaga International Airport. The 300 days of sunshine per year make Andalusia a dream cycling destination. Not to mention the Sierra Grazalema National Park which you will call home during this cycling tour!

If you are looking for dramatic rocky mountains, white washed villages, fantastic cuisine and some beach time along the Costa del Sol then cycling Andalusia is the perfect destination. With a few days based in the Malaga region you will also enjoy an authentic Spanish mar y monte (sea & mountain) experience.

The tour includes a number of mixed terrain rides with many options depending on the level of the group. Famous climbs from La Vuelta (Tour of Spain) are at every corner for those looking for challenges, including, Puerto del Viento, Puerto de las Palomas, Puerto del Boyar & Peñas Blancas!

During 2020 there are multiple departures for the Malaga to Ronda cycling experience. We look forward to showing you all the Sierra de Grazalema mountains which are simply one of the best cycling regions in Spain!



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Professionally guided cycling routes
- Ride the Sierra de Grazalema National Park
- Visit Ronda – the jewel of Andalusia!
- Famous La Vuelta a España climbs: Puerto de las Palomas & Puerto del Boyar!
- Spend some time on the Costa del Sol
- Enjoy an authentic Mar y Monte (Sea & Mountain) holiday experience!
- Cycle through and explore the white washed villages of Andalusia (Grazalema, Setenil de las Bodegas & Zahara de la Sierra)
- Impressive Spanish gastronomy including paella, fresh produce & jamon serrano!

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DAY ONE – Malaga, Spain

We will be available to meet you at Malaga International Airport at 10am. Depending on your travel plans we can also organise an earlier collection from Malaga Central Train Station (fast trains between Madrid & Malaga). From Malaga we drive 1.5hr to Ronda spectacularly located on the Tajo Gorge. Following lunch there will be an initial tour briefing and time to set-up the bikes before your warm-up ride. The loop ride takes us into the undulating terrain immediately south of Ronda. The 2-3km climbs and winding descents through orchards has a very Tuscan feel and is the perfect way to prepare for the coming days!



Today's Ride: 50km cycling
Meals: Dinner provided
Accommodation: Ronda (Andalusia, Spain)

DAY TWO – ‘El Chorro’ Gorge

Today you will ride out to the Malaga Lakes District. The winding roads through the Serrania de Ronda were historically infamous for bandits but today they are made for road cyclists! The Puerto del Viento climb was used during Stage 5 of the 2017 La Vuelta a Andalusia. With an average grade of 3.5% it is the perfect warm-up climb! The descent down to the valley floor is spectacular and depending on the group there are two options through to the beautiful lakes district. Now it's time for a swim so don't forget to bring your bathers!

During the evening we will take you to a Flamenco singing and dancing show in the heart of Ronda!



Today's Ride: 100km cycling available
Meals: Breakfast provided
Accommodation: Ronda (Andalusia, Spain)

DAY THREE – Setenil de las Bodegas and ‘Boyar’

You will ride towards the small town Setenil de las Bodegas which was the start town for Stage 5 of the 2017 La Vuelta a Andalucia! Setenil de las Bodegas has been built along the narrow Trejo River gorge. Here you will find houses, bars and restaurants built into the rock walls of the gorge itself!

For those looking for an easier ride one can stop as we pass our tour hotel in Grazalema. The objective though for those looking for more action is the Puerto del Boyar climb. This Cat 1 climb is straight from La Vuelta (14km & 5.6% grade).



Today's Ride: 55km or 110km cycling options
Meals: Breakfast & Dinner provided
Accommodation: Grazalema (Andalusia, Spain)

DAY FOUR – Puerto de la Palomas climb

The Sierra de Grazalema national park is a dream cycling destination and today you will understand why this is such a special place! Enjoy the turquoise coloured reservoirs, the white-washed Andalusian villages and riding up and down quiet mountain roads with spectacular views!

The challenge for the day is the Puerto de las Palomas climb. 'Palomas' is a Category 1 climb that has been used 3 times during La Vuelta a España. It is a 12km climb with a constant 6% grade and we would be lying if we said this wasn't our favourite climb in Andalusia.

The views down to the reservoir below are just incredible and the final 3km provide a series of switchbacks to rival any of the major European climbs!



Today's Ride: 85km cycling available
Meals: Breakfast provided
Accommodation: Grazalema (Andalusia, Spain)

DAY FIVE – Marbella: Costa del Sol

A mountain to beach cycling experience awaits! The Costa del Sol is a favourite holiday destination and today you have the chance to combine cycling, beach, fresh fish and paella. Our favourite paella on the Andalusian coast is a black squid ink and cuttlefish paella!

Along the way though we first have the Alto de Atajate climb (6km) and Peñas Blancas (10km) climbs to contend with. Both climbs take in picturesque scenery including olive groves and cork forests respectively. At the summit of Peñas Blancas you are now looking straight down on the Mediterranean coastline. On a clear day you will see the rock of Gibraltar and the African continent in the distance.

Enjoy the afternoon on the beach with a mojito or go for a walk through the historic old centre of Marbella which is well and truly worth it!



Today's Ride: 90km cycling available
Meals: Breakfast & Dinner provided
Accommodation: Marbella (Andalusia, Spain)

DAY SIX – Malaga Return

Mid-morning we will be available to transfer you 45 min from Marbella to Malaga. The Sierra guides will have you at Malaga International Airport by 12 noon at the latest. Please let us know if you would like any post-tour accommodation organised in central Malaga.

Meals: Breakfast included

TOUR DETAILS

REGION: Costa del Sol (Andalusia, Spain)

PRICE: 2075 € (twin share)

DURATION: 6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS

SINGLE ROOM: 300 €

HOTELS: Ronda (x2), Grazalema (x2), Marbella (x1); 3 Star Hotels

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

Carbon Road Bike Hire: 175 €

Pre or Post Tour Hotel: **Please Ask**

Fast Train Tickets: **Please Ask**

INCLUDED

Arrival & Departure transfers (Malaga Airport)
5 nights accomm. (twin share) & breakfast
5 guided cycling stages
3 dinners with beer & wine included
Mechanic & accompanying support van
Flamenco singing & dancing show

NOT INCLUDED

Pre or post tour accommodation

2020 TOUR DEPARTURES:

22 – 27 March 2020

3 – 8 May 2020

4 – 9 October 2020

25 – 30 October 2020

Note: Minimum of 2 clients required for tour to proceed