

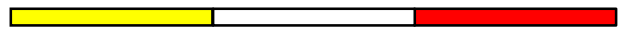
CAZORLA SELF-GUIDED

9 night option (Spain, 2025)



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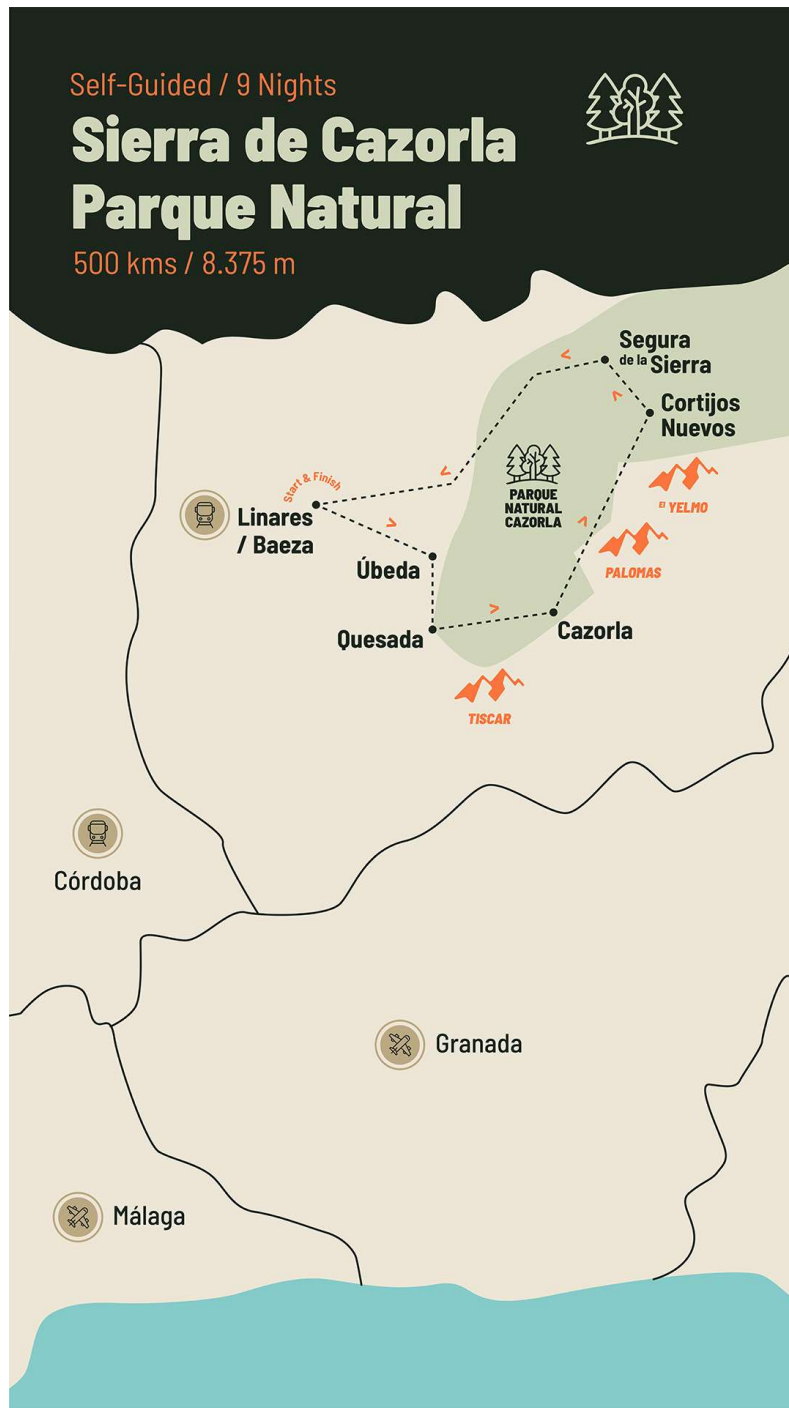
CAZORLA!

This Cazorla road bike tour will open the window to the spectacular Sierra de Cazorla natural park. This ‘interior paradise’ is Europe’s biggest protected natural space and the lungs of southern Spain. Imagine spectacular mountain scenery, castles, excellent cuisine and Andalusian folklore all rolled together! The cycling routes include many peaks around the 1000-1500m elevation with ‘El Yelmo’ the biggest challenge standing at 1800m. Your **9 night / 10 day** self-guided cycling tour starts in Quesada, intersects a number of whitewashed Andalusian villages and finishes in Segura de la Sierra the historic Moorish stronghold. The tour moves hotel every two/three nights allowing you to comfortably experience several of the best attractions within the Cazorla natural park.

On receipt of your 20% deposit payment, we begin reserving your hotels and providing you with all the confirmations. Full payment is then required 2 months prior to your tour start date. At this time, we send you the GPX cycling route files, Garmin base map, daily ride profiles and client tour booklet. When on tour, your luggage will be moved from one hotel to another so you only need to focus on the cycling on-hand. There is also a 24hr ‘Sierra’ contact number provided in the event you need emergency assistance.

We look forward to helping you plan your **Cazorla self-guided cycling tour!**

TOUR OVERVIEW



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Cazorla – whitewashed villages, cuisine and Andalusian culture
- Cycle through the world’s biggest tapestry of olive groves
- Classic climbs including Tiscar, Las Palomas and El Yelmo
- Stays in what is Spain’s ‘interior paradise’
- The Tranco reservoir cycling experience and its turquoise-coloured waters
- Follow the wheelpath of La Vuelta a España pro race
- Visit the stunning Moorish castle towns of Cazorla and Segura de la Sierra



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DAY ONE – Ask for 2025 dates – Quesada: the gateway to Cazorla

We will be available to collect you from Linares-Baeza train station from 12 noon onwards. After a 45-minute transfer you will find yourself in Quesada which is the south-western gateway to the Cazorla natural park. Our Sierra guide will complete a bike fitting and go through a tour briefing with you. Now you are ready to go!

Please note: if you would like a transfer from Granada or Cordoba please consult the prices in the ‘**Optional Extras**’ section at the conclusion of this presentation. Both Granada and Cordoba are a 2hr drive to Quesada (tour start-town). Malaga, Sevilla and Granada all have international airports. Most clients find the best international flight combinations through Malaga Airport. There are regular daily fast trains between Malaga-Granada (1.5hr) and Malaga-Cordoba (1hr).

Accommodation: Quesada (Andalusia, Spain) – Comfort rural hotel



DAY TWO – Ask for 2025 dates – Climb up to Puerto de Tiscar!

This is our favourite 'road cycling' route in Cazorla natural park and is a classic straight from Stage 7 of the 2018 Vuelta a España (La Vuelta). The challenge for today is the Puerto de Tiscar climb. 'Tiscar' is a Category 2 climb (10km with a constant 6% grade) which offers amazing views of the surrounding valleys and peaks. For those wanting to ride some more we have a detour through an amazing hamlet hidden beneath a massive rock outcrop!



Today's Ride: 50km / 1150m elevation gain or 65km / 1625m elevation gain

Accommodation: Quesada (Andalusia, Spain) – Comfort rural hotel

DAY THREE – Ask for 2025 dates – Quesada to Cazorla township

Riding from Quesada the route encounters what seems to be an endless valley of olive groves. Cazorla is part of Jaen province which happens to be the world's biggest producer of extra virgen olive oil. This is all thanks to the Phoenicians who brought the olive tree to Andalusia around 3000 years ago. After spending the first couple of nights on the edge of the natural park we would like to welcome you to Cazorla township. Cazorla is the most recognised town in the park and the Yedra castle in the 'casco antiguo' is a beautiful sight. The great selection of tapas bars and restaurants is just another reason for visiting Andalusia.



Today's Ride: 75km / 1000m elevation gain

Accommodation: Cazorla (Andalusia, Spain) – 3 star hotel

DAY FOUR – Ask for 2025 Dates – Cazorla lake district loop ride

Starting and finishing in Cazorla old-town this loop ride offers an authentic backroad experience. The climb which goes by the name 'Alto de Encajacobras' measures 12km and is characterised by its 5.2% average grade. Snaking asphalt roads bring you up to the reservoir which sits at 1100m elevation. Enjoy the solitude at the summit and the fun descent on quiet roads back down to the olive groves below!



Today's Ride: 70km / 1175m elevation gain

Accommodation: Cazorla (Andalusia, Spain) – 3 star hotel

DAY FIVE – Ask for 2025 Dates – ‘Palomas’ & the Tranco Reservoir

The Sierra Cazorla reserve is a dream cycling destination and today you will understand even further why this is such a special place. Departing Cazorla and the route passes the ‘Puerto de las Palomas’ climb. This 14km climb ascends 375m at an average grade of 2.5%. It has been used on a number of occasions during La Vuelta a Andalucia and La Vuelta a España professional races. This pass boasts spectacular views over the Guadalquivir Valley but is also an interesting spot to take out the binoculars and look for eagles and falcons. What now follows is a flowing descent down to the turquoise coloured waters of the Tranco reservoir. A beautiful ride which dissects the heart of the Cazorla natural park.



Today's Ride: 75km / 900m elevation gain

Accommodation: Cortijos Nuevos (Andalusia, Spain) – Rural villa

DAY SIX – Ask for 2025 Dates – El Yelmo peak

Today's ride takes you up to the highest point in the Cazorla natural park. 'El Yelmo' rises up to 1800m altitude and our route breaks the ascent by climbing from the eastern plateau. For most the true test comes in the final 3km where the gradient never drops below 10% and there are many 12-15% ramps to contend with. A spectacular finish which sees no less than 6 stunning switchbacks in the final kilometre and 360 degree views at the summit. Just for good measure El Yelmo was used as a Category 1 climb during Stage 3 of the 2021 Vuelta a Andalusia road race! For those looking for an easier ride avoid the difficult 10km turn-off to El Yelmo. The 12km descent down through the forest back to your rural villa will be an experience to savour!



Today's Ride: 50km / 1150m elevation gain or 60km / 1450m elevation gain

Accommodation: Cortijos Nuevos (Andalusia, Spain) – Rural villa

DAY SEVEN – Ask for 2025 Dates – Ride through to ‘Segura’

Roll out of your rural villa and pedal towards the base of Segura de la Sierra (your home for the final three nights on tour). Cycle the curving roads which hug the base of this mountainous landscape before beginning the 8km climb up towards La Hueta. The constant 6% average grade is very achievable and the ridge at the summit offers stunning views down to where you have just climbed from. Your arrival to ‘Segura’ from the quiet forest backroad will be one to remember. Those who want some extra kilometres will ride an additional loop down amongst the olive trees!

Today’s Ride: 35km / 650m elevation gain or 55km / 1150m elevation gain

Accommodation: Segura de la Sierra (Andalusia, Spain) – Boutique Hotel



DAY EIGHT – Ask for 2025 Dates – The special Siles to Segura loop

The winding road from your boutique hotel meanders 3km down towards the valley floor and is a fantastic way to start the day. Push through the Km to Siles where things get interesting as the Cat. 3 climb from La Vuelta a Andalucia pro race awaits. Pace yourself on the steeper start through the surprisingly humid fern trees before going all out as the climb levels off towards the top. A wonderful climb which will see you changing the gears with joy! Rest up and relax in your lovely ‘Segura’ settings. Like all good tours an additional loop is available for those looking for more cycling action!

Today’s Ride: 50km / 900m elevation gain or 72.5km / 1250m elevation gain

Accommodation: Segura de la Sierra (Andalusia, Spain) – Boutique Hotel

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DAY NINE – Ask for 2025 Dates – The high road from Hornos

The final tour ride is sure to impress. Following a 15km warm-up you are confronted with the 3km punchy climb to Hornos de Segura. You are cycling through the quiet natural park today so if you are a coffee lover then please pull in at Hornos! What comes next is a 12.5km climb averaging 4.5% grade. Just another climb where you should be feeling right at home and on top of the gears! Enjoy the next 10km as you ride along the plateau at 1350m elevation. Marvel at the views down to ‘Segura’ and if the legs are feeling good why not opt for the longer route and finish with the final challenge up to your stylish hotel.



Today's Ride: 55km / 950m elevation gain or 70km / 1400m elevation gain

Accommodation: Segura de la Sierra (Andalusia, Spain) – Boutique Hotel

DAY TEN – Ask for 2025 Dates – Farwell to Cazorla N.P.

After breakfast we would be pleased to offer a complimentary transfer to Linares-Baeza train station leaving at 10:00am (1hr 30min). If you would like a transfer to Granada or Cazorla (both 3hr) please consult the optional extras below.

SELF GUIDED - TOUR SUMMARY

REGION: Cazorla (Andalusia, Spain)

LEVEL: BEGINNER +

HOTELS: Quesada (x2), Cazorla (x2), Cortijos Nuevos (x2) & Segura (x3); Rural hotels & villas

2024 TOURS: Available Dates!
1 March – 30 June 2025
1 September - 31 October 2025

PAYMENT:

In Euro to our nominated Spanish bank account (via international bank transfer)

INCLUDED

9 nights accommodation including breakfast
8 GPX ride routes, options & Garmin base map
Booklet with hotel bookings, ride profiles & tips
Olive oil tasting
Hotel luggage transfers
24hr point of emergency contact

BIKE HIRE INFORMATION

All hire bikes come with a basic repair kit
Pedals, bike lock & floor pump included
Helmets are **not** included
A valid credit card as a security deposit

PRICE per person & twin share: 1800€

: Based on a minimum of 2 persons

: Please ask for group discounts (min. 6 persons)

DURATION: 9 NIGHTS / 10 DAYS

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

Single Supplement: **Price on request**

Granada/Cazorla Transfer: **Approx. 100 € pax**

Carbon Road Bike Hire: **350 €**

Electric Road Bike Hire: **575 €**

NOT INCLUDED

Lunches or Dinners
Pre or post Tour Accommodation

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