

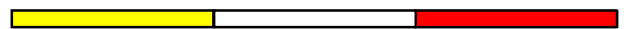
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7 night option (Spain, 2025)



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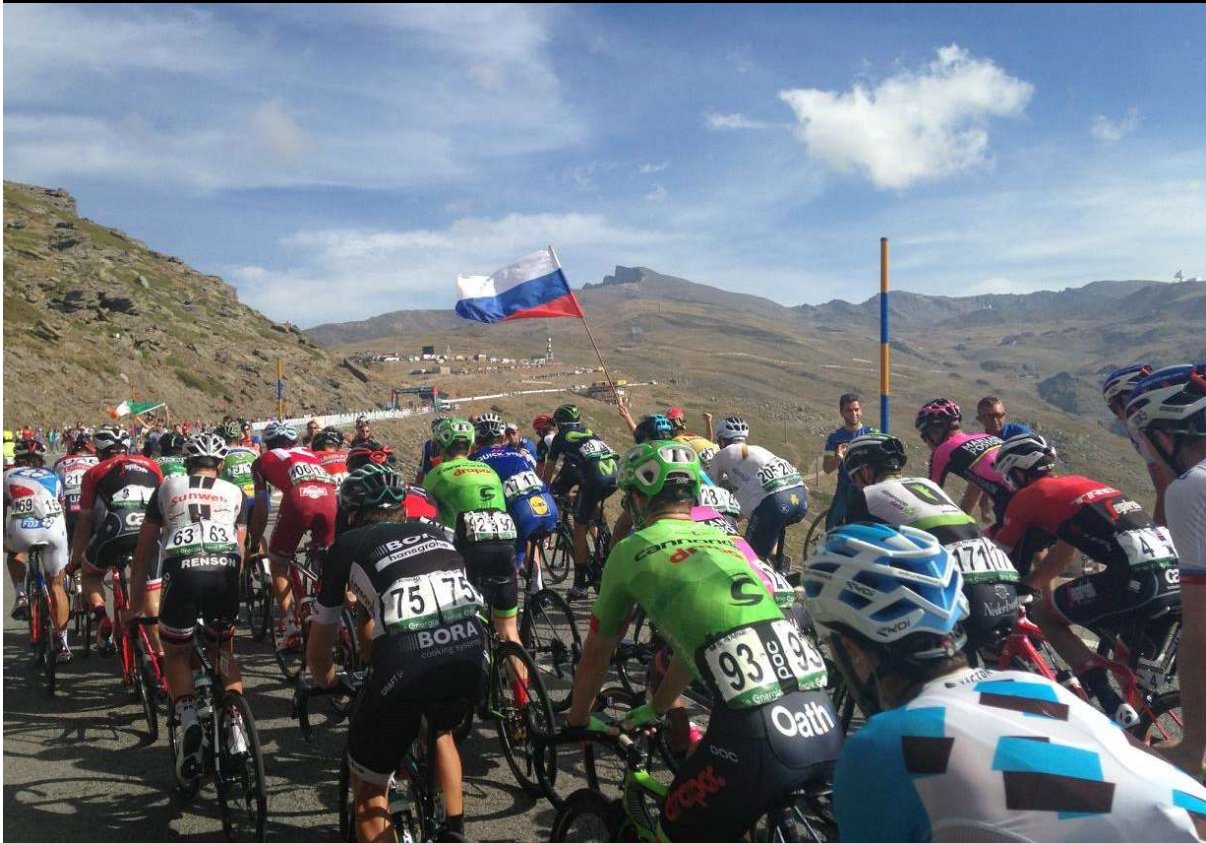
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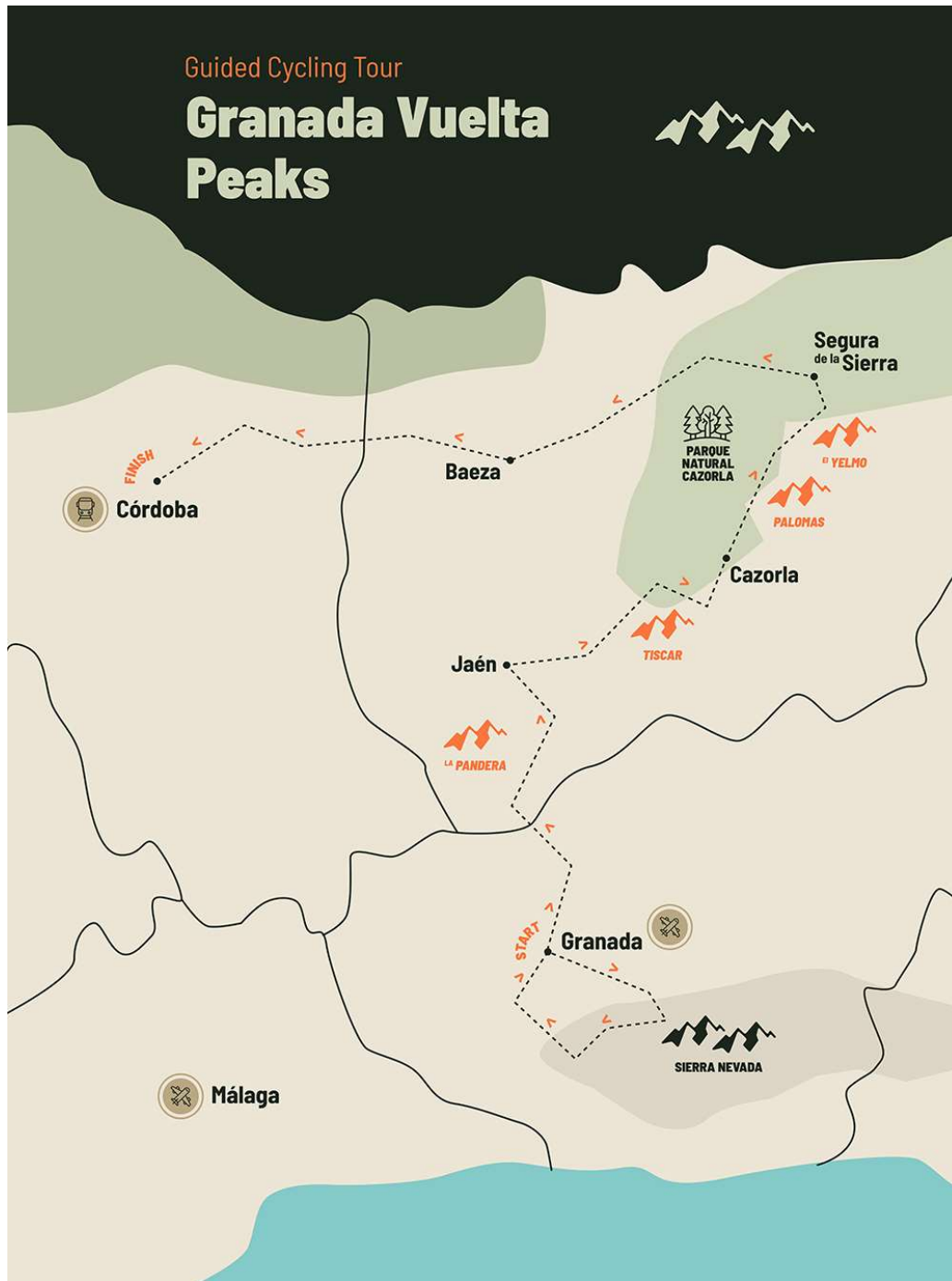


GRANADA – Southern Spain road cycling just got better!

This **Granada Vuelta Peaks** road bike tour will showcase the best of the Sierra Nevada and Sierra de Cazorla natural parks. These two parks in Southern Spain host some of the most epic stages from the **‘Vuelta a España’** and **‘Vuelta a Andalucía’** pro races. Imagine spectacular mountain scenery, castles, excellent cuisine and Andalusian folklore all rolled together! The cycling tour even includes the highest asphalted road in Europe: **‘Pico de Veleta’** the biggest challenge standing at 3296m. Yes that’s right, a good 500m higher than ‘Iseran’ in the French Alps and ‘Stelvio Pass’ in the Italian Alps. This 7 night guided tour starts in Granada and finishes in Cordoba, which are home to two of Andalucía’s most emblematic sites (La Alhambra & La Mezquita respectively).

Granada Vuelta Peaks will suit road cycling enthusiasts who are looking for a challenge that rivals anything that can be found in the Pyrenees, French/Italian Alps or Dolomites!

TOUR OVERVIEW



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Epic cycling through the Sierra Nevada mountains
- Granada the home of the Alhambra fortress and palace
- Follow the wheelpath of 'Vuelta a España' & 'Vuelta a Andalucía' pro races
- Cazorla – whitewashed villages, cuisine and Andalusian culture
- 'Pico de Veleta' – the highest asphalted road in Europe (3296m elevation)
- Cycle through Jaen province - the world's biggest tapestry of olive groves
- The Tranco reservoir cycling experience and its turquoise-coloured waters
- Visit the stunning Moorish castle towns of Cazorla and Segura de la Sierra
- Classic Vuelta climbs including 'La Pandera', 'Las Palomas' and 'El Yelmo'



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DAY ONE – Sat 11 October 2025 – Granada: Sierra Nevada awaits!

We will collect you from Granada train station/airport from mid-morning to 12 noon. Following lunch our Sierra guides will complete a bike fitting so you are ready for the warm-up ride. Cycling out of Granada the aim is to reach the 'Puerto de Los Blancares' climb before turning and riding home. From Granada this is a climb in the Sierra Nevada foothills. It is 20km long and gradually rises to 1297m elevation at an average gradient of 3%. There are some short sections with 6-8% slopes to wake you up for the days to come. Tonight the team will go through a tour briefing with you all. A big week awaits!

Note: Malaga, Sevilla and Granada all have international airports. However, most clients find the best international flight combinations through Malaga Airport. There are regular daily fast trains between Malaga-Granada (1.5hr).



Today's Ride: 50km / 650m elevation gain

Meals: Dinner with beer & wine included

Accommodation: Granada (Andalusia, Spain) – 4 star hotel

DAY TWO – Sun 12 October 2025 – Europe’s Highest Asphalted Road!

Today the goal is to cycle the highest asphalted road in Europe. The ‘Pico de Veleta’ climb really has everything that the hardened cycling *aficionado* is looking for: a 40km continuous climb, an altitude gain of approximately 2650m and an average grade of 6.5%. No wonder this unique cycling ascent is known as ‘The Everest of European Mountain Passes’. Cycling from Granada the overall climb can be ticked off via achieving a number of smaller climbs; Haza Llanas, Collado de las Sabinas, Hoya de la Mora (military barrier) and finally ‘Veleta’. From the military barrier the final 12km are traffic free so the hairpins, which hit you now at an alarming rate, are for cyclists alone! At the 2750m altitude mark the signpost is sandblasted, testimony to the severe mountain conditions that batter this area during winter. You are sharing company with famous mountain passes such as Gavia, Galibier, Stelvio, Agnello, Iseran or Bonette which are the authentic myths of our cycling sport. We pay our respect to these climbs but appreciate that with over 500m of elevation gain still awaiting the challenge is still in front of us. Are you ready for Veleta and the challenge to reach 3300m elevation?



Today’s Ride: 95km / 3000m elevation gain or (70km / 2000m elevation gain)

Meals: Breakfast included

Accommodation: Granada (Andalusia, Spain) – 4 star hotel

DAY THREE – Mon 13 October 2025 – Jaen & ‘La Pandera’ climb

Cycling from Granada to Jaen province encounters what seems to be an endless valley of olive groves. Jaen province is 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. Now that you are in the heart of olive country the locals are proud of their ‘La Pandera’ climb. It is a brutal Vuelta climb as you can see from the photo we took of Contador and Nibali racing each other during their golden years. The 9km climb at 8% average grade has around 20 steep ramps between 12-18%. In fact, a 2km continuous stretch between KM 4-6 averages nearly 13% which for most amateurs makes for a very testing 15-20min on the bike. You will not forget ‘La Pandera’!

Post-ride there will be a 1hr drive through to Cazorla National Park. We stay in Cazorla which is the most recognised town in the park and the Yedra castle is a beautiful sight. The great selection of tapas bars is just another reason for visiting Andalusia.



Today’s Ride: 115km / 2150m elevation gain or 100km / 1450m elevation gain

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner with beer & wine included

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

DAY FOUR – Tues 14 October 2025 – Cazorla & Tiscar loop ride

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 looking for an adventure we have a detour through an amazing 'grand canyon-esque' landscape which makes for some fantastic photography. On a clear day the route even offers impressive views back to the Sierra Nevada mountains towering over Granada! While this hotel to hotel loop ride includes some important climbs for most it will feel like a rest day after the preceding days on 'Veleta' and 'La Pandera'. Tonight you will have plenty of time to enjoy the charming town of Cazorla. Eating in the main bar below the Yedra castle is where you will find the Sierra team!



Today's Ride: 95km / 1900m elevation gain

Meals: Breakfast included

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

DAY FIVE – Wed 15 October 2025 – ‘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: 110km / 2100m elevation gain

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner with beer & wine included

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

DAY SIX – Thur 16 October 2025 – 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! From El Yelmo summit there is a 12km descent down through the forest before some rolling terrain through to the base of Segura. Be sure to keep just a little in the tank for the final 2km climb up to our lovely tour hotel!



Today's Ride: 85km / 1650m elevation gain

Meals: Breakfast included

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

DAY SEVEN – Fri 17 October 2025 – Ride through to UNESCO ‘Baeza’

The final ride on tour is another hotel to hotel ride. The aim is to spend as much time as possible in the natural environment and enjoy the quiet roads. Today’s ride has a little bit of everything but all in small pinches. A fantastic flowing descent, cruisy kilometres along the meandering Guadalquivir River, a short 5km climb, a flat 10km time trial section, a 2km compacted gravel section before a final 7km summit finish up in UNESCO Baeza. Baeza is one of our favourite towns in Andalusia. It was awarded its UNESCO rating thanks to its Renaissance Spain style buildings and architecture. This small town is easy to visit on foot and you will be sure to enjoy its plazas, archways, palaces and fountains. Tonight we will celebrate what has been a great week of cycling following some of the best roads raced by the professional cyclists. Viva La Vuelta!



Today’s Ride: 125km / 1400m elevation gain

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner with beer & wine included

Accommodation: UNESCO Baeza (Andalusia, Spain) – 4 star hotel

DAY EIGHT – Sat 18 October 2025 – Transfer to Cordoba

After breakfast we would be pleased to offer a complimentary transfer to Cordoba train station leaving at 10:00am (1hr 30min drive). Cordoba is a beautiful city which is famous for its Moorish mosque, 'La Mezquita'! Cordoba is located on the fast AVE train line between Malaga and Madrid. Cordoba is only 1hr to Malaga and 1hr 45min to Madrid by fast train. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

Meals: Breakfast included

GRANADA GUIDED - TOUR SUMMARY

REGION: Granada & Cazorla (Spain)

PRICE per person & twin share: 2500€

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE +

HOTELS: Granada (x2), Cazorla (x2), Segura (x2) & Baeza (x1); 3-4 star hotels

DURATION: 7 NIGHTS / 8 DAYS

DATES: 11 – 18 October 2025

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

Go Private: Choose your own dates!

Single Room Supplement: 450 €

Carbon Road Bike Hire (rim brakes): 200 €

Carbon Road Bike Hire (disc brakes): 300 €

Electric Road Bike Hire: 500 €

PAYMENT:

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

In Euro via a secure online credit card platform (Visa & Mastercard only – 2% fee)

INCLUDED

7 nights accommodation including breakfast

4 dinners with beer & wine included

Lead Sierra Cycling Guide

9 Seater Support Van with Driver/Mechanic

Olive oil tasting

Tour Welcome Pack (including ride booklet)

Commemorative Sierra cycling jersey

NOT INCLUDED

Lunches

Pre or post Tour Accommodation

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