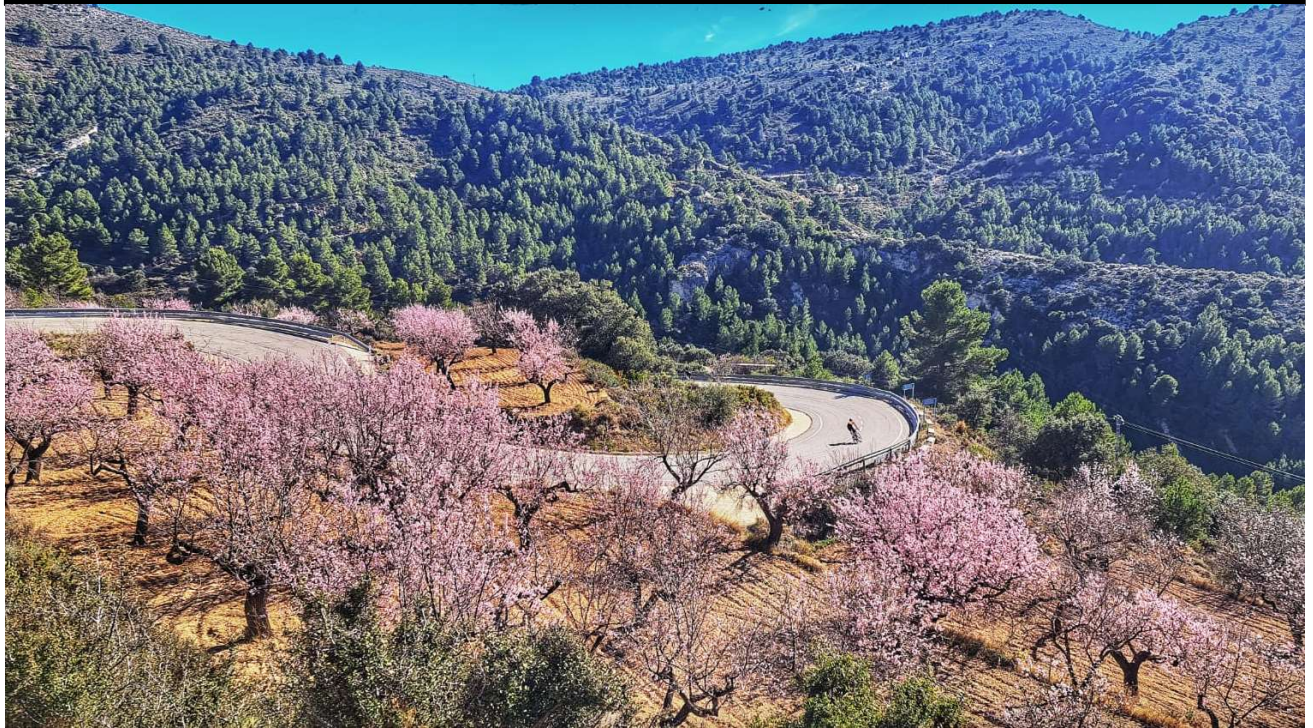


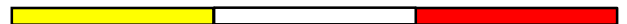
CALPE & COSTA BLANCA

Self-Guided - 6 night option (Spain, 2025)



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CALPE: cycle in the wheelpath of modern day champions!

Your **6 nights / 7 days** self-guided cycling tour starts in Calpe and finishes in Altea. The tour moves hotel after 3 nights providing you with two comfortable bases to ride the best cycling routes on the Costa Blanca. The Costa Blanca in southeast Spain enjoys an exceptional climate with 325 days of sunshine per year making it the perfect place for a cycling getaway. The climate, the variety of local mountains and quality asphalt roads means recreational and professional cyclists alike choose this area for extended training blocks.

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 Costa Blanca 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 contact number provided for a local Sierra guide in the event you need emergency assistance.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Calpe the pre-season home to many pro cyclists
- Follow the wheelpath of 'Vuelta a España' and 'Volta Valenciana' pro races
- Quiet interior roads just kilometres inland from the Calpe and Altea townships
- Cycle the Alicante coastline, including two coastal bases with 3-night stays
- Taste test a classic paella from the region where this famous dish was born
- Classic Vuelta climbs including 'Port de Tudons' and 'Coll de Rates'



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DAY ONE – Ask for 2025 dates – Calpe, Spain

You will be able to check-in to your Calpe hotel from 3pm onwards. A Sierra guide will meet you in hotel reception during the afternoon to hand over your hire bike, conduct a personal fitting and go through a tour briefing with you.

Now you are ready for tomorrow!

Please note: if you would like a transfer from Valencia or Alicante Airports to Calpe please consult the prices in the '**Optional Extras**' section at the conclusion of this presentation.

Accommodation: Calpe (Costa Blanca, Spain) – 4 star hotel



DAY TWO – Ask for 2025 dates – Port de Bernia climb!

Today's ride is the perfect initiation to your Costa Blanca cycling experience. To arrive at the base of the Port de Bernia climb you have a 15km warm-up which heads inland from the coast. From Benissa you will have a 14.2km climb with a 3.7% average grade. The final 2km are the most difficult with the maximum gradient peaking at 9%. Follow the signboards and count down the effort to the summit. Beautifully asphalted roads await which curve through a rocky mountain landscape. Welcome to the Costa Blanca!

Today's Ride: 65km / 750m elevation gain

Meals: Breakfast included

Accommodation: Calpe (Costa Blanca, Spain) – 4 star hotel

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DAY THREE – Ask for 2025 dates – Cumbre del Sol or Vall d'Ebo

We are pleased to present you two ride options today; (i) the 45km Cumbre del Sol route or (ii) the 90km Vall d'Ebo route. The 'Cumbre del Sol' is one of Alicante's challenging cycling climbs and its double-digit ramps will be sure to shake out any cobwebs. It is a 4km burst which takes you from sea level to 400m elevation in around 25 minutes. A short route which will have you back in Calpe in time for lunch and an afternoon full of beach, pool or straight out R&R.

The 90km route continues with what is a magnificent series of training climbs. We would like to now introduce you to "Vall d'Ebo". This climb is a jewel of the Alicante region, as its 8km provide a dynamic and pleasant route. After an initial 35km ride from the hotel, the climb begins. Starting among the trees, the climb opens up near the top, where the views of the coast become your great reward. A series of wide winding curves will see you gain 500m of elevation. After a 3km descent, we would like to welcome you to "Alto de Tarrenyes". Another short climb (4km with an average gradient of 5%) that will by now start to feel like a false flat. We like to call today our 'Calpe Lollipop route', as the first and last 20km follow the same road in and out of town.



Today's Ride: 45km / 700m elevation gain or 90km / 1500m elevation gain

Meals: Breakfast included

Accommodation: Calpe (Costa Blanca, Spain) – 4 star hotel

DAY FOUR – Ask for 2025 dates – ‘Tudons’ from two approaches

Today your self-guided cycling tour moves base from Calpe to Altea. This morning your Sierra guide will collect you from Calpe and depending on the ride you would like to select, drive you either 20 or 35min towards the base of the ‘Port de Tudons’ climb. The different van transfer times mean your Port de Tudons experience will be either a 12km or 20km climb.

Many local road cyclists from Alicante would rate ‘Tudons’ as their favourite climb. The relatively constant 12 or 20km climb options rise to 1026m elevation (5% average grade). At the ‘Tudons’ signboard one encounters the Aitana military base turn-off. This is restricted access, but in the distance the antennas are visible. A total of four incredible Vuelta a España pro race finishes have been battled-out up to the restricted Aitana military base (2001, 2004, 2019 and 2016).



The descent follows beautiful curving roads down to Penaguila where the route also passes the Port de Confrides climb from its western approach. As you ride into the finish in Altea you will be proud of your cycling achievement!

Today's Ride: 60km / 950m elevation gain or 80km / 1450m elevation gain

Meals: Breakfast included

Accommodation: Altea (Costa Blanca, Spain) – 4 star hotel

DAY FIVE – Ask for 2025 dates – The infamous ‘Coll de Rates’

Coll de Rates is without doubt one of the most popular cycling climbs amongst the professional peloton. After riding 20km out of Altea and you too will find yourself at the base of this emblematic ‘puerto’. While it is not an overly difficult climb it gains its prestige from its numerous switchbacks, excellent asphalt condition and its gradual build-up which allows for an all-out finish! The 6km climb averages 6% and the fastest of the fast record 15 minutes. Looking for a challenge against the pro’s then today will be your day? For those looking for the short-ride option today you will follow the same roads back into Altea (out-and-back ride).

For those wanting more KM, you will keep the wheels rolling and the ‘Sa Creueta’ climb from Tarbena will now be attacked. Another lovely climb away from the traffic which measures 7.6km and 3.4% average grade. Now all that remains is a lovely roll into Altea on what is very favourable terrain!

Today’s Ride: 55km / 1000m elevation gain or 80km / 1350m elevation gain

Meals: Breakfast included

Accommodation: Altea (Costa Blanca, Spain) – 4 star Hotel

DAY SIX – Ask for 2025 dates – Port de Confrides

You can again choose from two routes today. If you decide to ride the long route you will summit Port de Confrides from the east which is a favourite amongst the local cyclists who live between inland Alcoy and coastal Benidorm. The shorter route, while still entertaining some climbing, loops back on different roads towards La Nucia and finally rolls into Altea. Getting back to the ‘Confrides’ climb though! A climb which cycling enthusiasts of all levels absolutely love. Measuring 7.5km and 5% the climb to Confrides falls just below 1000m altitude and eye watering Mediterranean views are never too far away. As you ride into the finish at Altea you will close out what has been an amazing five days on the bikes!

Today’s Ride: 50km / 750m elevation gain or 70km / 1200m elevation gain

Meals: Breakfast included

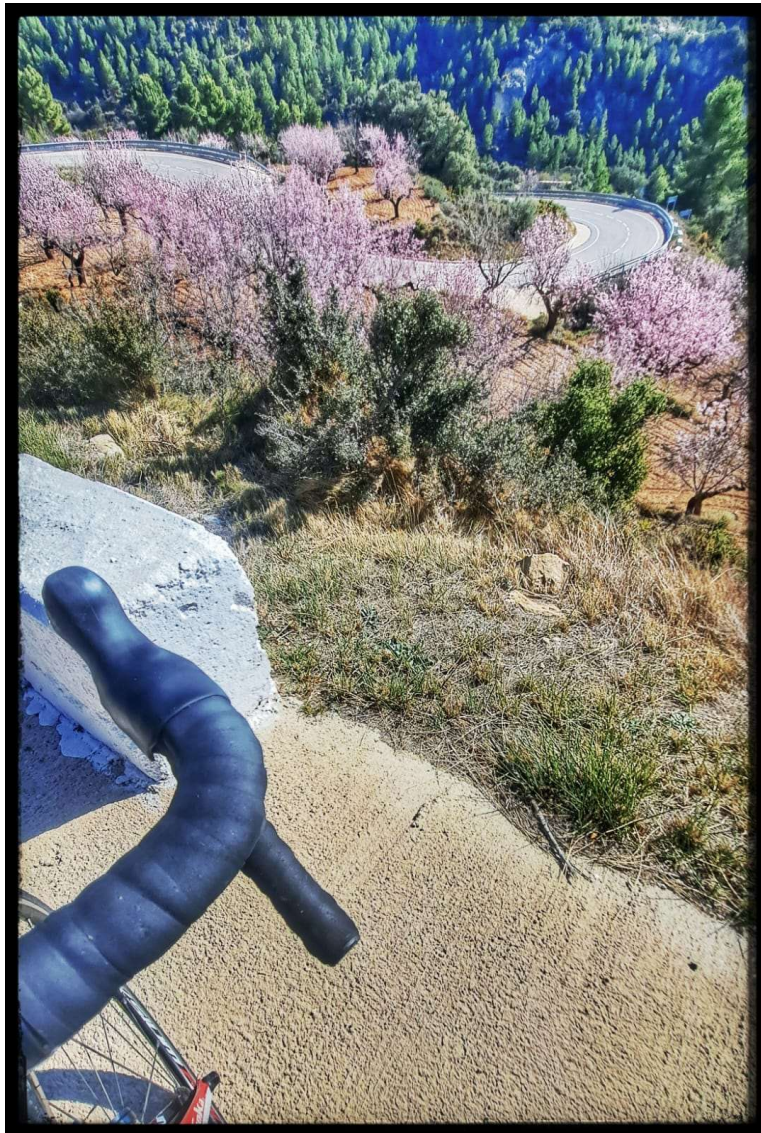
Accommodation: Altea (Costa Blanca, Spain) – 4 star Hotel

DAY SEVEN – Ask for 2025 dates – Goodbyes

You will be able to check-out of your Altea hotel until 12 noon. Thanks for joining us on the Costa Blanca – we hope to see you again soon!

Please note: if you would like a transfer from Altea to Valencia or Alicante Airports please consult the prices in the '**Optional Extras**' section at the conclusion of this presentation.

Meals: Breakfast included



CALPE SELF GUIDED - TOUR SUMMARY

REGION: Calpe/Costa Blanca (Spain)

LEVEL: BEGINNER +

HOTELS: Calpe (x3) & Altea (x3);
4 star hotels

DATES: Ask us for 2025 dates

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

6 nights accommodation including breakfast
9 GPX routes (you choose) & Garmin base map
Booklet with hotel bookings, ride profiles & tips
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: 1400 €

: Based on a minimum of 2 persons

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

DURATION: 6 NIGHTS / 7 DAYS

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

Single Supplement: **Price on request**

Calpe/Altea to Valencia Airport (one way): **75 € pax**

Calpe/Altea to Alicante Airport (one way): **50 € pax**

Carbon Road Bike Hire: **250 €**

Electric Road Bike Hire: **375 €**

NOT INCLUDED

Lunches

Pre or post Tour Accommodation