

LA VUELTA

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La Vuelta a España – cycling from Malaga to Granada!

Week 3 of the 2026 Vuelta a España (Tour of Spain) will see our tour start and finish in Malaga on the vibrant Costa del Sol. The tour will immediately move into the nearby Grazalema National Park which is home to a number of classic climbs (Palomas and Boyar to name a couple). Get ready for the Vuelta Stage 19 summit finish on the 'Peñas Blancas' climb. The views on a clear day look directly across to Africa! After testing yourself on 'La Cabra' climb, which rises straight off the Costa Tropical, the cycling will head into Granada. Granada sits immediately below the towering Sierra Nevada mountains. With the 2026 Vuelta race edition finishing in Granada you will find yourself in the middle of all the action!

Two 3-night bases in Grazalema & Granada is a highlight of this Vuelta cycling tour!

On this tour you will see La Vuelta live on four occasions: Stage 18 at the Individual Time Trial in Jerez de la Frontera, Stage 19 on the Peñas Blancas summit, Stage 20 in the Sierra Nevada mountains and *the* Stage 21 finish in central Granada.

What a week of cycling watching Spain's premiere road cycling race!

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Cycle in the Grazalema and Sierra Nevada national parks – Grazalema is Spain's version of the Dolomites while the Sierra Nevada mountains are home to Europe's most southern ski station.
- 4 live encounters with the 2026 Vuelta; 2 summit finishes, 1 individual time trial and the race finale in Granada.
- Visit Ronda and its famed arched bridge above the Tajo gorge.
- Go for a swim in the Mediterranean (Costa Tropical – Almuñecar)!
- Ride 'La Cabra' road which links the coast with Granada.
- Watch the 2026 Vuelta celebration ceremony from the heart of Granada.

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DAY ONE – Tuesday 8 September 2026 – Transfer to Grazalema

We kick off our tour today. If you are flying in today, we will provide airport transfers from Malaga airport to the first location on our tour; Grazalema in the Sierra de Grazalema Natural Park. Our staff will meet you at Malaga airport for a 12.00h departure.

On arrival at the hotel your tour leaders will be on hand to assist you in preparing your bikes for the week ahead. Rental bikes are also available on arrival. Following your 50km warm-up ride you are free to enjoy the hotel's swimming pool and jacuzzi. This evening we will enjoy the evening meal together at the hotel.

Meals: Dinner included

Destinations: Grazalema

Today's Ride: 50km / 800m elevation gain

Accommodation: Grazalema (Andalucia, Spain)

DAY TWO – Wednesday 9 September 2026 – 'Las Palomas' climb

After breakfast we will get the bikes ready and accompany you for today's guided ride. You will be supported by our bike guide on the road as well as a support vehicle. We make regular stops so you can have drinks and snacks.

Ride the famous Las Palomas climb from previous Vuelta editions. The 'Puerto de las Palomas' from Zahara de la Sierra is 12 kilometres long and has you gaining 814 metres of vertical ascent with an average gradient of 6.6%. We will visit the beautiful town of Ronda during the late afternoon and we will enjoy the evening meal at a local restaurant before a short van transfer back to the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner included

Destinations: Ronda

Today's Ride: 90km cycling / 1000m elevation gain

Accommodation: Grazalema (Andalucia, Spain)

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DAY THREE – Thursday 10 September 2026 – Stage 18: Time Trial

Today we have our first taste of Vuelta action. Stage 18 is an individual time trial that starts on the coast near Cadiz in El Puerto de Santa Maria. The finish comes after 30 kilometres in Jerez de la Frontera.

We offer you the opportunity to join us on a guided and supported ride. You can join us for the full distance which is about 100 kilometres or you can join us part way and make initial use of our support vehicle.

We will watch the time trial before driving back to the hotel afterwards. This afternoon you will have some more time to enjoy the hotel's facilities and the beautiful surroundings as it is our final night in Grazalema.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner included

Destinations: Jerez de la Frontera

Today's Ride: 100km cycling / 500m elevation gain

Accommodation: Grazalema (Andalucia, Spain)



DAY FOUR – Friday 11 September 2026 – Stage 19 race summit finish

We are checking out of the hotel today. Like every day you can decide to join us for the full ride or spend some of the journey in one of the support vehicles.

Ride from the hotel to the Penas Blancas Stage 19 summit finish. The route will take us through Montequaque and Jubrique. Stage 19 of the 2026 Vuelta finishes on the Peñas Blancas climb in Estepona, which is a tough Category 1 climb. It comes right after the time trial and just before the queen stage, so expect fireworks—GC riders will either defend or attack hard here. The route is hilly, with mid-stage climbs and a brutal uphill finish, perfect for breakaways or late moves. Heat in Andalusia could add extra drama. In short: a tactical, high-stakes day that could reshape the race before the Sierra Nevada showdown.

Post stage we will drive two hours to the next hotel on our tour in Almuñecar on the Costa Tropical. Here we will check in, get settled for the night and enjoy the evening meal together. We stay here this evening to be in a good position for tomorrow.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner included

Destinations: Peñas Blancas

Today's Ride: 80km / 1750m elevation gain or 110km / 2700m elevation gain

Accommodation: Almuñecar (Andalusia, Spain)



DAY FIVE – Saturday 12 September 2026 – Stage 20 – Sierra Nevada

We are checking out of the hotel today and moving to Granada where we will be staying for the final 3 nights of our tour. Ride straight off the beach and onto the famous 'La Cabra' climb which was the old road to Granada. Spain's version of Col d'Izoard! Ride direct to the Guejar Sierra township where all the Stage 20 race action will be playing out. Stage 20 of the 2026 Vuelta a España is set to be the queen stage of the entire race — a brutal finale that could be decisive for the red jersey. Classified as a mountain stage, it features over 5000 m of climbing, culminating in the tough Hors Catégorie ascent to Collado del Alguacil — one of the hardest climbs in the race.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner included

Destinations: Guejar Sierra

Today's Ride: 100km / 1500m elevation gain

Accommodation: Granada (Andalucia, Spain)



DAY SIX – Sun 13 September 2026 – La Vuelta - Stage 21 – Granada

There are plenty of riding options out towards Quentar and Guadix. After a guided ride in the morning we will watch the race finish in central Granada. Our hotel is located within walking distance from all the action.

Stage 21 – Granada – Granada

The final stage of the 2026 Tour of Spain is not in Madrid but in Granada. This will not be a sprint stage as the stage has a technical uphill finish near the famous La Alhambra fortress and palace. A finishing circuit is completed 5 times, and each features a partially cobbled climb. This looks like a fitting tribute to a Vuelta built on surprise climbs, circuit finales, and raw Andalusian flair.

After the stage we will enjoy the evening meal together at the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner included

Destinations: Granada

Today's Ride: 85km / 1100m elevation gain

Accommodation: Granada (Andalucia, Spain)

DAY SEVEN – Monday 14 September 2026 – Pico de Veleta > 3200m

With less crowds today it is the perfect day for a final ride in the Sierra Nevada mountains. Go back and ride key sections of the Stage 20 stage in the mountains on the outskirts of Granada. There is Hazasllanas for example or El Purche. For hardcore riders there is the Veleta summit up to 3200m elevation (highest asphalted road in Europe). We will discuss all of the options with the group and come up with the best plan! This evening we will have our final dinner together at the hotel in Granada.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner included

Destinations: Sierra Nevada mountains

Today's Ride: TBC

Accommodation: Granada (Andalucia, Spain)

DAY EIGHT – Tuesday 15 September 2026 – Adios from Malaga

Following breakfast our guides will be available to transfer you to Madrid Airport. We can have you at the airport by 10:30am so please keep that in mind when organising any onwards flights. We trust you have enjoyed your Vuelta cycling experience and we look forward to seeing you again soon!

Meals: Breakfast

TRIP DETAILS

REGION: ANDALUCIA (Malaga to Granada)

PRICE: from 2850 € p.p.

TOUR DATES: 8 – 15 SEPTEMBER 2026

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: On request

DURATION: 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

Road Bike Hire (Di2 105, disc): **400€**
E-Road Bike Hire: **500€**

HOTELS: Grazalema (x3), Almuñecar (x1) & Granada (x3); 3/4 Star Hotels

INCLUDED

Arrival & Departure transfers (Malaga)
7 nights accommodation (twin share)
7 breakfasts included
7 dinners (beer & wine excluded)
7 guided cycling stages with van and mechanic
Food & drinks during cycling stages

NOT INCLUDED

Airfares & Train Tickets
Pre or post Tour Accommodation