



Portugal Cycling Tour: Alentejo Region - 12 to 19 October 2027

Introduction

Discover the history, culture and traditions of the Alentejo region during this week-long bike tour. Alentejo is a picturesque and charming destination and you will enjoy the whitewashed villages, medieval castles, peaceful rolling hills and rural lifestyle. Visit heritage sites in Évora, the fortified villages of Marvão and Monsaraz and the Palace of the Portuguese Kings.



Along the way you will ride past vineyards that produced the world's best voted wine, fields full of cork oak trees and Neolithic archaeological 'antas' funeral sites. With its trademark gastronomy, the Alentejo is a great destination to experience the very best of Portugal!

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Day 1: Tuesday 12 October 2027: Collect from Lisbon

We will be available to collect you all from Lisbon/Lisbon Airport from 10:00am onwards. There will be a 2.5-hour drive east towards Alto do Chao. Following time for some lunch and a bike fitting the afternoon is free to test the bikes. It will be an easy bike loop to get you ready for the days to come. Enjoy a tour welcome dinner with the Sierra team. Now it is time to relax and enjoy your accommodation for the next 2 nights.

Ride: 40-50km
Meals: Dinner included
Sleep: Alto do Chao (Alentejo region, Portugal)

Day 2: Wednesday 13 October 2027: Loop through the Alentejo region

After breakfast you will jump on the bikes and enjoy a route which winds its way through the cork trees of the Alentejo region. Along the way you will cross the 100 metre long Roman bridge that has well and truly stood the test of time (2000 years of time in fact)!

Ride: 90km / 750m elevation gain
Meals: Breakfast included
Sleep: Alto do Chao (Alentejo region, Portugal)

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Day 3: Thursday 14 October 2027: The medieval village of Marvao

Today you will spend some time cycling through the rolling hills before finishing at the impressive fortified village of Marvão. Be sure to visit the 9th Century castle and cistern. This will be your new base for the next 2 nights so you will have plenty of time to explore this lovely town and its narrow streets and cosy plazas. The final section includes the 6km climb to Marvao with an average grade of 5.5%.

Ride: 80km / 1000m elevation gain
Meals: Breakfast & Dinner included
Sleep: Marvao (Alentejo región, Portugal)



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Day 4: Friday 15 October 2027: Marvao to Estremoz

The medieval theme continues today as you ride from one hilltop village to another. While it is more of a transition day on the bikes there are still a number of climbs but they never get too taxing. In fact, there are five short climbs ranging from 1 – 2.5km in length and 4-7% grade. Estremoz you will now call home for the next two nights on tour. In recent times it is wine that is putting the Alentejo region on the map and more specifically its red wines. There will be time for some sampling as this afternoon you will enjoy a winery visit!

Ride: 105km / 1050m elevation gain
Meals: Breakfast included
Sleep: Estremoz (Alentejo región, Portugal)

Day 5: Saturday 16 October 2027: Loop ride from Estremoz

The gentle rolling terrain continues again today as you head for an easterly loop from Estremoz. Very similar ride statistics from yesterday with the same number of climbs but grades around the 3-4% range. On the ride home you will pass by the town Borba which is well known for its wine and marble stone which is extracted in more than 160 local quarries.

Ride: 100km / 925m elevation gain
Meals: Breakfast & Dinner included
Sleep: Estremoz (Alentejo región, Portugal)



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Day 6: Sunday 17 October 2027: Estremoz to Evora

Today's ride first heads south past Redondo and then later west through to Evora. Before reaching Redondo there is a 6km climb (4% ave. grade) which is the only challenge for the day. Redondo is a quaint village in the heart of the Alentejo region and is famous for its pottery. The arrival to Evora and the grand plaza 'Praca do Giraldo' will be deserving of a celebratory beer or wine!

The streets of Evora resemble an open-air museum with the Roman temple and baths, medieval walls and ornate plazas. It is no wonder the Portuguese kings from the 15th Century selected Evora as their place of residence.

During the late afternoon we will take those who are interested to the 'Capilla de los Huesos' (Bones Chapels). This 'unique' chapel is decorated from floor to ceiling with bones and skulls taken from 43 local cemeteries dating back to the 13th Century!

Ride: 80km / 700m elevation gain
Meals: Breakfast included
Sleep: Evora (Alentejo región, Portugal)



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Day 7: Monday 18 October 2027: Evora to Monsaraz

Following breakfast the cycling from Evora heads towards Monsaraz. The sensation of grand battles and impenetrable fortresses will be on your mind. The ride first heads down to the never-ending waters of Lago Alqueva which is the biggest reservoir in Western Europe. From the lake's edge you will then find your way into medieval Monsaraz. The narrow streets and white-washed buildings mean Monsaraz is considered by many to be the most beautiful town in the Alentejo region. We will make sure you have time to stroll this jewel. Back in Evora and you will enjoy a final celebration dinner to mark your cycling achievements!

Ride: 80km / 700m elevation gain
Meals: Breakfast & Dinner included
Sleep: Evora (Alentejo región, Portugal)



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Day 8: Tuesday 19 October 2027: Transfer to Lisbon

Following breakfast there will be a 2hr van transfer to Lisbon. If you need to book onwards flights please note that we will have you at Lisbon Airport by 12:00 noon. We hope you have enjoyed your Portugal cycling tour!

Meals: Breakfast included

TRIP DETAILS

REGION: ALENTEJO (Portugal)

PRICE: 3250€ (twin share)

TOUR DATES: 12 - 19 OCTOBER 2027

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

DURATION: 7 NIGHTS / 8 DAYS

Single Room Supplement: **700 €**

Road bike hire (Di2 105, 11/34, disc): **350€**

E-Road Bike hire (disc): **500€**

HOTELS: Alter do Chao (x2), Marvao (x1), Estremoz (x2) & Evora (x2); 3/4 Star Hotels

INCLUDED

NOT INCLUDED

Van transport (incl. arrival / departure transfers)

Airfares & Train Tickets

7 nights accomm. (twin share / incl. breakfast)

Pre or post Tour Accommodation

4 dinners (with beer & wine included)

7 cycling stages with van and mechanic

Food & drinks during all cycling stages

Commemorative Sierra cycling jersey

Tour Booklet including ride profiles

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