

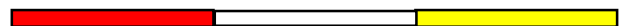
Cazorla Gravel Tour

Cazorla, Segura y Las Villas Natural Park (Andalusia, Spain)



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Cazorla Gravel Cycling Tour (Andalusia, Spain)!

This gravel cycling tour opens the window to the spectacular Sierras de Cazorla, Segura y Las Villas natural park. This 'interior paradise' is Europe's biggest protected natural space and the lungs of southern Spain.

If you like the idea of combining road and gravel cycling away from the coast and masses then this is the place to escape. The cycling available includes a total of 625km with a good 30% of this on quality gravel grinding tracks!

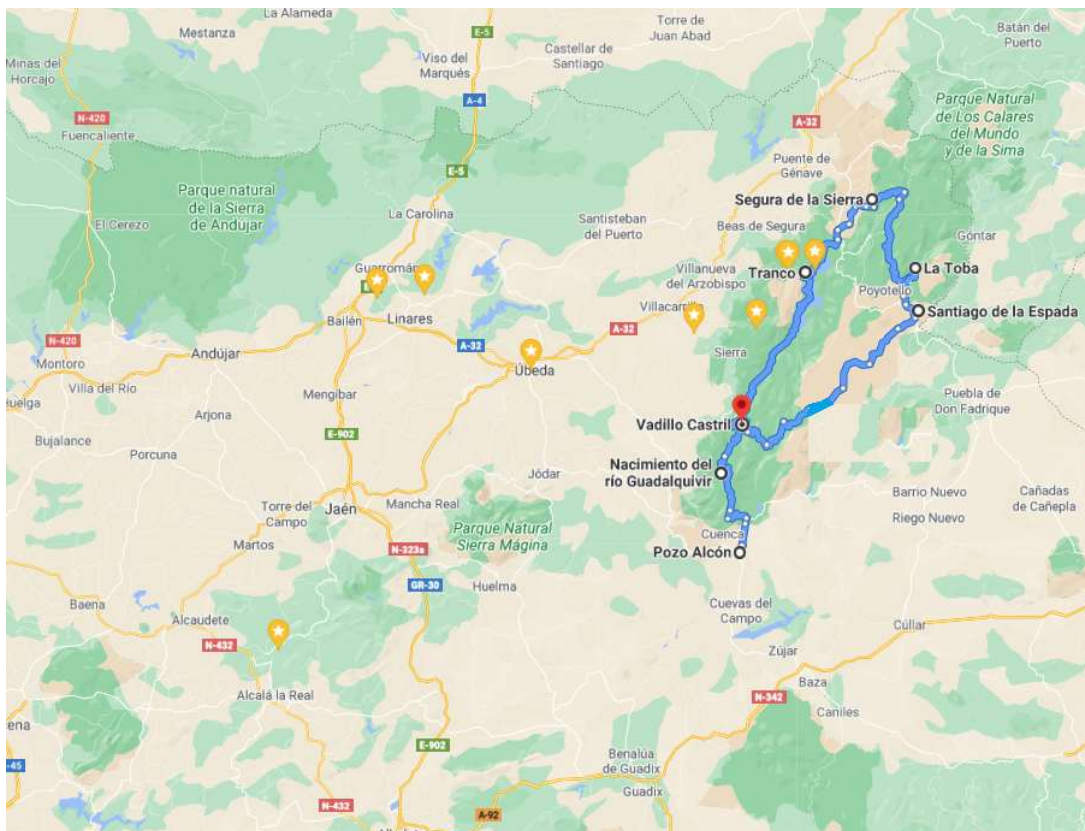
Imagine spectacular mountain scenery, a huge diversity of plant life, great opportunities for wildlife watching, whitewashed villages, castles, quiet roads, excellent cuisine and Andalusian folklore all rolled together! The cycling routes also follow fresh mountain streams and reservoirs, high mountain plateaus resembling lunar landscapes, river valleys and dense Mediterranean forests. The terrain includes many peaks around the 1000-1500m elevation with 'El Yelmo' the biggest challenge standing at 1800m.

By starting in Granada and finishing in Cordoba this cycling tour also provides everyone with the chance to visit two important Andalusian gems. Granada is renowned for its famous La Alhambra fortress and palace while Cordoba for its grand Mosque (La Mezquita).

GRAVEL TOUR PHILOSOPHY

Cazorla National Park has been selected as one of our main 'gravel' destinations thanks to the enormity of the park and its rich biodiversity. The opportunity to ride your bike in such a remote environment helps to awaken the senses. Diverse landscapes, distant horizons and a good blend of gravel and asphalt to help you move across this vast countryside is what sets Cazorla apart from other cycling regions. When navigating each of its mountain curves one would be more likely to encounter an animal than a car. With over 200 species of mammals, breeding birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish it's no wonder it's one of Europe's richest natural habitats.

A gravel bike trip removes the background noise so one can fully focus on living in the moment. The secret of this type of tour is the connection with nature, the bicycle and the environment. Freedom, peace and only having to enjoy yourself are other positives!



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DAY ONE – Friday 10 September 2027 – Granada collect, Spain

We will be available to meet you in Granada at around 10am. There is plenty to do in Granada (i.e. La Alhambra palace) so we recommend you arrive early. If you have any pre-tour questions please let us know.

From Granada we will drive 1.5hr into Jaen province which is home to castles, battles and olive oil! There will be time for a briefing, bike set-up and light lunch. Following lunch, the ride heads off for a short warm-up ride into the heart of the Cazorla National Park and your hotel for the next two nights.



Today's Ride: 30km cycling / 500m elevation gain
Gravel Sections: 0%
Meals: Lunch & Dinner provided
Accommodation: National Park hotel (Andalusia, Spain)

DAY TWO – Saturday 11 September 2027 – ‘Chorro’ lookout

The Sierra Cazorla reserve is a dream cycling destination and today you will understand why this is such a special place! The early kilometres divert around the edge of La Iruela township in search of the lookout ‘Mirador del Chorro’. El Chorro gorge high above Cazorla township is an amazing landscape which is also home to one of the park’s special inhabitants. The vultures that live in the limestone caves provide a serious wow factor. Riding on gravel tracks up to this mountain escarpment and watching the vultures flying overhead is incredible. As the vultures dive down to the rock ledges to feed their young you will practically be able to measure their 3m wingspan!

Today’s Ride: 85km cycling / 1650m elevation gain

Gravel Sections: 35km (≈ 40%)

Meals: Breakfast provided

Accommodation: National Park hotel (Andalusia, Spain)

DAY THREE – Sunday 12 September 2027 – El Tranco Reservoir

From the hotel you will cycle down to the turquoise coloured Tranco reservoir, through small Andalusian villages and ride up and down quiet mountain roads with spectacular views! A lunch stop will be provided in the town of Hornos which is perched high up on the hill. The closing kilometres see the mountain hamlet ‘Segura de la Sierra’ come into view. It is nestled into the side of the mountain and its 13th Century castle is the highest in the Jaen province.

Today’s Ride: 90km cycling / 1250m elevation gain

Gravel Sections: 0%

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner provided

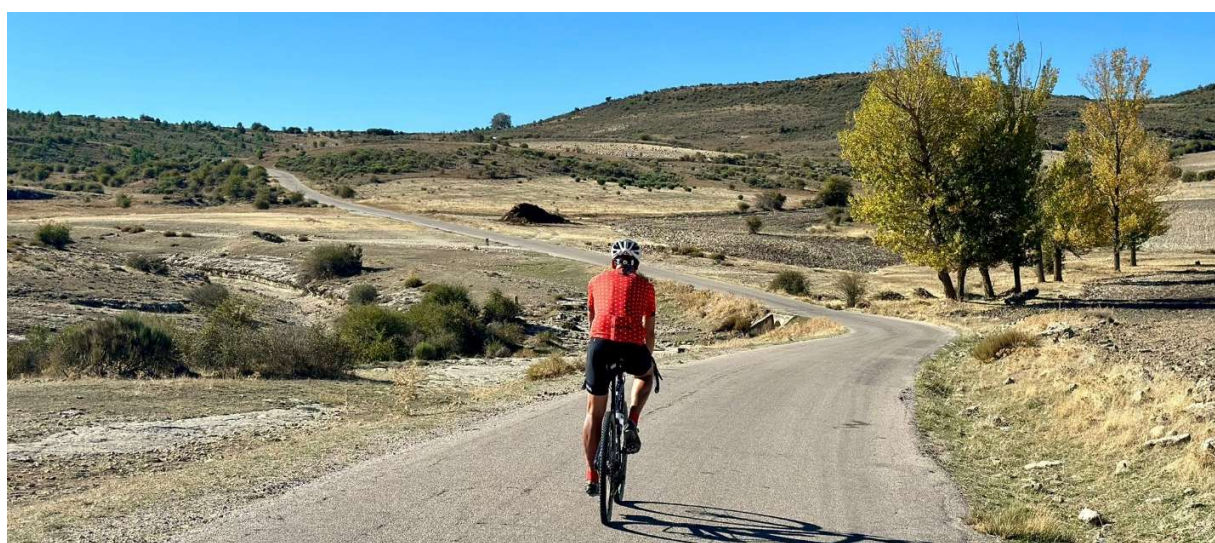
Accommodation: Segura de la Sierra (Andalusia, Spain)

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DAY FOUR – Monday 13 September 2027 – Segura de la Sierra loop

‘Segura’ and its surrounds is a region to ride and get lost. Well not really! But the aim of the route which we have in store for you today follows that concept at least. The idea is to take you to places off the beaten track and today’s route is why we began designing gravel cycling tours. Following a gentle 10km warm-up out of town we hit a continuous stretch of 25km of white gravel roads. Forget Tuscany as the old ‘Segura de la Sierra dirt road’ will be sure to please. The winding roads snake their way between the vegetation and it is quiet and spectacular. Just another day cycling through this interior paradise.

Today’s Ride: 90km cycling / 1500m elevation gain

Gravel Sections: 25km (≈30%)

Meals: Breakfast provided

Accommodation: Segura de la Sierra (Andalusia, Spain)

DAY FIVE – Tuesday 14 September 2027 – ‘El Yelmo’ and KOM points

Today the highest peak in the Cazorla, Segura & Las Villas natural park is waiting. ‘El Yelmo’ rises up to 1800m altitude but by accessing it from the back of the ‘Segura’ township means the true test only comes in the final 3km. Here the gradient never drops below 10% and there are many 12-15% ramps to contend with. A spectacular finish sees no less than 6 stunning switchbacks in the final kilometre and 360 degree views at the summit that look down over the entire park. Just for good measure El Yelmo was used as a Category 1 climb during Stage 3 of the 2021 Vuelta a Andalusia road race!

Today’s Ride: 85km cycling / 1250m elevation gain

Gravel Sections: 10km (≈15%)

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner provided

Accommodation: Segura de la Sierra (Andalusia, Spain)

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DAY SIX – Wed 15 September 2027 – ‘Lunar’ mountain crossing

Arriving at ‘Campos de Hernan Perea’ is where things get particularly interesting. This is a desolate rocky landscape void of vegetation. With its limestone geology the feeling is like riding on the moon! The mountain plateau is the most extensive in Europe and the elevation typically hovers around 1600m. In fact, being so far away from major cities makes it one of the best places in Europe to stargaze.

After what has now been nearly 50km of continuous gravel cycling we arrive at back on the asphalt and follow quiet asphalted roads through to the Cazorla township. Cazorla is the most recognised town in the park and in many ways is the gateway to the outdoor adventures. This town has a great selection of tapas bars and restaurants and the cuisine is just another reason for visiting Andalusia.



Today's Ride: 85km cycling / 1150m elevation gain
Gravel Sections: 50km (≈60%)
Meals: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch & Dinner provided
Accommodation: Cazorla township (Andalusia, Spain)

DAY SEVEN – Thursday 16 September 2027 – Puerto de Tiscar climb

After approximately 10km the ride heads off-road onto 4WD tracks which intersect the source of the Guadalquivir River. The Guadalquivir River is the second longest river with its entire length in Spain and is the lifeline of Andalusia. Watching the river bubble up from under some rocks is very curious when one considers that 650km away it enters the Atlantic Ocean at over 1000m wide! The ride then continues through to the 'Puerto de Tiscar' climb. 'Tiscar' is a Category 2 climb (8km with a constant 6% grade) and offers amazing views of the surrounding valleys and peaks. The 10km descent down to Quesada is one of the most enjoyable cycling experiences around. Feel free to finish your ride in Quesada or push-on for the final 15km to complete the full Cazorla loop ride.



Today's Ride: 70km cycling / 1650m elevation or 85km / 2000m elevation
Gravel Sections: 40km (50-60%)
Meals: Breakfast provided
Accommodation: Cazorla township (Andalusia, Spain)

DAY EIGHT – Friday 17 September 2027 – UNESCO Baeza

Today we ride into Baeza which is well recognised as Renaissance Spain. It is a UNESCO town thanks to its beautifully preserved 14-16th Century palaces. Back to the bikes though and this final ride will dissect the 'sea of olives'. With around 60 million olive trees in Jaen province, it is no wonder this region is the world's biggest producer of extra virgin olive oil. The region also happens to be home to the professional cycling race 'Jaen Paraiso'. This is a UCI classic style race run every February across the white gravel roads of Jaen! Tonight will include a special celebration dinner after a week of cycling through the pristine Cazorla national park on the best of its asphalt and gravel roads!



Today's Ride: 90km cycling / 950m elevation gain
Gravel Sections: 30km (~35%)
Meals: Breakfast & Dinner provided
Accommodation: Baeza (Andalusia, Spain)

DAY NINE – Saturday 18 September 2027 – Transfer to Cordoba

After breakfast we will be available to transfer you 1.5hr to Cordoba. The Sierra guides will have you in Cordoba by around 12 noon.

Meals: Breakfast provided

TOUR DETAILS

REGION: Cazorla (Andalusia)

PRICE/S PER PERSON:

3500 € (twin share)

TOUR DATES: 10 - 18 SEPT 2027

SINGLE ROOM: 700 €

DURATION: 8 NIGHTS / 9 DAYS

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

HOTELS: Cazorla National Park (x2), Segura de la Sierra (x3), Cazorla (x2), & Baeza (x1); 3-4 Stars

Gravel Bike Hire: 400 €

E-Gravel Bike Hire: 600 €

INCLUDED

NOT INCLUDED

Arrival & Departure transfers
8 nights accommodation (twin share)
8 guided cycling stages
All breakfasts
3 picnic lunches
5 dinners with beer & wine included
Mechanic & accompanying support van
Commemorative cycling jersey
Olive Oil Tasting

Pre or post tour accommodation