

Ronda & Granada

Malaga (Andalusia, Spain)



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Introduction – Ronda & Granada (Andalusia, Spain)!

Sierra Sports & Tours is pleased to present this Ronda & Granada cycling tour. The cycling action takes place in Andalusia, Spain. Ronda is spectacularly located on the edge of the Tajo Gorge and Granada is at the base of the Sierra Nevada mountains. Malaga Airport is only a 1-1.5hr drive from each of the above locations. The 300 days of sunshine per year make Andalusia a dream cycling holiday destination.

Tour Highlights

- Stay close to Ronda one of the jewels of Andalusia!
- Ride through the Grazalema National Park where the limestone landscape dominates
- Cycle the whitewashed villages of Andalusia: Setenil & Zahara de la Sierra
- Ride out to the spectacular 'El Chorro Gorge' in the Malaga Lake Districts

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DAY ONE – Malaga, Spain

We will be available to meet you at Malaga International Airport at your designated arrival time. From Malaga we drive 1.5hr to Ronda spectacularly located on the Tajo Gorge. On arrival there will be time to set-up the bikes.

Meals: Dinner included

Sleep: Ronda or Grazalema, Andalusia, Spain

DAY TWO – Puerto de las Palomas

The Sierra de Grazalema national park is a dream cycling destination. Enjoy the turquoise coloured reservoirs, the whitewashed Andalusian villages and riding up and down quiet mountain roads with spectacular views! The challenge for the day is the Puerto de las Palomas climb. 'Palomas' is a Category 1 climb that has been used 3 times during La Vuelta a España. It is a 12km climb with a constant 6% grade and is our favourite climb in Andalusia. During the evening we recommend that your group attends a traditional flamenco music and dance show!



Today's Ride: 65km cycling / 1500m gain
Meals: Breakfast included
Sleep: Ronda or Grazalema, Andalusia, Spain

DAY THREE – Sierra de las Nieves

Cycling from Ronda and the route first intersects the town of Setenil de las Bodegas where the houses are actually built into the rock walls. Today is an undulating course which includes two 5-10km climbs (5-7% average grade). Cycling through the quiet winding roads of the Sierra de las Nieves national park will be sure to leave a lasting impression on you all!



Today's Ride: 60km / 1300m gain or 85km / 1850m gain (flexible options)
Meals: Breakfast & Dinner included
Sleep: Ronda or Grazalema, Andalusia, Spain

DAY FOUR – El Chorro Gorge

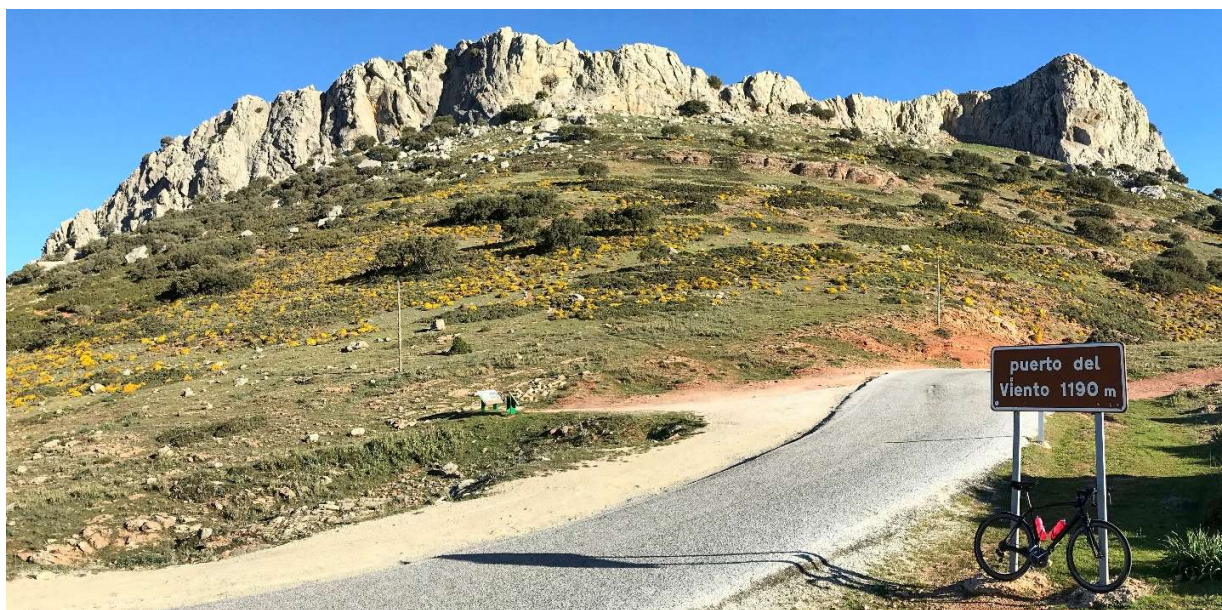
Today we say goodbye to Ronda and you will ride out to the Malaga Lakes District. The winding roads through the Serrania de Ronda were historically infamous for bandits but today they are made for road cyclists! The Puerto del Viento climb was used during Stage 5 of the 2017 La Vuelta a Andalucia. With an average grade of 3.5% it is the perfect warm-up climb out to El Chorro gorge. Post-ride you can ride the final 30km through to Antequera or take a 1hr van transfer.



Today's Ride: 60km cycling / 750m gain or 90km / 1400m gain (flexible options)
Meals: Breakfast included
Sleep: Antequera, Andalusia, Spain

DAY FIVE – Antequera to Alhama de Granada

From Antequera the cycling heads east out to Alhama de Granada following rolling terrain. There are quality roads out to Archidona and Zafarraya to mention a few of the local towns on route. Alhama de Granada is a lovely town with plenty of Moorish history and will be great place to finish today's ride. Post-ride there will be a 45 minute drive to your new base in Granada for the next three nights.



Today's Ride: 70km cycling / 1000m gain
Meals: Breakfast & Dinner included
Sleep: Granada, Andalusia, Spain

DAY SIX – Reservoirs & Sierra Nevada foothills

Leaving Granada and you will begin by cycling out to the Quentar dam. The climb up to the dam wall is 11km long and averages 3% grade. As you detour around the 'Quentar' township the second half of the climb constantly hovers around the 5-6% grade with its steepest sections at 8%. Be sure to turn right into the reservoir area and ride down to the dam wall and take in this picturesque setting. When you are ready turn around and descend back to Granada to finish this out and back ride. For those looking for a bigger challenge, the route from Quentar Reservoir can continue following a good section of the Sierra Nevada Limite gran fondo ride which is held every May.



Today's Ride: 50km / 800m gain or 100km cycling / 1800m gain
Meals: Breakfast included
Sleep: Granada, Andalusia, Spain

DAY SEVEN – Sierra Nevada Ski Station

This loop ride is based on La Vuelta a España race history and uses a combination of quiet and main roads including scenic long descents. Riding out from Granada and the action begins from Pinos Genil. The climb meets up with the wide A395 main road and continues to the 'Dornajo' Sierra Nevada visitor centre. At this juncture the cycling route turns left to enjoy the old road up to the Pradollano Ski Station. From the visitor centre the road snakes its way a further 8km up to the Collado de las Sabinas summit (6.5% average grade). It is a breathtakingly beautiful road which eventually takes you through to the Pradollano ski station. Now it is time to enjoy the 23km flowing descent all the way back down to Pinos Genil!

Or; if you would like a ride out to the beaches of the nearby Costa Tropical we have an excellent 75km route with 900m of elevation gain ready for you all. This option is also full of grand tour history. What used to be a goat track linking historical Granada with the coast at Almuñecar goes by the name 'Mirador de la Cabra Montes'.

'La Cabra' climb was last used during Stage 4 of the 2018 La Vuelta a España when Cofidis rider Luis Angel Mate from nearby Malaga lead the peloton over his training climb. This climb will also be used during the 2026 La Vuelta road race. The lunar type landscape at the summit offers some great photography opportunities. What now awaits is the 17km climb descent down to the coastal town of Almuñecar. Enjoying some food and drink on the beach (with the chance for a swim) will be a fantastic way to conclude your Andalusia cycling experience. Post-ride there would be a 1hr drive back to Granada.

Today's Ride: 60km / 1600m gain or 75km / 900m gain (flexible options)
Meals: Breakfast & Dinner included
Sleep: Granada, Andalusia, Spain

DAY EIGHT – Malaga Return

Following breakfast we can drive you all 1hr to Malaga Airport. We trust you have enjoyed your Andalusia cycling experience!

TOUR DETAILS

REGION: Ronda & Granada (Andalusia, Spain)

PRICE: 3250 Euro (*twin share*)

Price based on a group of 6 people

TOUR DATES: *Go Private in 2027!*

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

Road Bike (Orbea Avant, 105, rim): **200 €**

Road Bike (Orbea Orca, Di2, disc): **350 €**

E-Road Bike (Orbea Denna): **500 €**

Single Room Supplement: **650 €**

Flamenco Show (Ronda): **50 €**

La Alhambra Guided Visit: **100 €**

DURATION: 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

HOTELS: Ronda/Grazalema (x3), Antequera (x1),
Granada (x3), 3-4 Star Hotels

INCLUDED

Arrival & Departure transfers (Malaga Airport)

7 nights accommodation

7 breakfasts & 4 dinners included

6 cycling stages

Lead cycling guide

Support Van for Daily Rides

Commemorative cycling jersey

NOT INCLUDED

Airfares

Pre or post tour accommodation

Lunches