

# VUELTA A ESPAÑA

EXPLORER | 8 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS

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## Your 2015 Vuelta a España cycling trip will take you to Spain's most expansive region, Castilla y León, which together with Madrid forms the country's geographical heart.

You will test your legs through the Sierra Guadarrama on the iconic and historical routes from this year's and previous La Vuelta courses. Enjoy a private walking tour in the ancient town of Segovia, the hospitality of cheerful Spaniards, wine tasting in a local bodega and outstanding views of the giant monastery in El Escorial. You get to feel the race's electricity atop mountain viewings, and go behind the scenes to snap photos and talk with the pros from the Trek Factory Racing Team. You get to fuel the passion and excitement of the race's final four stages. This vacation of a lifetime finishes in Spain's magnificent capital where you welcome the racers after their incredible 3-week effort.

From  
**\$3999**pp

Rider Type  
**Active**

Hotel Style  
**Explorer**

Duration  
**8 days | 7 nights**

Start | End  
**Segovia, Spain | Madrid, Spain**

Dates  
**2015/Sep**

## TRIP WOWS

**Meet Trek Factory Racing Team members** at a private Q&A, autograph and photo session.

**Watch the pros on two mountain stages** and enjoy a big final in Spanish capital

**Conquer epic Spanish climbs** in La Sierra de Guadarrama of past and present Vuelta routes

**Discover Central Spain** rich for its history, medieval towns and



## DAILY ITINERARY

### 2015

#### DAY 1

##### Today's Ride:

##### Segovia La Higuera Loop

Approximately 20 miles with 1,955 feet of climbing

##### Description:

Welcome to beautiful Spain! Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at the Segovia Train Station (Segovia Ave Station) at 10:30 AM on the first day of the trip for a picnic lunch and bike fitting. Then, we'll set out on the scenic, rural roads, some of which compose the Marcha de La Lastrilla, an annual route extending all the way to Pedraza that highlights the region's rural beauty. This loops allows you to take in the area's highlights and move through Segovia as we exit the city and return through La Lastrilla. This evening we'll reconvene for drinks and dinner at the hotel.

[View meeting and departing information»](#)

##### Hotel:

Hotel San Antonio El Real  
[www.sanantonioreal.es/en/](http://www.sanantonioreal.es/en/)

##### Included Meals:

Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner

#### DAY 2

##### Today's Ride:

##### Segovia to Santa Maria La Real de Nieva Loop via Nava de La Asuncion

Approximately 73 miles with 2,582 feet of climbing

##### Short Option:

##### Segovia to Santa Maria La Real de Nieva Loop

Approximately 48 miles with 2,110 feet of climbing

##### Avid Option:

##### Segovia to Santa Maria La Real de Nieva to Manupedro Loop

Approximately 86 miles with 3,077 feet of climbing

##### Description:

Today features a tour through the farmlands above Segovia. We'll make our way toward Santa Maria Real de Nieva, home to a small cloister inspired by the story of a medieval shepherd and his sighting of the Virgin Mary. You'll feel the sense of gravitas as you ride along La Vuelta's 2012 course to Muñopedro before looping back to Segovia through more pastoral roads. Get back to the hotel quickly and jump in the shower, because your next adventure of the day is on a guided tour through Segovia and its history that make it one of Spain's unforgettable gems.

##### Hotel:

Hotel San Antonio El Real  
[www.sanantonioreal.es/en/](http://www.sanantonioreal.es/en/)

##### Included Meals:

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

#### DAY 3

##### Today's Ride:

##### La Granja de San Ildefonso to Puerto de Navacerrada

Approximately 34 miles with 5,758 feet of climbing

##### Short Option:

##### Segovia to La Granja de San Ildefonso Loop

Approximately 20 miles with 1,180 feet of climbing

##### Avid Option:

##### La Granja to El Puerto de La Morcuera and to Puerto de La Navacerrada

Approximately 88 miles with

**Description:**

After a hearty breakfast, we will head toward the town of La Granja de San Ildefonso, home to a splendid 18th-century palace known as the Versailles of Spain. After a few incredible photo opportunities, we'll continue along the famous "Las Siete Revueltas" (7 switchbacks), where Spain's Alberto Contador has stamped his authority on the Vuelta, climbing effortlessly to victory. You will climb the giant of the Sierra Guadarrama, el Puerto de Navacerrada, and choose to test your legs at el Puerto de Morcuera, the climb the racers will face twice on penultimate stage of La Vuelta. Tonight will be yours to enjoy at your leisure on Spanish time.

<b>Hotel:</b>	<b>Included Meals:</b>
Hotel San Antonio El Real <a href="http://www.sanantonioreal.es/en/">www.sanantonioreal.es/en/</a>	Breakfast

**DAY 4**

<b>Today's Activity:</b>	<b>Today's Ride:</b>	<b>Avid Option:</b>
<b>Live Race Mountain Viewing of Stage 18</b>	<b>Pedraza to Riaza</b> Approximately 32 miles with 2,470 feet of climbing	<b>Pedraza to Riaza to Puerto de la Quesera and return to Riaza</b> Approximately 47 miles with 7,648 feet of climbing

**Description:**

After breakfast we will shuttle to Pedraza, a small, charming town with a castle and plaza where we start our ride up to Riaza to watch today's stage finish with a gourmet catering and refreshments. Avid riders can continue through Riaza on to Collado la Quesera and ride the course in the reverse direction of the racers coming into Riaza later that day. After the stage finish, we will transfer to our next hotel in El Escorial, and possibly take advantage of the chance to enjoy a drink with Trek Factory Racing before dinner.

<b>Hotel:</b>	<b>Included Meals:</b>
Los Lanceros <a href="http://www.loslanceros.com">www.loslanceros.com</a>	Breakfast   Lunch   Dinner

**DAY 5**

<b>Today's Activity:</b>	<b>Today's Ride:</b>
<b>Live Race Viewing of Stage 19</b>	<b>El Escorial to Cebreros to La Cañada Loop</b> Approximately 69 miles with 11,450 feet of climbing

**Description:**

Today we will tour the picturesque landscape around El Escorial, riding toward the towns La Cañada y Cebreros, and joining the locals to cheer on the racers finishing their last kilometers toward Ávila. In the afternoon you can use your free time to wonder around El Escorial, the UNESCO World Heritage Site. Tonight we may hobknob with the Trek Factory Racing Team for a little toast before the dinner in the hotel restaurant.

<b>Hotel:</b>	<b>Included Meals:</b>
Los Lanceros <a href="http://www.loslanceros.com">www.loslanceros.com</a>	Breakfast   Dinner

**DAY 6**

<b>Today's Activity:</b>	<b>Today's Ride:</b>	<b>Avid Option:</b>
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**Live Race Mountain Viewing of Stage 20**

**Miraflores de La Sierra to El Puerto de La Morcuera**  
Approximately 12 miles with 5,290 feet of climbing

**Miraflores de La Sierra to El Puerto de La Morcuera and to Soto del Real**  
Approximately 25 miles with 7,064 feet of climbing

**Description:**

Today we will shuttle back to the Guadarrama mountains to intercept the pros as they complete the penultimate stage of La Vuelta. With the overall victory at stake and the looming presence of el Puerto de Morcuera, the atmosphere will be crackling as you ride around Miraflores, and if time permits, take a stab at another climb along the race course. After watching the fireworks of the race itself, we will shuttle to our hotel in Madrid, where you're free to explore at your leisure this evening, with its huge variety of world-class dining. Make sure you settle in to relax at a decent hour, because tomorrow is the exciting finale of the Vuelta.

**Hotel:**

Hotel Hospes Madrid  
[www.hospes.com/es/hotel-boutique-hotel-lujo-hospes-madrid-espana/](http://www.hospes.com/es/hotel-boutique-hotel-lujo-hospes-madrid-espana/)

**Included Meals:**

Breakfast | Lunch

## DAY 7

**Today's Activity:**

**Live Race Finish Viewing in Madrid**

**Today's Ride:**

**Sights of Madrid**  
Approximately 20 miles with 700 feet of climbing

**Description:**

This is the moment these racers have been waiting for since the minute the race began, and you'll have a front-row seat for the action. You'll get to review the course's final twists and turns and settle into our VIP viewing area to watch the finish before the teams and their anticipated champion descend upon Madrid. After the last wheels cross the line, we'll toast the racers at a private social hour and final dinner to cap off a week of hard miles and unforgettable landscapes.

**Hotel:**

Hotel Hospes Madrid  
[www.hospes.com/es/hotel-boutique-hotel-lujo-hospes-madrid-espana/](http://www.hospes.com/es/hotel-boutique-hotel-lujo-hospes-madrid-espana/)

**Included Meals:**

Breakfast | Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner

## DAY 8

**Today's Activity:**

**Departure**

**Description:**

Choose to sleep in today or enjoy a relaxing breakfast at the hotel as you contemplate the lasting memories you've made during your La Vuelta vacation. You'll say adios to your guides at 10:00 AM at the Hotel Hospes. Check out at your leisure before 12:00PM.

[View meeting and departing information»](#)

**Included Meals:**

Breakfast

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

### We Include More

Every moment of a Trek Travel bike trip has more than you could have ever dreamed. More romance. More scenery. More choice. It's the little additions to every Trek Travel cycling vacation that make it truly special. And that's how we help you create more memories. [See more](#)

### Activities

- Gratuities for all scheduled special events, restaurants, hotels, local guides and transportation during your trip.
- Private tours
- Entrance fees to all group events/activities
- All luggage transfers
- All transportation during the trip, including private coaches

### Lodging

- 7 nights of accommodation
- In every region we travel, we uncover the area's best, and most delightful accommodations. On our Vuelta a España trip, you will enjoy a variety of accommodations, ideally located in the centre of the medieval towns Segovia and San Lorenzo de El Escorial, which allow you to experience the subtly of Spanish culture. In Madrid we will stay in a 5 star renovated 19th-century hotel Barrio Salamanca just outside the center.

### Dining

- Daily breakfast, 5 lunches, 3 social hours, 5 dinners, and all snacks and drinks for each day
- On our Vuelta a España trip, the cuisine is fresh and lively, much like the people themselves. Centrally located Castilla y Leon region is known for its stews and grilled meat combined with outstanding wines produced in the Ribera del Duero region. Our dinners will range from casual tapas to multi-course dinners, with a traditional Castilian dishes. Breakfast is served each morning at the hotel. Lunches will offer a bounty of local specialties, from fabulous picnics to local's favorite bistros.

### Support

- The knowledge, support, and camaraderie of experienced guides
- Daily route support
- The use of Garmin Touring Plus GPS cycling computer
- Paper route guides also available upon request
- Comprehensive trip literature and complimentary Trek merchandise

### Gear

- The use of a Trek Domane 5.9 carbon road bike with Shimano Di2 electronic shifting, or Trek Domane 5.9 Women's Specific Design carbon road bike with Shimano Di2 electronic shifting (limited selection), or Trek 7.6 FX Hybrid bicycle
- Trek Electric Assist FX+ also available in a limited quantity
- The use of Garmin Touring Plus GPS cycling computer
- The use of Trek bike helmets and other gear and equipment to make your ride comfortable
- Trek Travel water bottles
- \$300 USD off any 2015 5 Series or 6 Series Trek Domane including Project One and the Trek Emonda SL6 and SL8 models.
- Trek Factory Racing team kit and customized Road ID

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

### Thank your Guides, by tipping

Gratuities for your Trek Travel guides are not included in your trip price. Industry standard is 5-10% of the trip price which will be divided by your guide team. Please tip your guides at your discretion, based on their level of professionalism, guest care and service.

### What's Not Included

- Airfare and transportation to and from the trip pick-up/drop-off locations
- Lodging before and after the trip
- Personal items purchased during the trip
- Optional activities not scheduled by Trek Travel
- On select trips some meals are not included. On these trips, Trek Travel invites you to explore the local cuisine at your leisure.
- Gratuities for your Trek Travel Guides may be given at your discretion in response to their professionalism and leadership. Industry standard is for each individual guest to tip the guide team 5-10% of the trip price.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

### [Hotel San Antonio El Real](#)

Segovia, Spain

Hotel San Antonio El Real Segovia, Spain The Hotel San Antonio El Real is a 15th-century cloister with thick-wristed columns and a stone central courtyard that present the Spain's mudejar influence merged with the religious elegance refined by centuries of European masters. The hotel is one of Segovia's numerous hidden gems, boasting wide arches patterned with red brick that emanate the sun's warmth throughout the evening. It's also an impressive place to launch your adventure into the rest of Segovia, nestled in a quiet neighborhood a short, tortuous walk to the city's iconic landmarks.

### [Los Lanceros](#)

San Lorenzo de El Escorial, Spain

Los Lanceros San Lorenzo de El Escorial, Spain The royal monastery and residence at El Escorial herald the grandeur of the region's cultural heritage. Hotel Los Lanceros captures all that same pride and history in sotto voce, emphasizing comfort and tranquility. The hotel sits on the high point of the city, offering access to the historic Parque de Felipe II, or the chance to sip afternoon cortados at one of the nearby cafes. Not far away is the Royal Seat of San Lorenzo de El Escorial, with its famous library, pantheon, and gallery with works from artists such as Van Dyck and Rubens.

### [Hotel Hospes Madrid](#)

Madrid, Spain

Hotel Hospes Madrid Madrid, Spain Standing watch over the iconic Puerto de Alcala, the Hotel Hospes Madrid welcomes travelers to the heart of Madrid with luxuriant accommodation and a first-class spa. After a morning in the hotel's Restaurante Independencia, guests can satisfy their artistic palate by walking to the nearby Museo del Prado and Museo Reina Sofia, or take advantage of world class shopping found in Barrio Salamanca. The Parque Retiro – the city's verdant core – is situated just across the Plaza de Independencia from the hotel, making it the perfect place to stroll as soft evening light ushers in a warm Spanish night.

## TRAVEL SERVICES

### How to get there

We suggest that you arrive at least one day prior to the trip start, which will enable you to adjust to the time zone and minimize the risk of missing the trip start due to flight-related delays. We recommend flying into Madrid Barajas International Airport (MAD). There is an AVE high-speed train from Madrid to Segovia which takes about 90 minutes and costs about 10 euros.

### Meeting Time And Location

**Segovia Train Station** | Segovia, Spain

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at the Segovia Train station at 10:30 AM on the first day of the trip. We'll then shuttle 15 minutes to our first night's hotel. Please have your cycling clothes and riding gear easily accessible, separate from your luggage. After a gourmet picnic lunch at our hotel, we'll fit you to your bike and begin our first day's ride to warm our legs for an upcoming week.

If you will be late for the pick-up or are going to miss it altogether, please inform your guides. You will receive an email a week before the trip start with their names and contact details. If you cannot reach them, please call our first hotel, Hotel San Antonio El Real (+34 921 41 34 55), and leave a message with your expected arrival time and contact details. A taxi from the Segovia train station to the ride start at our first night's hotel will take about 10 minutes and cost \$20.

### Departing Time and Location

**Hotel Hospes Madrid** | Madrid, Spain



You will say farewell to your guides at 10:00 AM at the Hotel Hospes and check out at your leisure before 12:00 PM. The nearest airport is Madrid Barajas, a 20-minute drive from the hotel. Shuttle service to and from the airport, as well as to the Madrid Atocha railway station just a kilometer from the hotel.

#### **Before & After: Madrid, Spain**

The Spanish capital is in the centre of the Castilian plain, amid stunning scenery of beautiful mountains, forests and rivers. Madrid is the perfect city to walk around; make sure you visit The Palacio Real - Madrid's Royal Palace and also the largest palace in Europe; Puerta del Sol, Plaza Mayor, Cathedral of Almudena or some of the world-class museums. While wandering on beautiful streets filled with ornaments and decoration, stop for refreshments at one the many plazas and try some tapas, or take time to wander the city's spectacular shopping areas. On Sunday, don't forget to visit El Rastro' – Madrid's largest open-air market. This popular flea market is packed full of locals and tourists every week and it is worth a trip just for its unique atmosphere. As a capital city, Madrid caters different cuisines for every taste. If you want to try a bit of everything and interact with the locals, Mercado de San Miguel is a perfect choice. We recommend the following accommodations for your pre and post-trip hotel:

#### **Only You Hotel**

The hotel is situated close to Gran Vía and has easy and convenient access to all the city's central attractions. The hotel is an old remodeled palace, with an excellent service and very attentive staff that makes you feel at home. Here you can enjoy a Spanish breakfast any time of the day and enjoy a drink in the friendly atmosphere of the lounge bar.

Calle Barquillo 21 | +34 910 05 22 22 | <http://www.senatorgranvia70spahotel.com/en/> | ~\$185

#### **Hotel Petit Palace Plaza del Carmen**

This charming hotel is situated next to the popular Puerta del Sol, offers an intimate atmosphere and a personalized service in the heart of the city.

Plaza del Carmen 4 | +34 902 28 36 86 | <http://www.hpelitpalaceplazadelcarmen.com> | ~\$250

#### **Palacio de Tepa**

The building was designed by the same architect as the Plaza Mayor. All rooms feature exceptionally detailed 18-century Spanish architecture combined with modern amenities and renovations that add to the historic splendor. The hotel has a panoramic gym and a terrace overlooking the Square of Neptune.

San Sebastiaian 2 | +34 913 98 46 61 | <http://www.nh-collection.com/es/hotel/nh-collection-madrid-palacio-de-tepa> | ~\$180

## **FAQS**

#### **Trip Changes**

Our itineraries are an approximation of our trips. Trek Travel strives to offer each and every guest a vacation of a lifetime on every trip. At times routes, hotels, activities, etc. listed here may change at the discretion of the trip designer or guides to improve the trip experience.

#### **What are the daily rides like?**

- Rider Type | 3
- Average Daily Mileage | 37
- Terrain | Hilly
- Average Daily Elevation | 4,200

On all of our vacations, Trek Travel strives to find quiet, paved secondary roads or bike paths to experience a region; busy roads are avoided as much as possible. Vuelta a España is best suited for our Type 3 Riders. Type 4 Riders will enjoy the extra mileage the avid route options offer. This trip follows the course through several different terrains. Though some routes will have mild climbs, others will be more challenging as we approach the race in its different mountain stages. Long, steep climbs are to be expected, with more than 10,000 feet of climbing on certain days. See Itinerary for specific daily ride distance and elevation options.

#### **What is the weather going to be like?**

Autumn and Spring are the best months to visit Madrid and Central Spain. September is usually a pleasant month with temperatures back down to 75 degrees. Segovia is a little colder so pack a warm jacket or sweater for cooler evenings. Our rides will take us over high mountain peaks where weather will be unpredictable. It is best to be prepared for variable conditions as weather can change very quickly. There is always the chance of precipitation. We recommend always traveling with rain gear and breathable layers to provide warmth and protection when the temperature drops.

#### **What are the options for a non-rider travel companion?**

On most Trek Travel trips, we offer non-riding options for riders who want to take the afternoon off, or travel companions who want to spend little or no time in the saddle. Some of these options may need to be scheduled before your trip—please contact one of our Trip Consultants for more information. Expenses and/or related transportation to these activities may not be included in the trip price. See Included In The Trip Price for more information. Some non-riding options on this trip are:

- Visit Alcázar in Segovia
- Walk and relax in the exceptional gardens of Spanish “mini Versailles” the Royal Palace in La Granja de San Ildefonso
- Visit local bodegas and enjoy a glass of red wine
- Take a side trip to Avila, a medieval and UNESCO World heritage site, sometimes called also a stone town as it is surrounded by 12th century walls
- Enjoy Madrid, a cultural destination and lively metropolis

#### **Do you have upgrade options available?**

For an additional fee you may request to upgrade to the brand new Trek Emonda SLR with Shimano Di2 electronic shifting or Bontrager Aeolus carbon wheels for the ultimate riding experience. Contact our trip consultants for more details.

#### **WHAT IF I HAVE TO CHANGE OR CANCEL MY TRIP?**

We understand things happen in life and sometimes you have to cancel or change your bike tour. We want to make it as easy as possible to do so and below you will find our timeline. If you ever have a question, just give us a call, 866 464 8735. [Read our cancellation policy.](#)

#### **GENERAL FAQs**

Didn't find what you were looking for? [Check out our General FAQs section.](#) You will find answers to all the most common questions that don't necessarily pertain to a specific trip.

#### **Race FAQs**

Want to learn more about our race trip difference? [Check out our Race FAQs section.](#) You will find answers to all the most common questions that pertain to our race trips.