If you’ve dreamed of Spain, you’ve dreamed of Andalucia. This is quintessential Spain. Andalucia is limestone peaks, white villages, spectacular riding, and breathtaking views. It is exquisite tapas, rich olive oils, classic wines, warm hospitality, and passionate music. Andalucia is the birthplace of Spanish romance, where flamenco and a vibrant history combine to create a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Picasso called this place his home. You’ll call it amazing. Ernest Hemingway was enchanted with this region of Spain. You, too, will fall under the spell of charming Granada, Ronda, and more on our Andalucia bike tour.

See the self-guided version of this trip »

TRIP WOWS

Indulge yourself with the unmistakable flavors of Andalucia, including Jamón Ibérico, refreshing salmorejo, local wines, and mouthwatering tapas

Enjoy an authentic and captivating flamenco performance in the heart of the flamenco region of Andalucia

Discover the history of the region through a private tour and tasting at a 200-year-old functioning olive oil press, where you'll learn of its rise to fame as the world's largest producer of olive oil

Ride around the limestone formations and in the unspoiled forested terrain of the Natural Parks of Sierra de Grazalema
Day 1

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Approximately 31 miles with 2,300 feet of climbing

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HOTEL:
La Bobadilla – a Royal Hideaway Hotel

INCLUDED MEALS:
Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner
**Day 2**

**TODAY’S RIDE:**
La Bobadilla Loop
Approximately 43 miles with 3,600 feet of climbing

**AVID RIDE OPTION:**
Bobadilla Loop with Cuevas de San Marcos
Approximately 58 miles with 5,200 feet of climbing

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Hotel

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**Day 3**

**TODAY’S RIDE:**
El Bosque to Zahara to Ronda
Approximately 40 miles with 4,900 feet of climbing

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**HOTEL:**
Hotel Catalonia Reina Victoria

**INCLUDED MEALS:**
Breakfast

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**Day 4**

**TODAY’S RIDE:**
Ronda to Grazalema Loop via Benaojan
Approximately 47 miles with 5,000 feet of climbing

**SHORT RIDE OPTION:**
Ronda to Grazalema via Benaojan with shuttle
Approximately 27 miles with 3,500 feet of climbing

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**HOTEL:**
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**INCLUDED MEALS:**
Breakfast
**Day 5**

**TODAY'S RIDE:**
Ronda to Alcalá del Valle Loop
Approximately 40 miles with 4,250 feet of climbing

**AVID RIDE OPTION:**
Ronda to Alcalá del Valle Loop via Olvera
Approximately 57 miles with 6,000 feet of climbing

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Breakfast | Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner

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**Day 6**

**TODAY'S RIDE:**
Ronda return
Approximately 15 miles with 1,700 feet of climbing

**DESCRIPTION:**
Choose to relax at the hotel, walk into town at your leisure, or spin across the Puente Nuevo and down past the old part of town for one last bucolic ride and climb to wrap up your Andalucía bike tour. Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before saying “hasta luego” to your guides. A private shuttle will take you to Sevilla to conclude your Spanish journey.

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VISIT WEBSITE

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

For us, the details matter most
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.

What's Included
- Five nights of accommodation at handpicked hotels
- Two experienced guides to provide local knowledge, support, and camaraderie
- Daily route support with both guides and our support van
- Daily breakfast, three lunches, and three dinners
- Two social hours of drinks and hors d'oeuvres
- Ride a Trek Domane SL 7 disc or Trek Electric-Assist Verve+
- Up to three daily route options on riding days
- Snacks and drinks for each day's ride
- Trek Travel Bontrager cycling jersey to keep
- Trek Travel water bottles to keep
- Cinch sack day bag to keep
- Each bike is equipped with a Garmin Edge 1030 GPS computer, flat pack, front and rear Bontrager Flare R lights, a Bontrager saddle, and pedals (Shimano clipless road pedals, Shimano clipless mountain pedals, caged, or flat pedals)
- Bontrager WaveCel helmets
- All gratuities for drivers, local experts, and hospitality staff
- All luggage transfers and transportation during your trip
- A personalized photobook of your trip
- Entrance fees for all activities, private tours, and events
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- Flamenco performance in the heart of the flamenco region of Andalucía
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Gear
- Trek Domane SL 7 disc carbon road bike with Shimano Di2 electronic shifting
- Trek Electric-Assist Verve+ also available in a limited quantity
- Trek Travel Bontrager cycling jersey to keep
- Trek Travel water bottles to keep
- Shimano clipless road pedals, Shimano clipless mountain pedals, caged, or flat pedals
- Bontrager WaveCel helmet
- Bontrager men's and women's specific saddles
- Bontrager front and rear Flare R lights and a flat pack
- Garmin Edge 1030 GPS computer
- Cinch sack day bag to keep
- Upgrade your bike to include carbon wheels (+$200)
- Coupon valued up to $500 off a new Trek Bicycle. Your coupon will be delivered via email.
- For the most comfortable ride, you may choose to bring your own pedals, saddle, and helmet on the trip. Your guides will install your gear on the first day during your bike fit.

THANK YOUR GUIDES, BY TIPPING
Gratuities for your Trek Travel guides are not included in your trip price. We recommend tipping 7.5-10% of your trip price for the guide team. Local currency is preferred and unless you want to tip separately, guides will divide tips amongst themselves. 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.

HOTELS

LA BOBADILLA – A ROYAL HIDEAWAY HOTEL
GRANADA, SPAIN
This stunning 5-star hotel is beautifully set among olive groves and holm oak trees in the Loja mountain range. Inspired by intricate Mudejar architecture and built in the style of a traditional Mediterranean village, the hotel is made up of a cluster of white-washed houses and sun-dappled courtyards with a surprise waiting around every corner. Enjoy a dip in 10,000-square-foot swimming pool, indulge your senses at the spa, or simply relax and enjoy a sunset cocktail before dinner under a blanket of stars.

HOTEL CATALONIA REINA VICTORIA
RONDA, SPAIN
The town of Ronda is a highlight in Andalucia, seeped in Moorish and Spanish history. It is dramatically situated on both sides of the El Tajo gorge, connected by an 18th-century bridge spanning the chasm. Newly renovated, your hotel is centrally located in Ronda, yet feels like a tranquil rural property. It is surrounded by pine forest and large gardens, and sits on the precipice of the valley, affording stunning views of the countryside below. While here, make use of their beautiful terrace or take a dip in the pool after the day’s ride.
DEPARTING

How To Get There

We suggest that you arrive at least one day prior to the start of the Andalucia bike tour, 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 that you fly into Granada (GRX) and then take a taxi or the public bus outside the arrivals level and transfer to the center of Granada.

Meeting Time And Location

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at the hotel Hospes Palacio de los Patos, (Calle Solarillo de Gracia, 1, 18002 Granada, Spain) at 11:00 AM on the first day of the trip. Should you wish to reserve a room at this hotel pre-trip, please contact your Trip Consultant for a discount code. You'll then shuttle one and a half hours to Alfarnate to enjoy lunch before your guides do personal bike fittings then start your day's ride. Please have your first-day cycling clothes and riding gear easily accessible, separate from your main luggage.

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 starts with their names and contact details. If you cannot reach them, please call our first hotel, La Bobadilla (+34 958 32 18 61) and leave a message with your expected arrival time and contact details. A taxi from Granada to your ride start or first hotel will take about one and a half hours and will cost around 200 Euros.

Departing Time And Location

You will say farewell to your guides at 11:00 AM at the Hotel Catalonia Reina Victoria. You'll shuttle one and a half hours to the Sevilla Santa Justa Station, arriving at approximately 12:30 PM. Please allow adequate connection time for any ongoing travel to accommodate possible traffic delays.

We recommend that you fly out of Sevilla (SVQ).

Before: Granada, Spain

Arrive early to explore the vibrant city of Granada. Filled with great restaurants and bars, it is also most famous for the Alhambra citadel, an impressive Moorish fortress with grand archways and delicate ornamental mosaics. Wander through this enchanting city and step backward in time as you explore the cobblestone streets to discover Islamic architecture, monumental churches, and a feast of Spanish tapas bars nestled among Arab style street life. Consider using Granada as a hub from which to take day trips to Málaga, Gibraltar, nearby coastal towns, and perhaps even Morocco. We recommend the following accommodations for your pre-trip hotel:

PARADOR GRANADA

This highly recommended Parador hotel is located in the Alhambra complex among gardens and fountains. A former monastery, and now a luxury hotel, it is a unique experience where you can hear the echoes of flamenco from the Albaicín and see the sunrise at the foot of the walls of the Nasrid palaces.

www.parador.es/en

PALACIO DE MARIANA PINEDA

Built in the 17th century by an aristocratic family, this palace has been refurbished into a luxury hotel in the historic part of Granada. Relax in beautifully designed rooms or enjoy the spa!

www.palaciomarianapineda.es/EN/hotel.html

HOSPES PALACIO DE LOS PATOS

This avant-garde hotel is located in the heart of Granada in a 19th-century palace which has been renovated following the architectural guidelines of old Andalucian palaces to preserve its historical character. Enjoy the garden terrace with fountains and aromatic plants, which also plays host to the hotel's signature restaurant, Los Patos.

www.hospes.com/en/palacio-patos/

After: Sevilla, Spain

The capital of Andalucia is beautiful Sevilla, a thriving city full of historical significance and modern life. The grand Cathedral and the exquisite Real Alcázar Palace are not
to be missed. Visit the Museo del Baile Flamenco to learn the history of this gorgeous and popular music and dance. Enjoy an endless choice of tapas bars, making sure to hit the Santa Cruz and Alfalfa neighborhoods. Be sure to take a stroll along the top of the Parasol Metropol at sunset, a contemporary sculptural building within the old city where you can take in the views from above as well as see archeological finds below. We recommend the following accommodations for your post-trip hotel:

HOSPELAS CASAS DEL REY BAEZ

Mixing elements of Arabic and European styles makes this hotel pure Andalucia. Tucked away in the desirable Santa Cruz district, you can enjoy the fresh interiors of your room or go up to the rooftop patio to enjoy the lounge area by the pool, before heading out your door to a great variety of restaurants, bars and city sights, all close to the hotel.

www.hospes.com/en/

HOTEL AMADEUS

Amadeus is a unique, musically-themed hotel set within an 18th-century manor house in the central Santa Cruz neighborhood. Although recently refurbished, the hotel has retained much of its original charm while adding modern touches. All rooms are uniquely decorated and the property also features a rooftop patio with views of practically the entire historical center. Feel free to try out any of the instruments available or listen to one of the hosted concerts. Or retreat, undisturbed, to the comforts of your room.

www.hotelamadeussevilla.com/en/

* Hotels listed above are local properties we love. We do not have special rates available.

FAQS

What Are The Daily Rides Like?

- Rider Type | 3/4 - Active/Avid
- Average Daily Mileage | 35
- Terrain | Hilly
- Average Daily Elevation | 3,226 feet
- Total miles | 210
- Total Elevation | 20,060 feet

Averages and totals are calculated from our "Today's Ride" options.

The terrain is varied with some mountainous areas and occasional steep climbs. Some days the hills are short, while others include sustained climbing, grades average 7% with some steeper sections. Our Andalucia bike tour is best suited for our Type 3 Riders. Level 2 riders and those cyclists who wish to ride every mile but are concerned about their physical ability may want to try our electric bikes — you still get a workout but can climb alongside even the strongest rider and can choose how much you want to push yourself. Type 4+ Riders will enjoy the extra mileage the avid route options offer.

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. Some non-riding options on our Andalucia bike tour are:

- Enjoy a walking tour of historic Ronda and learn about the Roman and Moorish history
- Take in a Flamenco show
- Enjoy gourmet lunch and tapas

Trip Changes

See itinerary for specific daily ride distances and elevation options. On all of our vacations, Trek Travel seeks to find quiet, paved secondary roads or bike paths to experience a region; busy roads are avoided as much as possible. Our itineraries are an approximation of our trips. Trek Travel strives to offer 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.