



ANDALUCIA BIKE TOUR 2019

SUN DRENCHED SEVILLA TO HISTORIC ANTEQUERA

If you've dreamt of Spain, you've dreamt of Andalusia. This is quintessential Spain. Andalusia is limestone peaks, mountain passes and spectacular views. It is exquisite tapas, rich olive oils, classic Spanish wines and the special Jamon Ibérico. But most of all, Andalusia 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 its spell.

Looking to travel to Andalusia in 2020? We have a newly redesigned itinerary with departures starting in May of 2020. [See the new trip here »](#)

From
\$3699

Rider Type
Active

Hotel Style
Explorer

Duration
6 days | 5 nights

Start | End
Sevilla, Spain | Granada, Spain

Dates
2019/Sep/Oct

TRIP WOWS

Discover the limestone formations and unspoiled, forested terrain of the Natural Parks of Sierra de Grazalema

Delight in the sumptuous flavors of Andalucía 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 Andalusia

A 200-year-old functioning olive oil press tells the storied history of this region, including its rise to fame as the world's largest producer of olive oil

Take a relaxed walking tour of Andalusia's gem of Ronda and learn about the rich Roman and Moorish history of Andalucía



DAILY ITINERARY

2019

Day

1

TODAY'S RIDE:

Zahara de las Sierras to Ronda

Approximately 24 miles with 2,500 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

You'll start your adventure in Molino El Vinculo, a 200-year old olive oil mill, for a tour and tasting of olive oils and wine, followed by a picnic lunch of local specialties prepared by your guides. Afterward, become acquainted with your bike and introduced to the beautiful Grazelema mountain range. Starting with a ride alongside the reservoir of Zahara de las Sierras which regulates the water supply to local farmlands, you will take to the hills of Montecorto before arriving at your hotel in stunning Ronda. First established in the 9th century BC, Ronda is one of Spain's oldest towns. Our hotel, the Catalonia Reina Victoria perches on the precipice of the Tajo valley below. Tonight, convene for drinks on the hotel terrace and take in the impressive views as your guides give you an overview of the great week to come, before dining together at the hotel restaurant and your first taste of Andalusian cuisine.

HOTEL:

Hotel Catalonia Reina Victoria

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

INCLUDED MEALS:

Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner

Day

2

TODAY'S RIDE:

Ronda to Grazelema via Benaolan

Approximately 47 miles with 4,600 feet of climbing

SHORT OPTION:

Ronda to Grazelema with Shuttle from lunch

Approximately 25 miles with 2,500 feet of climbing

AVID OPTION:

Ronda to Grazelema via Puerta las Palomas Loop

Approximately 55 miles with 5,820 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

Today's ride is a scenic but challenging route through the Sierra de Grazelema Natural Park. If you're up for an adventure, tackle the Puerto de las Palomas, a climb well known to the riders of the Vuelta de España. You'll convene in Grazelema, a town considered one of the most picturesque "pueblos blancos" of the region. Here, explore the charming cafes and bistros for lunch before a picturesque ride back to our hotel. This afternoon, feel free to wander into town to visit a local bodega and taste the famous Andalusian sherry or even a local Cabernet accompanied by the ubiquitous Jamon Ibérico before tonight's guided walking tour of Ronda. You'll discover the "Puente Nuevo" – the new bridge – that was completed in 1793 and offers unforgettable views over the El Tajo gorge, before we wind our way through "la Ciudad", the historic old city of Ronda that dates to Islamic times, when it was an important cultural center filled with mosques and palaces. Now the cobbled streets are lined with handsome town mansions and some are still occupied by Ronda's titled families. After we leave our guide, dinner is yours to discover in the winding streets of Ronda.

HOTEL:

Hotel Catalonia Reina Victoria

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

Day

3

TODAY'S RIDE:

Ronda to Alcala del Valle via Setenil de Las Bodegas Loop

Approximately 39 miles with 3,660 feet of climbing

SHORT OPTION:

Ronda to Alcala del Valle with Shuttle from lunch

Approximately 25 miles with 2,260 feet of climbing

AVID OPTION:

Ronda to Alcala del Valle and Olvera Loop

Approximately 56 miles with 5,125 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

Today's ride takes you into the hills of the Sierra de las Salinas, toward the unique town of Setenil de las Bodegas, known for its dwellings built into rock overhangs within the narrow gorge of the Trejo river. If you feel like a challenge, extend your ride toward the hill top town of Olvera before heading to our handpicked restaurant in Alcalá del Valle for an unforgettable tapas lunch and tasting of Andalucía's select wines. Our chef Juan will tantalize your taste buds with his seasonal and creative preparations paired with his favorite varietals. Don't miss the handpicked, wild asparagus risotto or smoked salmon blinis with romesco sauce. Afterwards, choose to ride or shuttle back to the hotel and enjoy some relaxing time in the hotel spa. Tonight, you'll dine in style as you experience innovative Andalusian cuisine together with an authentic and captivating flamenco performance!

HOTEL:

Hotel Catalonia Reina Victoria

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day

4

TODAY'S RIDE:

Ronda to Abdalajis w/shuttle to Posada Torcal

Approximately 44 miles with 4,200 feet of climbing

SHORT OPTION:

Ronda to Ardales with Shuttle after lunch

Approximately 35 miles with 3,000 feet of climbing

AVID OPTION:

Ronda to Posada Torcal via El Burgo and Parque Ardales

Approximately 57 miles with 6,300 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

This morning we leave Ronda, traveling through stunning views over the Puerto del Viento toward El Burgo. You'll pass by the unbelievable Guadalhorca River gorge, made legendary by "El Camino del Rey" – take a breather to explore and look above to see the precariously-perched catwalk pinned to the gorge walls over 330 feet above the river. The road continues through the valley and along the river toward Ardales. Here you will enjoy views of the "lake district" – a series of reservoirs that have become a vacation favorite. Stop for a lunch with water front views before taking to the hills of the Sierra de Abdalajis toward our boutique hotel La Posada del Torcal. Enjoy a cocktail on the Andalusian terrace along with panoramic views of the mountains of Málaga before joining your guides for a farm to table dinner from the owner's organic garden.

HOTEL:

La Posada del Torcal

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Dinner

Day

5

TODAY'S RIDE:

El Torcal to La Bobadilla

Approximately 52 miles with 4,900 feet of climbing

SHORT OPTION:

El Torcal to Venta de Alfarnate w/shuttle to hotel

Approximately 25 miles with 3,200 feet of climbing

AVID OPTION:

El Torcal to La Bobadilla w/Archidona Climb

Approximately 57 miles with 5,600 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

Today you ride into the province of Granada where the stunning scenery of the Sierra de Jobo awaits. Conquer the climb of Puerto de los Alazores before lunch at Venta de Alfarnate, the oldest roadside inn in Andalucia, which houses a museum of artifacts from the Bandolero days. Enjoy a lunch of Andalucian favorites on their garden patio before a rolling ride to our spectacular final hotel La Bobadilla – A Royal Hideaway Hotel. 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. Tonight, you'll toast to new found friends with a sunset cocktail followed by a delicious gala-style dinner at the hotel.

HOTEL:

La Bobadilla – a Royal Hideaway Hotel

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner

Day

6

TODAY'S RIDE:

Bobadilla return

Approximately 16 miles with 900 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

Take this morning to sleep in and relax, savoring a long breakfast or perhaps one final early-morning spin into the scenic countryside. Whichever you choose, you will enjoy your morning how you like before taking the shuttle to central Granada.

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

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

- 5 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, 3 lunches and 4 dinners
- 2 social hours of drinks and hors d'oeuvres
- Ride a Trek Domane SL 7 disc, Trek's newest Electric-Assist, or a Trek 7.6 FX Hybrid
- Up to three daily route options on riding days
- Snacks and drinks for each day's ride
- Trek Travel Bont rager 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 Bont rager Flare R lights, a Bont rager saddle and pedals (Shimano clipless road pedals, Shimano clipless mountain pedals, caged or flat pedals)
- Bont rager 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

Gear

- Trek Domane SL 7 disc carbon road bike with Shimano Di2 electronic shifting or Trek 7.6 FX Hybrid bike

- Trek Electric Assist XM700+ also available in a limited quantity
- Trek Travel Bont rager cycling jersey to keep
- Trek Travel water bottles to keep
- Shimano clipless road pedals, Shimano clipless mountain pedals, caged or flat pedals
- Bont rager WaveCel helmet
- Bont rager men's and women's specific saddles
- Bont rager 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



HOTEL CATALONIA REINA VICTORIA

RONDA, SPAIN

The town of Ronda is a highlight in Andalucía, 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.



LA POSADA DEL TORCAL

MÁLAGA, SPAIN

Set amid the olive and almond groves, this beautiful property offers you the luxury of privacy and the pleasure of great personal service. Situated at the foot of the majestic El Torcal Mountains in Andalucía's most spectacular landscape, the Bed & Breakfast is the ideal place to get away from it all and enjoy the slow pace of real Spanish country life. Explore the terrace with 360-degree views of the mountains, the city of Málaga, and sweeping views of the Mediterranean sea.



LA BOBADILLA – A ROYAL HIDEAWAY HOTEL

GRANADA, SPAIN

This stunning 5-star hotel is beautifully set among olive groves and holm oaks trees in the Loja mountain range. Inspired by intricate Mudéjar 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 1000-m² swimming pool, indulge your senses at the spa, or simply relax and enjoy a sunset cocktail before dinner under a blanket of stars. **New hotel for 2019.**



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 that you fly into Sevilla (SVQ) and then take a taxi or the public bus outside the arrivals level and transfer to Sevilla Santa Justa Station. Alternatively, you can fly into Madrid (MAD) or Málaga (AGP) and take the AVE train to Sevilla Santa Justa station (approximately 2-2.5 hours) which runs regularly. Tickets can be purchased in advance through Rail Europe at raileurope.com. For detailed train schedules, consult www.renfe.com/EN/viajeros/index.html

Before: Sevilla, Spain

The capital of Andalucía 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 seeing archeological finds below. We recommend the following accommodations for your pre-trip hotel:

Meeting Time And Location

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at the Sevilla Santa Justa Train Station (Avenida Kansas City, S/N, 41007 Sevilla, Spain) at 9:30 AM on the first day of the trip. You'll then shuttle 1.5 hours to Zahara de la Sierra, to a 200-year old olive oil mill (molino) where you will enjoy an outdoor lunch with local specialties along with a tour and tasting. After lunch your guides will do personal bike fittings then start your day's ride along the reservoir, overlooking the Sierra de Grazalema towards Ronda. 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 start with their names and contact details. If you cannot reach them, please call our first hotel, Hotel Catalonia Reina Victoria (+34 952 871 240), and leave a message with your expected arrival time and contact details. A taxi from Sevilla Santa Justa train station to your ride start or first hotel will take about 1.5 to 2 hours and will cost around 175 Euros.

Departing Time And Location

You will say farewell to your guides at 11:00 AM at the Hotel La Bobadilla. You'll shuttle 1 hour to the Granada or Malaga airport dependent on your travel plans, arriving at approximately 12:00 PM. Please allow adequate connection time for any ongoing travel to accommodate possible traffic delays.

We recommend that you fly out of Granada (GRX) or Malaga (AGP)

CORRAL DEL REY

Treat yourself to this very intimate boutique hotel—wonderfully hidden in the attractive Alfalfa district yet only five minutes walk from Sevilla's famous Cathedral and Alcázar Palace. The mix of design elements from Roman marble columns and wood beams to the clean linens and rain showers make this such an enticing stay, you might not want to leave your room to explore the city.

www.CorraldelRey.com | \$390

HOSPES LAS CASAS DEL REY BAEZA

Mixing elements of Arabic and European styles makes this hotel pure Andalucía. 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 | \$210

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 | \$130

After: Granada, Spain

The end of the trip brings you to 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 backwards 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 post-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 Albaicin, see the sunrise at the foot of the walls of the Nasrid palaces.

www.parador.es | \$200

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!

<http://www.palaciomarianapineda.es> | \$145

HOTEL VILLA ONIRIA

This avant garde hotel is located in the heart of Granada in a Nineteenth-century mansion, which has been renovated following the architectural guidelines of old Andalusian 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 La Fábula.

www.villaoniria.com | \$150

* 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 - Active
- Average Daily Mileage | 34
- Terrain | Hilly
- Average Daily Elevation | 3,226 feet
- Total miles | 200
- Total Elevation | 19,355 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 and rolling while others include sustained climbing. Andalusia is best suited for our Type 3 Riders. Our Trek Travel guides can also easily accommodate Type 2 Riders, who seek less mileage or fewer uphill, with a boost in the van. Those who wish to ride every mile but are concerned about their physical ability may want to try our electric bike option—you still get a workout but can climb alongside even the

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 this trip are:

- Visit a 200 year old functioning olive oil press and taste local varieties
- Enjoy a walking tour of historic Ronda and learn about the Roman and Moorish history
- Taste Iberian ham and tapas
- Take in a Flamenco show

Trip Changes

See itinerary for specific daily ride distances and elevation options. 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. 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.

strongest rider. Type 4+ Riders will enjoy the extra mileage the avid route options offer.