



ANDALUCIA SELF-GUIDED BIKE TOUR

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE DRAMATIC LANDSCAPE OF
RONDA

If you've dreamed of cycling in Spain, you've dreamed of Andalucia. This is quintessential Spain, with limestone peaks, white villages, spectacular riding, and breathtaking views. It is exquisite tapas, rich olive oils, classic wines, warm hospitality, and passionate music. This 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 its spell. With one, hand-picked hotel on this Andalucia self-guided bike tour, you get more time relaxing and less time packing. Discover the charm of southern Spain for yourself with the freedom and independence that only a self-guided bike tour can provide. [Book your trip with confidence »](#)

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From
\$1899

Rider Type
Active / Avid

Hotel Style
Explorer

Duration
6 days | 5 nights

Start | End
**El Gastor, Spain | Ronda,
Spain**

Dates
Dates Coming Soon

TRIP WOWS

Explore the white-washed villages spread across the countryside of Andalucia

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

Unwind and relax at your 4-star hotel for the duration of your stay, enjoying stunning views of the Serranía de Ronda from its terrace

Walk through the streets of Ronda and learn about its rich Roman and Moorish history



DAILY ITINERARY

2020

Day

1

TODAY'S RIDE:

El Gastor to Ronda

Approximately 18 miles with 2,200 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

Welcome to Andalucia and your self-guided biking trip! Meet your guide in a quiet town called El Gastor, set on the edge of the stunning Sierra de la Grazalema Natural Park. This typical whitewashed village of the province of Cadiz is known as the 'balcony of the white villages' due to the magnificent views over other little villages from its two mountain peaks, El Algarín and Las Grajas. Feel free to wear your street clothes but bring along your cycling clothes and anything you will need for the day's ride like personal pedals, saddles, GPS units, etc. You may bring along a day bag for the first portion of the day, as your guide can drop this off for you at the hotel after lunch. Enjoy lunch with your guide at a local restaurant as you get a brief orientation of the week ahead. After lunch you may change into your cycling gear, and your guide will fit you to your bike, making sure you are well prepared. Then you are off on your first cycling adventure through the Spanish rolling hills with views of unspoiled, limestone mountains. After taking things at your own pace, finish your ride at the hotel Reina Victoria in the fascinating town of Ronda, your home for the week! Unwind and relax perhaps with an aperitif by the pool before savoring your first Andaluz dinner, either at the hotel's restaurant or at a local restaurant in town.

HOTEL:

Hotel Catalonia Reina Victoria

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

INCLUDED MEALS:

Lunch

Day

2

TODAY'S RIDE:

Ronda to Grazalema Loop

Approximately 47 miles with 4,800 feet of climbing

AVID RIDE OPTION:

Ronda to Grazalema with Puerto

Las Palomas Loop

Approximately 58 miles with 6,800 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

Don't forget your camera today! Today's ride is a scenic but challenging route through the Sierra de Grazalema Natural Park. If you're up for a challenge and want to add some spice to your ride, tackle the Puerto de las Palomas, a well-known climb among the riders of the Vuelta de España, which offers spectacular views of the surrounding hills and lake as you twist your way up and over the pass. Whatever option you choose, your destination is Grazalema, another delightful 'pueblo blanco' nestled amongst the beautiful mountains of the Sierra de Grazalema. Here, explore charming cafes and bistros for lunch and try the locally produced organic Payoyo goats' cheese before a mellow rolling ride through a forest of oak and cork trees back to Ronda. This evening we suggest to take a stroll through Ronda to discover the secret gems of this historic town. Enjoy the breathtaking views over the El Tajo gorge from the new bridge, the 'Puente Nuevo' that was completed in 1793. Then wind your way through the old city of Ronda that served as an important historical location in Islam when it was filled with mosques and palaces. Now the cobbled streets are lined with handsome mansions and some are still occupied by Ronda's titled families. Dinner is yours to discover in town, well equipped with a list of our guide's favorite bistros from around the city.

HOTEL:

Hotel Catalonia Reina Victoria

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INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

Day

3

TODAY'S RIDE:

Ronda to El Burgo to Serrato Loop

Approximately 49 miles with 5,000 feet of climbing

AVID RIDE OPTION:

Ronda to Ubrique Loop

Approximately 65 miles with 6,800 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

After a bountiful breakfast, take your bike and decide if you want to explore more picturesque whitewashed villages in the Andalucian countryside or opt for a more challenging ride in the heart of the Grazalema Natural Park. Whatever route you choose, it is going to be an incredible experience! The regular route starts with a climb up the mountain pass called 'Puerto del Viento', home of the very rare Egyptian griffin vulture and spectacular views. Enjoy a sweeping descent to El Burgo, a town that sits on the very edge of the Sierra de las Nieves Natural Park, a protected area full of huge limestone mountains, wildlife, and remote rocky vistas. Stop and have coffee with the locals in the main plaza of this sleepy village, then continue your loop surrounded by open farmlands and large olive orchards back to Ronda. The longer option leads you back into the heart of the Sierra de Grazalema, a vast protected area of craggy mountains characterized by a unique microclimate where a wide range of flora flourishes. Cycle through authentic rural Andalucia and take in the charm of discrete, hidden towns like Ubrique. Your efforts will be rewarded by magnificent views of the surrounding mountains. Tonight, treat yourself with some downtime around the pool before enjoying dinner, perhaps while still relaxing at the hotel or trying a new spot in town.

HOTEL:

Hotel Catalonia Reina Victoria

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INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

Day

4

TODAY'S RIDE:

Ronda to Setenil via Acinipo Loop

Approximately 29 miles with 3,100 feet of climbing

AVID RIDE OPTION:

Ronda to Setenil via Acinipo with Olvera Loop

Approximately 47 miles with 5,300 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

You've never seen anything like today's itinerary! Cycle past the ruins of the old town of Ronda in Acinipo and choose to visit the Roman amphitheater and archaeological remains of Ronda 'la Vieja'. Ride through country roads amidst the ubiquitous olive trees into the hills of the Sierra de las Salinas towards the unique town of Setenil de las Bodegas, a white village famous for its "cave houses" set into the eroded limestone walls of the River Trejo. Over thousands of years, the river has carved out large overhanging rocks that have provided human shelter for centuries. If you go inside many of the bars and shops you can see how the bare limestone forms the roof and walls. Explore its maze-like alleys and climb up a hundred steps to the viewpoint to appreciate the stunning views. If you feel like a challenge, extend your ride toward the hilltop town of Olvera before heading to Setenil to enjoy some gourmet tapas paired with the local wine varietals. Afterward, ride back to the hotel and enjoy some relaxing time in the hotel spa. Tonight, we suggest going out on the town to enjoy a Flamenco guitar show performed in a traditional tablao of Ronda before having another memorable dining experience in town.

HOTEL:

Hotel Catalonia Reina Victoria

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INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

Day

5

TODAY'S RIDE:

Ronda to Júzcar Loop

Approximately 30 miles with 3,900 feet of climbing

AVID RIDE OPTION:

Ronda to Jimera de Líbar to Júzcar Loop

Approximately 52 miles with 7,000 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

Pedal along very quiet, picturesque roads to the absolutely unique blue town, also known as the Smurf village, of Júzcar. Back in 2011, the village was picked to promote the launch of the first Smurf movie as it apparently resembled the imaginary one in the film, but, of course, it needed to be blue. The villagers agreed to the temporary repainting and then discovered a huge leap in tourist visitors, which brought much-needed income to this very isolated village, so this traditional white village changed its color to blue, transforming Júzcar into something much more special! A challenging ride in itself, if you feel like adding more climbing, choose the avid option through Jimera de Líbar, a quiet village overlooked by the imposing peak of Mount Palo. Tonight, celebrate with drinks on the hotel terrace overlooking the Serranía de Ronda toasting to an incredible week of riding through the dramatic scenery of Andalucía!

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Hotel Catalonia Reina Victoria

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

Day

6

TODAY'S RIDE:

Ronda to Puerto del Viento return

Approximately 17 miles with 1,400 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

Before the end of your self-guided bike tour in enchanting Andalucía, choose to relax at the hotel, walk into town at your leisure, or take an early morning spin across the Puente Nuevo and down past the old part of town for a bucolic ride coupled with a final climb up to the Puerto del Viento for a last view back toward Ronda. Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before saying 'hasta luego' to this fascinating land. A Trek Travel guide will meet you at the hotel at 11:00 AM to take your bike and say farewell before you depart to continue on your Spanish journey.

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

- Five nights of accommodation at one handpicked hotel
- Daily breakfast
- Day 1 lunch with the guide
- Daily lunch and dinner recommendations
- Ride a Trek Domane SL 7 disc or Trek Electric-Assist Verve+
- Up to three daily route options on riding days
- Trek Travel water bottles to keep
- Trek Travel Bontrager cycling jersey to keep
- Each bike is equipped with a flat pack, frame pump, phone mount, front and rear lights
- Bontrager helmet (optional if you do not bring your own)
- Bontrager saddle (we suggest you bring your own for the most comfortable fit)
- Shimano clipless pedals or flat pedals (optional if you do not bring your own)
- All luggage transfers during your trip
- A bike lock, all necessary chargers and a floor pump
- Bike fit on the first day to help you find your optimal position for comfort, with recreational or avid set-up along with saddle preference
- Ride With GPS app on your phone to navigate and get all the information you need on your self-guided adventure
- Optional daily phone or video call with the guide to prep you for the next day's adventure
- Support on the ground in case of emergency

Gear

- Trek Domane SL 7 disc carbon road bike with Shimano Di2 electronic shifting or Trek Electric-Assist Verve+, 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, or flat pedals (optional if you do not bring your own)
- Bontrager helmet (optional if you do not bring your own)
- Bontrager men's and women's specific saddles
- Bontrager front and rear Flare R lights
- Each bike is equipped with a flat pack, frame pump and phone mount
- A bike lock, all necessary chargers, and a floor pump
- Coupon valued up to \$500 off a new Trek Bicycle. Your coupon will be delivered via email prior to your trip.
- *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 GUIDE, BY TIPPING

Gratuities for your Trek Travel guide are not included in your trip price. We recommend tipping 7.5-10% of your trip price, preferably in the local currency. Please tip your guide 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 meeting/departing locations
- Lodging before and after the trip
- Personal items purchased during the trip
- Optional activities not scheduled by Trek Travel
- While we provide daily breakfast and one lunch, the other meals are not included. On self-guided trips, Trek Travel provides restaurant recommendations and 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.



MEETING & DEPARTING

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 to transfer to the center of Sevilla.

From Sevilla you need to take a taxi to the ride start in a town called El Gastor, where you will meet your guide. We suggest you contact our local driver ahead of time to arrange the transfer. Our Trip Consultant can provide you with our recommended local contact information. The trip takes approximately 1.5 hours and costs €140. Payment by credit card is accepted except American Express.

Meeting Time And Location

Your Trek Travel guide will meet you at 12:00 PM on the first day of the trip at the restaurant Gastrobar La Piscina (Calle las Palmeras 18, 11687 El Gastor, Cádiz, Spain) where you will have lunch together. Please be sure to have your first day's cycling clothing and all necessary cycling gear with you for the day and separate from your luggage. After lunch you may change into your cycling gear and your guide will fit you to your bike ensuring you find your optimal position for comfort for the week. After a brief orientation and a safety talk, saddle up to begin the day's ride to Ronda. Your guide will drop off your daybag and your main luggage at the hotel for you.

If you will be late for the pick-up or are going to miss it altogether, please inform your guide. You will receive an email a week before the trip starts with their name and contact details. If you cannot reach them, please call your hotel, Hotel Catalonia Reina Victoria (+34 952 87 12 40) and leave a message with your expected arrival time and contact details.

Departing Time And Location

A Trek Travel guide will meet you at the Hotel Catalonia Reina Victoria at 11:00 AM to take your bike and equipment and say farewell before your departure.

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

If you wish to take a private shuttle to Sevilla or Málaga, we suggest you contact our local driver ahead of time to arrange the transfer. Our Trip Consultant can provide you with our recommended local contact information. Payment by credit card is accepted except American Express. The trip to Sevilla takes approximately 2 hours and costs €140. The trip to Málaga takes approximately 1.5 hours and costs €110. Please allow adequate connection time for any ongoing travel to accommodate possible traffic delays.

CORRAL DEL REY

Before And After Your Trip: Sevilla, Spain

The capital of Andalusia is beautiful Sevilla, a thriving city full of historical significance and modern

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

life. The grand Seville 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 archaeological finds below. We recommend the following accommodations for your pre and post-trip hotel:

HOSPES LAS CASAS DEL REY BAEZA

Mixing elements of Arabic and European styles makes this hotel pure Andalusia. 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 | 31
- Terrain | Hilly
- Average Daily Elevation | 3,445 feet
- Total miles | 190
- Total Elevation | 20,673 feet

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

The terrain is varied with some mountainous areas and occasional steep climbs. Flat roads are rare and hills are frequent and dramatic: some days they are short, while others include sustained climbing. Grades average 7% with some steeper sections. Andalusia is best suited for our type 3 riders and type 4+ riders will enjoy the extra mileage the avid route options offer. For level 2 riders we recommend the use of our electric bikes to tackle the climbs alongside the stronger riders and enjoy the rides.

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

There are a variety of non-riding options on this trip 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. Except as specified in the itinerary, expenses and transportation to these activities are not included in the trip price. Some non-riding options on this trip are:

- Enjoy walking through historic Ronda and learn about the Roman and Moorish history
- Take in a Flamenco show
- Enjoy gourmet lunch and tapas
- Enjoy the hotel spa and pool
- Hike in the numerous trails in Ronda
- Wine and olive oil tastings

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.