



Andalusia region Seville to Malaga Spain

June 3rd, 2006 and Sept 30th, 2006

Price: \$1825 per person based on double
Single supplement \$375

Guided group tour 8 days / 7 nights -Approx. 190 miles (305 km)
Min 12 / Max 20 riders



Hardly any other landscape evokes such fascinating pictures as Andalusia – a Flamenco dancer in a flowing red dress, white villages enthroned in the rocks, Moorish style filigree palaces and gloriously dressed bullfighters in sold out arenas. Experience an incomparable assortment of European and Arabic cultures, the beauty of the scenery harmonized perfectly with masterful architecture. We escort you on well extended paths and small roads without heavy traffic through the lush hilly landscape, green river valleys and the wild landscape of the sierras.

Route features:

The bike routes are usually flat and rolling hills with some steep areas, so train

appropriately. You cycle on bicycle paths, side roads and field paths. Heavier traffic is to be expected when entering and leaving cities and town for short distances.

TOUR INCLUDES

- 3 - 4 star Hotels and pensions
- Breakfast buffet and Dinner as listed - 3-course evening meal
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel while biking
- Experienced Guide and Detailed tour descriptions
- 21 speed high breed rental bike
- Travel materials (route maps, places of interest, etc)
- All entrance fees and tours according to the program
- City tours in Seville and Cordoba possible and Guided walk through Malaga
- Usually a visit to a stud farm in Ecija



1st Day: Individual arrival in Seville

Three of the most important operas have their settings here: Don Juan, the seducer, Figaro, the cunning barber and Carmen, femme fatale, who lost her life between the tobacco factories and the bullfighting arena. Two world exhibitions left futuristic architecture and lush park grounds in the city.

2nd Day: Seville – Carmona approx. 17 miles (28 km)

Start with a guided sightseeing tour. After a short train transfer out of the big city, you bike through the Alcores, a soft hilly plateau in one of Andalusia's most fertile agrarian regions. Alcalà de Guadaira is known as one of

flamenco's cradles. Former haciendas of Seville's kingdom and large agricultural farms skirt the route. Camona offers Baroque palaces, churches and monasteries, surrounded by the Moorish town wall.

3rd Day: Carmona – Ecija/Rio Palma approx. 41 miles (65 km)

We continue through the Campina of Seville, a soft hilly rug of fertile farmland. Sometimes the Campina is interspersed with inland lagoons that are fed with ground water spotted with Mediterranean oak woods and jagged formations. Marchena, a typical country district in Campina, is located on a hill over the Rio Carbones. Ecija is the capital of horse breeding. Renowned stud farms are known for their Andalusian (the local thoroughbred), Arabian and English full-blooded horses.



4th Day: Ecija/Rio Palma – Cordoba approx. 36 miles (58 km)

We reach Cordoba on the old Roman connecting road in the wide valley of the Guadalquivir. The Sierra Morena surrounds Europe's former cultural capital with its foothills. Moorish architects created wonders – the Mezquita and the Alhambra, Europe's mightiest Moorish architectural buildings. Especially beautiful: the "forest of the thousand pillars" and the artfully designed prayer rooms. Dinner is not included on this day so you can enjoy a local restaurant on your own tonight.



5th Day: Cordoba – Lucena approx. 22 miles (35 km)

In the morning you have the possibility for sightseeing and a guided city tour in Cordoba. After a short transfer by train we cycle along on the old railway tracks past huge olive groves to Lucena. This is one of the most important olive-oil producing areas worldwide.

6th Day: Lucena – Antequera approx. 43 miles (68 km)

We cycle through the breathtaking landscape from Lucena to Antequera. The historical Antequera waits to be discovered.

7th Day: Antequera – Malaga - approx. 30 miles (48 km)

Transfer to the Torcal de Antequera – one of Andalusia's most extraordinary and suggestive nature landscapes – south of the town of Antequera. The slopes at the edge of the plateau are barren because of goat herds grazing there. The most spectacular place, the Torcal Alto, is alive with an unspoilt flora and fauna. The view expands from Mirador de las Ventanillas to the Mediterranean.



8th Day: Return journey by train to Seville and individual departure bus transport, approx. \$45 or € 35, per person, reservations must be made in advance.

Arrival Flights: Airport Seville or Malaga – Group airfare can be arranged for 10 persons or more.

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