



DATES 07.04.2012 and 29.09.2012

9 DAY SPAIN AND PORTUGAL FULL ITINERARY

Experience the remote, yet beautiful Extremadura region of Spain along with Portugal – an enchanting country with an old fashioned charm, on our Spain and Portugal tour. You'll encounter plenty of mountain twisties and sweepers throughout the tour. In addition to great riding the tour boasts stunning historical cities such as Lagos, Lisbon and Caceres and pretty towns of Ronda, Plasencia and Badajoz. All the accommodation, as with all our tours, is top-notch.

Enjoy the diverse landscapes, absorb the amazing culture and sample the cuisines and wines of both countries in 9 full days and 8 relaxing nights.



Day 1. Arrival day – Malaga

Stay at Cortijo La Calera in Teba. Tour debrief and group dinner.



Day 2. Teba – Lagos

The loop starts from the cortijo, onto a superb biking road to Ronda, probably the most famous white village of Andalucía. We pass Seville, the capital of Andalusia and follow the E1, crossing the Portuguese border, where we will stop for lunch in one of the fishing villages and finish our route in Lagos.



Day 3. Lagos – Lisbon

Next, on to Lisbon, crossing the Algarve coast and the regions of Alentejo and Ribatejo.



Day 4. Lisbon - Day off

Lisbon is one of the world's great historical cities, with characteristic and surprising sights, cultural treasures and a beautiful setting that make it a paradise for tourists. Lisbon is spread across steep hillsides that overlook the Rio Tejo and offers all the delights you'd expect of Portugal's star attraction, yet with half the fuss of other European capitals. Gothic cathedrals, majestic monasteries and quaint museums are all part of the colourful cityscape, but the real delights of discovery lie in wandering the narrow lanes of Lisbon's lovely backstreets.



Day 5. Lisbon - Manteigas

We leave Lisbon via the amazing Vasco-da Gama bridge, turn north and ride along the River Tejo for about 120 kms. We cross it once more and keep going north towards Serra da Estrela on twisty mountain roads with fabulous scenery.



Day 6. Manteigas - Plasencia

Leaving Serra da Estrela behind, we pass Guarda, turn east back to Spain, stop for coffee in Ciudad de Rodrigo and then cross the famous Silver Route and enter Sierra de Gredos , where you can expect miles and miles of fabulous twisty mountain roads! On the bank of the Jerte River, in the Extremadura province of Caceres we approach Plasencia whos historic quarter is a consequence of the city's strategic location along the Silver Route, or Ruta de la Plata. This town was inhabited by Romans and Arabs until the 12th century, when King Alfonso VIII reconquered it. Since the 15th century, the noblemen of the region began to move to Plasencia, building its palaces, ancestral homes and major religious buildings. Plasencia's Parador de Turismo is located in an old convent, where visitors can enjoy the best food in the province in the most spectacular surroundings.



Day 7. Plasencia - Zafra

We leave Plasencia heading west and then south back to Caceres for a coffee. The next section takes us to Badajoz ,where we stop for lunch followed by a last run down into Zafra.



Day 8. Zafra - Malaga

We leave Zafra behind and ride southeast on deserted secondary country roads to Carmona. Cross the Sevilla-Malaga highway in Arahal and continue to Olvera. From there it's a lovely ride down to Teba through El Chorro lakes.



Day 9. Departure day

Should you require additional info or didn't find suitable date, please contact us!!

Total Distance travelled approx 2000kms.

Main features of the tour

9 days holiday

6 days riding

Road type - mountain, panoramic

8 nights with full breakfast

7 dinners and 6 lunches

Highlights Seville-Lagos-Lisbon-Vasgo-de-Gama bridge-Silver Route- Plasencia

ALL FUEL, PARKING, ENTRANCE FEES, TAXIS & SNACKS INCLUDED

ADDITIONAL DAYS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE END OF THE TOUR FOR THOSE WANTING A FEW EXTRA MILES!!