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Andalusia, the southern gem of Spain, invites you to a unique adventure filled with bullfights, tapas, fiestas, and the enchanting rhythms of flamenco. This region, nestled at the southernmost tip of Spain, offers a paradise of unexpected wonders. Andalusia paints a captivating picture with its Flamenco dancers in flowing red dresses, hilltop white villages, Moorish palaces, and the resplendent attire of bullfighters in bustling arenas. Here, you'll encounter an exquisite blend of European and Arabic cultures, where scenic beauty harmoniously intertwines with masterful architecture.

Today, Andalusia seamlessly melds modernity with rich traditions. Join us on well-developed routes and tranquil byways through lush hills, verdant river valleys, and the untamed Sierras. You'll have the opportunity to explore Seville and Cordoba, the spiritual epicentres of Moorish Andalusia.

As you wander through narrow streets, vibrant markets, and the historic Real Alcazar and Mezquita, you'll journey through time and be transported to days when Andalusian scholars illuminated the darkness of the European Middle Ages. So, come and savour the flavours of Andalusia: cervezas, tapas, wine, and jamon Iberico. Andalusia eagerly awaits your visit!

Anticipate expansive landscapes, rolling hills, and stunning Spanish coastlines. Discover picturesque towns and immerse yourself in the Moorish influences that permeate the architecture and lifestyle. It's a grand, vast, and captivating experience in every direction. There's no better way to get up close and personal with this impressive region in southern Spain than by bike.

During this nine-day bike tour, you'll swiftly discover how the European and Arabic cultures seamlessly coexist. Almost every day, you'll hop on your bike and immerse yourself in the world of bullfighters, fiestas, and the internationally renowned flamenco scene.

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Details about the cycling holiday in Andalucia

Seville showcases an enchanting fusion of Andalusian art and contemporary architecture, while Cordoba beckons with its awe-inspiring "Forest of a Thousand Pillars" housed within the Mezquita Cathedral. Amidst these cultural treasures, indulge in the pleasures of tapas, sips of fine red wine, and moments of serenity in the peaceful olive groves.

Embark on a progressive exploration of Andalusia with each passing day on an exhilarating cycling adventure led by Active on Holiday. The southernmost region of Spain unveils its authentic beauty when you immerse yourself in it, and what better way to do so than from the saddle of your trusty bike!

Over the course of eight days, journey through this captivating landscape, passing through renowned cities like Malaga, Cordoba, and Seville. With your bike as your companion, you have the freedom to pause wherever your heart desires. Perhaps beneath the shade of ancient olive trees or amidst the labyrinthine streets of the Moorish town of Carmora? The choice is yours to make.

The highlights of the Andalusia cycling holiday at a glance

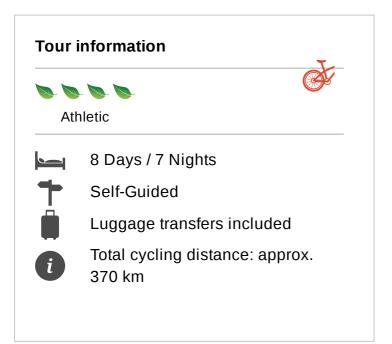
- Urban flair in Seville: Modern architecture meets old Andalusian architecture in Seville
- Córdoba and the Mezquita: The second largest Moorish structure in Europe, after the Alhambra, enchants you with numerous details such as the "Forest of a Thousand Pillars

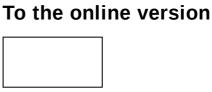
Worth knowing about the cycling holiday in Andalucia

Our bike routes offer a diverse terrain experience, with a mix of flat and hilly stretches. You'll traverse dedicated bike paths, often converted from former railway lines, as well as peaceful side roads. Occasionally, you may encounter busier roads, especially when entering or departing from urban areas.

This tour has been graded as **Athletic.** Find out more about our **cycling holiday difficulty levels**.

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Itinerary

DAY 1

Arrival in Antequera

Stroll through the historic city with its 30 church towers.

DAY 2

approx. 65 km Antequera – Lucena

At the gates of the kingdom of Granada, historic Antequera awaits with its collection of red-tiled roofs and 30 church towers. The cycling tour starts with a ride over rolling hills through the beautiful countryside to Lucena. In one of the most important olive oil-producing areas of the world, the famous oil is pressed here in the factories.

ı ca. 65 km

DAY3

Lucena – Baena approx. 45 km

Continue on a former railway line past huge olive groves to Baena. The inhabitants of Baena live mainly from agriculture and are extremely traditional people. This is also reflected in the townscape of this hilltop town, with its winding and narrow streets winding through the old town and home to interesting buildings such as the 16th-century church of Santa Maria la Mayor or the old castle.

ı..... ca. 45 km

DAY4

Baena - Córdoba approx. 60 km

The Sierra Morena with its foothills surrounds the former European Capital of Culture. This wild and romantic area is characterized by pine forests and an impressive solitude. The route leads through hardly traveled streets, mostly hilly, and heads towards Córdoba. Every now and then you will pass country houses and estates specialized in breeding bulls, they enjoy a special prestige in Andalusia. Evening tour of the city in search of the remnants of its glorious cosmopolitan past. Moorish builders created wonders: the Mezquita, next to the Alhambra the most powerful Moorish building in Europe. Particularly beautiful: the "Forest of the Thousand Pillars" and the artfully designed prayer rooms.

ı ca. 60 km

DAY 5

Córdoba – Palma del Rio approx. 55 km

In the wide valley of the river Guadalquivir, the cycle route runs via an old Roman connecting road. From the once important Franciscan monastery in Palma del Rio, the monks then began to convert America.

ı ca. 60 km

DAY6

Palma del Rio – Carmona approx. 55 km

Even today, the Guadalquivir River is primarily your companion. Via the Campina of Seville, a gently undulating carpet of fertile fields, we head west. Carmona has been almost unchanged for 150 years, with Baroque palaces, churches and monasteries surrounded by an old intact Moorish city wall.

ı..... ca. 55 km

DAY7

Carmona – Sevilla approx. 25 km

Today's stage leads over the gently sloping high plateau of the Alcores to one of the most fertile agricultural areas in Andalusia. Alcalà de Guadaira has supplied Seville with bread and water for centuries and is considered one of the cradles of flamenco. Former haciendas of the Kingdom of Seville, today as much as large agricultural farms, can be seen along your route. From Brenes (return the bike) by train to the day destination Seville. Three of the most important operas play here: Don Juan the Seducer, Figaro the wily barber and Carmen the femme fatale, who lost her life between the tobacco factories and the bullfight Arena. Two world exhibitions brought the city futuristic buildings and lush parks. ' In the evening you will take a sightseeing bus tour and have the opportunity to visit the largest Gothic cathedral in the world. Also, visit the Barrio Santa Cruz neighbourhood and the Casa de Pilatos.

ı ca. 25 km Train Brenes-Sevilla

DAY

8

Return trip or extension

Route information

The cycling stages are alternately flat and hilly with some longer climbs. You ride on bicycle paths (former railway lines) and service roads. Occasionally some road traffic is expected (when entering and exiting the city).



Prices and dates

Price calculation and check availability: Andalusia: Antequera to Seville

Place of arrival: Antequera

| | Season 1 09.03.2024 - 22.03.2024 05.10.2024 - 19.10.2024 Saturday | Season 2 06.04.2024 - 01.06.2024 14.09.2024 - 04.10.2024 Saturday | Season 3 23.03.2024 - 05.04.2024 Saturday | | |
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| Andalusia, Antequera to Seville, ES-ANRMS-08X | | | | | |
| Base price | 1,019.00 | 1,129.00 | 1,399.00 | | |
| Single room surcharge | 399.00 | 349.00 | 399.00 | | |

Hotel information: You will stay in carefully selected 4**** and 3*** hotels

Additional nights

Place of arrival: Antequera

| | Season 1 Mar 9, 2024 - Mar 22, 2024 Oct 5, 2024 - Oct 19, 2024 Saturday | Season 2 Apr 6, 2024 - Jun 1, 2024 Sep 14, 2024 - Oct 4, 2024 Saturday | Season 3 Mar 23, 2024 - Apr 5, 2024 Saturday |
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| Antequera | | | |
| Double room p.p. | 115.00 | 115.00 | 135.00 |
| Single room surcharge | 45.00 | 45.00 | 45.00 |
| Carmona | | | |
| Double room p.p. | 75.00 | 75.00 | 139.00 |
| Single room surcharge | 55.00 | 55.00 | 55.00 |

Our rental bikes

| | Price |
|----------------------|--------|
| 21-Speed Unisex Bike | 99.00 |
| Unisex E-Bike | 239.00 |
| 27-Speed Bike PLUS | 159.00 |
| 21-Speed Men's Bike | 99.00 |

Prices per person in GBP

Included services and travel information

Services

Including

- 7 nights as described, including breakfast
- Train journey Brenes-Seville
- Personal welcome meeting (German, English)
- Luggage transfer(s)
- Travel folder 1 x per room (German, English with route and overview maps, detailed route description, places of interest, important telephone numbers, luggage labels)
- Own signage on the route
- GPS data available on request
- Service Hotline

Not included

 Tourist tax, if applicable, to be paid locally

Arrival information

Train: Malaga Station

Plane: Malaga or Seville Airport

General information

Station: Antequera

Sample hotel list

This is a sample hotel list. Hotels will be booked depending on availability.

Antequera

Hotel Parador****

www.parador.es

Lucena

Hotel Los Bronces ****

www.hotellosbronces.com

Baena

Hotel Mencia Subbética***

www.menciasubbetica.es

Cordoba

Hotel Sercotel Selu 3***

www.hotelselu.com/

Ecija/Palma del Rio

Hotel Monasterio de San Francisco 4****

https://www.monasteriodesanfrancisco.es/

Carmona

Alcazar de la Reina 4****

www.alcazar-reina.es

Seville

Silken Al-Andaluz Palace 4****

www.hoteles-silken.com/hotel-al-andalus-palace-sevilla/de