## Itinerary: Spain and Portugal Andalucía-Extremadura-Alentejo

# "A journey through dehesas, history, trails and Atlantic flavors"



A 22-day circular tour that connects the best of southern Spain with the peaceful essence of Portugal's Alentejo. Nature, white villages, historic mines, Roman heritage, cycling routes, tastings, museums and unique local experiences.

All from your motorhome, with the peace of mind of traveling accompanied and without worrying about logistics: you only drive and enjoy.

Each stop reveals a new treasure; it awakens the senses and the soul.

#### Day 1 - La Guijarrosa: travelling welcome

We begin at Camping La Campiña with a welcome brunch to gather the group in a relaxed atmosphere. It is the first meeting, perfect for getting to know each other, sharing routes and letting the excitement for what is coming grow.

#### Day 2 – Andalusian traditions: olive oil, salt, wine and pottery

We leave by bus for a full day: an olive oil mill to discover the production process, an old salt mine, a wine cooperative and a pottery workshop. A route that shows the productive and artisanal essence of the Cordoban countryside. Lunch included.

## Day 3 - Nature of the Guadalquivir & flamenco in the afternoon

Bus excursion through the Guadalquivir Valley with a picnic outdoors. We walk through a beautiful environment full of vegetation, viewpoints and trails that show the biodiversity of the area.

In the afternoon, we enjoy a flamenco show that puts the perfect finishing touch to the day.

## Day 4 – Towards San Nicolás del Puerto: waterfalls and mountains

Route towards the Sierra Norte following narrow roads and green landscapes. We arrive at Camping Batán de las Monjas, next to the river. An ideal area to rest, walk and breathe pure nature.

## Day 5 - Via Verde & Cerro del Hierro

Day of cycling along the Via Verde to San Nicolás del Puerto. We follow the river, the river beach and reach the impressive Cerro del Hierro, a karst landscape of ancient mines that looks like a movie set. Nature, history and sport in one day.

#### Day 6 - La Jayona & Dehesa Santa Ana: night under the stars

On the way we visit the La Jayona mine, a surprising natural monument with open caverns and a magical atmosphere.

We arrive at Dehesa Santa Ana to experience a special night: wild camping under a clear sky, a visit to the farm, local products and the tranquility of the Extremadura dehesa.

#### Day 7 – Towards the Sierra de Huelva

Short transfer to Fuenteheridos. Recommended stop: Peña de Arias Montano, a spectacular viewpoint over the mountains. An ideal day for walking, having lunch en route and enjoying nature.

#### Day 8 - Minas de Río Tinto & Almonaster la Real

Bus excursion to Minas de Río Tinto: mining museum, tourist train and reddish landscapes unique in Europe that look like another planet.

Then we visit Almonaster la Real and its medieval mosque, a historical jewel in the middle of the mountains. Lunch included.

## Day 9 - Entering Portugal: Évora

We cross into the Alentejo and arrive in Évora. Optional recommendation: stop in Reguengos de Monsaraz or the village of Monsaraz, two beautiful places.

Free afternoon to explore Évora, a World Heritage city: its Roman temple, white streets and lively squares.

## Day 10 – Coffee science & nature in Esperança

Visit to the Delta Coffee Science Center, where we discover the history, aroma and process of Portuguese coffee.

In the afternoon, possibility of walking through the forest trails around the campsite. A relaxing environment.

## Day 11 – Monumental Elvas and tastings in an underground wine cellar

Excursion to Elvas, a World Heritage fortress city. We enter the impressive Graça Fortress and walk through its historic center.

Then we visit a traditional *Adega* with wine tasting in an underground cave. Lunch included.

## Day 12 – Free day in Santo António das Areias

A rest day to enjoy the campsite, walk, read or simply relax in the calm of the Alentejo.

#### Day 13 – Castelo de Vide & Marvão

Guided tour to Castelo de Vide, with its historic center, synagogue and viewpoints. In the afternoon, visit to Marvão, one of the most beautiful villages in Portugal, set on a rock with stunning views. Lunch included.

#### Day 14 - Lusitanos & Portalegre

Guided visit dedicated to Lusitano horses, a national pride of Portugal.

Then we walk through Portalegre and its Tapestry Museum, a unique expression of Portuguese textile art. Lunch included.

#### Day 15 - Bike route to Portagem

Free day, with the recommendation of a beautiful bike ride to Portagem. Its river beach is a perfect place to eat, swim or relax by the water (approx. 16 km).

#### Day 16 - Villanueva de la Sierra and the Alcántara convent

We cross back into Spain with a suggested stop at the Conventual de San Benito, a historic gem.

Arrival at Camping in an ideal setting for exploring the mountains.

#### Day 17 - Hiking or cycling

Free day for cycling or hiking routes from the campsite, through forests, small villages and mountain nature.

## Day 18 - Free day in the Sierra de Gata

Another perfect day to explore the area, visit nearby villages or take quiet walks surrounded by nature.

## **Day 19 – Towards Cáceres**

Route to Cáceres, with the recommendation to visit El Palancar, the smallest convent in the world.

Arrival at Camping Ciudad de Cáceres.

## Day 20 – Historic Cáceres & cheese factory

Guided visit to Cáceres by public bus: its medieval old town is one of the best preserved in Europe.

Then we visit a cheese factory with tasting and the Andalusian quarter with its cistern.

## Day 21 - Trujillo & farewell dinner

Excursion to Trujillo, birthplace of conquistadors, with a visit to the Pizarro Museum and a walk through its square and church.

In the evening we celebrate the farewell dinner at the campsite.

#### Day 22 - End of the tour

Warm goodbye to the group and the end of this journey full of Iberian heritage, history, nature and gastronomy.