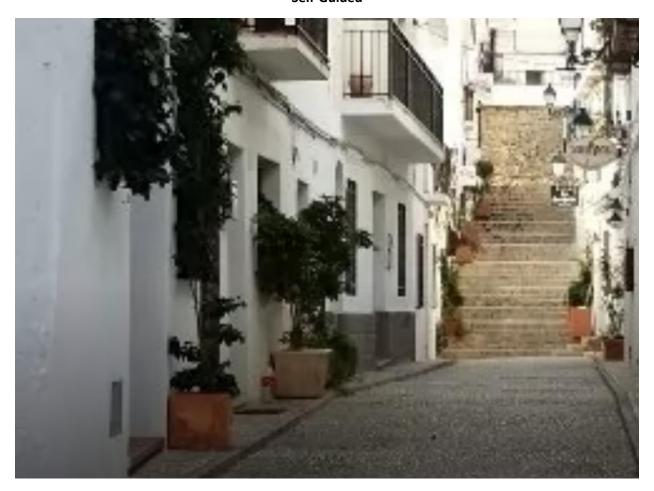


## Spain- Alacant- Valencia Along the Coast by Bike (2025)

## 8 Days/ 7 Nights

# **Self-Guided**



Welcome to this magnificent tour along the Costa Blanca, this is an idyllic place to travel by bike where the sun and beach landscapes join with the Alicante mountains to create a fantastic contrast in scenery. You will visit the most picturesque towns on the Mediterranean coast and its seafront with the beautiful terraces close to the beach where you will be able to try the traditional foods of the area. You will pass through ancient Roman towns close to the beach, you will see typical traditional buildings with rows of arches linked with the successful business of wine-making. You will ride along fantastic beaches and you will be delighted by the friendly nature of the locals. A mixture of tradition, culture, landscape, cuisine and people who will be hard to forget.



### **DAY BY DAY ITINERARY**

## Day 1: Arrival in Alacant

Enjoy Alicante, a city open to the sea which has a quiet seafront in winter but in spring and summer offers an incredibly lively seafront with many "chiringuitos" (bars actually on the beach.) You can't miss the old town, "El Barrio", which is threaded by narrow streets and dotted with pleasant bars and cafés. From here you can go up the famous and spectacularly situated Santa Barbara Castle which overhangs the seafront. In Alicante there is an unusual custom called "el Tardeo" where people meet close to the central market for the afternoon for the sole purpose of socialising in the pubs and bars. Here, you can soak up the atmosphere amongst them.

## Day 2: Alacant - Altea/Calp 35 km (20 minutes by tram)

Today you'll cycle close to Alicante beach, riding along the seafronts of places such as the Playa de San Juan and El Campello, where you have the opportunity to visit the archaeological site of "L'illeta dels Banys", one of the most important of the Mediterranean region. (It's more than 5,000 years old!) You'll pass Benidorm which was once a small fishing village, but which has become a town of skyscrapers. You can take in the magnificent vistas of the



"Puig Campana", an imposing mountain, and finally you arrive in Altea. This town, famous for its artists, still has its historic seafront promenade as well as its very attractive old town centre, which it's impossible to miss. Height difference: 170 meters positive (accumulated).

## Day 3: Altea/Calp – Xàbia 20/ 35 km (10 minutes by tram)

Today you'll experience the amazing contrast between the coast, and the fields and mountains inland. You can take in fantastic views of the Alicante coast and of the imposing mountains behind, which are more than 1,400m high. You'll explore an area of traditional wine-making, where you cycle between vineyards and traditional "Riu Raus", typical buildings with rows of arches where the locals used to dry their grapes under cover to produce sultanas and raisins. Finally, you'll arrive in the historic town of Xàbia which boasts some of the finest beaches in Alicante. Height difference: 420 meters positive (accumulated).

# Day 4: Xàbia – Denia. 25 km

You will ride alongside Montgó mountain until you arrive in Denia. Along the way you will see traditional buildings called Riu Raus (C. XVIII.) These buildings were very important for the key activity of grape drying. Some now have other uses, for example, as outdoor markets. Finally, by the sea, Denia is waiting for you. This town has plenty of fantastic, quiet beaches that you can enjoy even in winter, if the sun is



shining. Denia was designated UNESCO Creative City in 2015, for the quality and variety of its excellent local dishes. Enjoy them!! Height difference: 170 meters positive (accumulated).



Day 5: Denia - Gandia. 40 km

You will leave Denia and soon come across small remnants of marshland known as marjals, a favourite nesting spot for birds, and a birdwatcher's paradise. You will ride along parts of the old railway line constructed by the British in the 19th century. Not too far away! By riding a few more kilometres you'll reach the handsome coastal town of Gandia, with its interesting historic quarter and Ducal Palace. Height difference: 160 meters positive (accumulated).

Day 6: Gandia – Cullera. 29/46 Km

You start the day riding past orange groves and soon come across small remnants of marshland known as marjals, a favourite nesting spot for birds, and a birdwatcher's paradise. You venture into a pretty little valley to follow part of the pilgrimage route that linked different monasteries and where there is the opportunity to explore the imposing monastery of Simat de la Valldigna. Amongst rice fields, you'll arrive in Cullera, a coastal city with beautiful sea views where you'll be able to taste some of the rice specialties of the area. This town has plenty of beaches that you can enjoy even in winter if the sun is shine. Height difference: 90 meters positive (accumulated 29 km). Height difference: 120 meters positive (accumulated 46 km.

## Day 7: Cullera - València. 42 / 52 Km

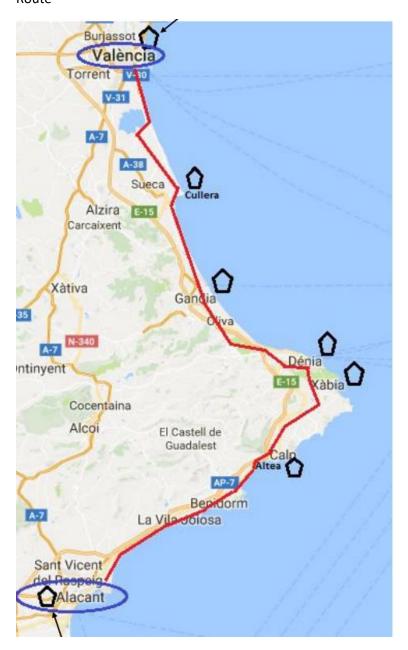
If you choose the longer option, you'll start off along the banks of the River Xúquer, the waters of which irrigate the many, prolific fields and groves of the whole district. You venture into the natural reserve known as Parque Natural de la Albufera, one of the most valuable ecosystems in the Mediterranean. You'll be able to marvel at different natural environments such as lakes, marshes, sand-dunes and pinewoods that border the seafront. All of these ecosystems have their corresponding flora and fauna. It is well worth enjoying one of the typical dishes of this rather special district. You can go for a stroll by the port and see the fisherman at work before they return home to picturesque El Palmar. Upon reaching Valencia, you'll explore the formidable old quarter with its cathedral and central market – a cathedral of a market, indeed! Not to be missed are the narrow streets and squares that offer so many kinds of cafés, bars and restaurants. The lovers of good food will be pleased. The city's nightlife is also famous. Height difference: 80 meters positive (accumulated 42 km). Height difference: 95 meters positive (accumulated 52 km).

### Day 8: València

After a good breakfast, the trip will be formally over.



## Route



Approx. 230 - 260 kilometres by bike. The route hence does not demand a high level of fitness; notwithstanding this, we have different alternatives that can either shorten or lengthen a day's ride. The route goes by green railway, cycle lines or small roads nearly free traffic.



#### **Dates**

The tour is available all year round (except 2906 to 31.08), with departures on Sunday.

Season 1: 19.01.25 - 08.03.25 | 16.03.25 - 29.03.25 | 30.11.25 - 13.12.25

Season 2: 09.03.25 - 15.03.25 | 30.03.25 - 21.06.25 | 31.08.25 - 29.11.25

## **Prices**

Price per person in Euros- all prices subject to confirmation on booking

Basic price season 1 double occ	€859
Basic price season 2 double occ	€950
Surcharge for single room	€260
Extra Nights Alacant	On request
Extra Nights Velencia	On request
Bike rental	€100
E-bike rental	€ 255

### Included

- Accommodation
- Breakfasts buffet style or substantial.
- Detailed tour documentation: maps of the tour, route description, points of interest (English, German and Spanish).
- Local assistance on call.
- Luggage transfer service between your accommodations.

Travel Insurance

• GPS with the tracks and app for navigation

## Not included

- Bicycle.
- Electric bike rental.
- Lunch and dinners.
- Extra nights.
- Any other transfers.



## **Bikes**

We use hybrid aluminium bicycles very comfortable and reliable. Our bikes are specifically for touring.

Our bicycles have been specially chosen based on our long experience of medium and long distance cycling trips. We use touring bikes, with 28-inch wheels and strong aluminium frames. We aim for maximum comfort and pedalling efficiency to give you the best experience. All bikes are checked every week by our mechanics to ensure optimum performance.

**Characteristics** Good quality components. Anti-puncture tires. 24 gears. Front and rear light with a hub dynamo. Comfortable sitting position and adjustable handlebars. Bike stand, mudguards and bottle holder. Sizes from XS to XL.

#### **E-Bikes**

We have e-bikes with low frame: 7 gears, aluminium, shimano altus, good quality display (6 levels of power) We also have Standard e-bikes: 24 gears, aluminium, shimano altus, good quality display (6 levels of power) Both e-bikes has a 15 Am battery, ready to ride long distances.

This is a partner tour