

# Spain – Cycling Segovia's Medieval Villages Cycle Tour (2024) Individual Self-Guided 8 days / 7 nights



This stunning bike tour in Spain starts in the historic city of Segovia. Renowned for its remarkable Roman Aqueduct, this symbol of the city is an impressive feat of civil engineering and continues to be one of the most beautiful urban sites in the world. One of the best examples of Segovian Romanesque art awaits you in Sotosalbos: the San Miguel Church. Inside this fantastic church are beautiful frescoes and a sculpture of Our Lady of the Sierra. Even more ancient architecture awaits you on the ride from Sotosalbos to Pedraza. You will be transported back in time gazing upon the Pedraza Castle, dating back to the 13th century! A highlight of this Spain cycle tour is Duratón Canyon Nature Reserve. The powerful forces of the River Duratón have excavated deep gorges in these limestone lands, and a great number of large birds call this place home.



#### **Itinerary Day to Day**

#### Day 1: Arrival to Segovia

This bike tour begins in the monumental city of Segovia. Declared a World Heritage Site in 1985, you will spend the first night and have a chance to visit its many historic jewels like the towering Roman Aqueduct, the veritable marvel of ancient civil engineering which still provided water to the city only last century. Take time to enjoy a chilled glass of wine in the exquisite 'Plaza Mayor' while contemplating the magnificent cathedral, then take a stroll to the fairytale, ornate Alcazar, where Queen Isabel sent Christopher Columbus on his exploration of the Americas.



# Day 2: Segovia to Collado Hermoso 42 km + 349 m

Small country roads and pretty rural countryside will bring you to Collado Hermoso. You will have a chance to stop at the famous Royal Palace of San Ildefonso and visit its lovely gardens. We recommend that you eat along the way in one of the many excellent restaurants at Torrecaballeros.

# Day 3: Round Trip Turegano 36 km + 227 m

Today's route takes you away from the mountains to reach the historic town of Turegano, home to a medieval castle that is worth visiting. This extraordinary castle towers over the city, incorporating an earlier Romanesque church in its construction. Why not stop in the plaza and enjoy an aperitif or a delicious traditional meal!

#### Day 4: Collado Hermoso to Pedraza 32 km + 227 m

This morning you will cycle through small villages and wooded landscapes to reach the beautifully preserved town of Pedraza and its medieval castle. Considered one of the most beautiful cities in Spain, this place will surely be a highlight of the trip! Take time to wander through the cobbled streets and to browse the interesting artisan shops. There is a photo opportunity on every corner.

## Day 5: Round Trip Pedraza 29 km + 250 m

Today you will explore the countryside of Pedraza. You will come across incredibly quaint villages in a time warp! You will witness rural life as it was many years ago. The rustic style is ever present with perfect examples of rural Romanesque churches set in stunning countryside.

#### Day 6: Pedraza to Sepulveda 32 km + 379 m

Today you will cycle from the foothills to the plains of Castilla. This route takes you through fields of sunflowers and wheat. Eventually it will lead to the hill top town of Sepulveda, where you can have a picnic near the natural spring or take a dip in its crystal clear waters! As your destination looms into



view you will marvel at this medieval jewel with its narrow winding cobbled streets and historic noble houses. Take time to discover the hidden treasures that Sepulveda shelters around every corner.

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## Day 7: Round Trip Duraton Natural Park 37 km + 607 m

On this last cycling day, you will enjoy the highlight of your trip, the spectacular Duraton Canyon Nature Reserve. Cycling in the shadow of the overhanging cliffs of the canyon alongside the meandering river, you will pass under the pleasant shade of poplars while admiring the impressive enormous birds of prey swooping overhead.

# Day 8: Departure

Why not treat yourself to an extra night or two in Segovia or Madrid before your departure?





#### **Route**



# **Technical Characteristics:**

**Tour Profile**: Average. Undulating or hilly terrain with perhaps three ascents per day.

Distance: 208 km

**Travel Season:** Daily arrival from April 1 to October 31



## Price per Person: all prices subject to confirmation on booking

Double Occupancy B&B	€855
Single Supplement	€330
Solo Traveler Supplement	€500
Bike rental	€90
E-bike	€180
GPS device rental	€30
Transfer Madrid Airport to Segovia (maximum 6 persons)	€170
Transfer Sepulveda to Madrid Airport (maximum 4 persons)	€170
Transfer Sepulveda to Segovia (maximum 4 persons)	€90
Extra Nights Segovia Double or Single Occupancy	On request
Extra Nights Madrid Double or Single Occupancy	On request

## Accommodation:

High quality, small, rural accommodation in often restored historic buildings.

#### Included:

- 7 nights' accommodation in charming small rural hotels with breakfast included
- Luggage transfers between hotels
- Detailed maps with your trail clearly marked
- Itinerary description, full of recommendations for things to do and places to visit, etc
- Emergency support

## **Not Included:**

- Bicycle and equipment rental
- Local transfers
- Extra night/s in Madrid or Segovia





#### **Bikes**

## **Touring bikes**

Designed to withstand heavy loads and provide high safety and comfort even after long hours of riding in the saddle, these adventure bikes will serve you well both on and off-road.

The downside to all these extra features and equipment is weight, but on a long distance tour, reliability, comfort and safety, win the day.



#### **Characteristics:**

- Time tested components to stay maintenance free during the tour.
- Broad range of gears.
- Stable carriers for luggage transport.
- Permanently mounted lights with a hub dynamo.
- Comfortable sitting position and straight, adjustable handlebars.
- Other comfort features include bike stand, mudguards and bottle holder.
- High bar and low bar models and sizes xs to XL.



## **E-bikes**

Not every type of electric bike is suitable to use in a cycling tour. Most e-bikes are actually designed for city cycling rather than long distances routes.

Experience allows us to choose e-bikes with the most suitable features for touring: reliability, simple operation, long battery life and short charge time.



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## **Equipment provided:**

Odometer; Rear pannier; Map carrier; Helmet; Water bottle; Lock; Pump; Puncture repair kit and Multitool set

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