



### HIGHLIGHTS



- Accommodation at beautiful country side house
- Being taken care off by your hosts
- No packing and unpacking, just cycling and relaxing!
- Beautiful rolling landscape with vineyards, olive groves, cork oaks and grazing land
- Impressive heritage
- Évora historical centre, classified by UNESCO as World Heritage Site
- Mediaeval villages
- Fantastic gastronomy
- Wine tasting and very good Alentejo wine
- Very small groups (maximum 8 people)

### DESCRIPTION

These tours combine the **accommodation at our lovely guesthouse**, set in the countryside, with the **discovery** of the Alentejo **by bike**. Every day you will meet your guide after our delicious breakfast and **indulge on a beautiful bike ride**.

Days are all different and rides include stops at **wineries**, visits to **artisans** and to producers of **local specialities**.

You will profit from the high knowledge of your **local guide** and from the gorgeous landscapes around our farm.

The great advantage of this tour is that you **don't have to pack and unpack everyday**, and the farm is simply lovely and a great place for a long stay.



## DETAILED PROGRAMME

### 4 days/3 nights

1<sup>st</sup> day: Arrival. Dinner at the farm.  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> day: Cycling route 1 and 2  
4<sup>th</sup> day: Return trip

If you want to choose one of the other cycling tours, which have transfers, the transfer service will be charged separately.

### 5 days/4 nights

1<sup>st</sup> day: Arrival. Dinner at the farm.  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> day: Cycling route 1, 2 and 3. One dinner at the farm.  
5<sup>th</sup> day: Return trip

If you want to choose one of the other cycling tours, which have transfers, the transfer service will be charged separately.

### 8 days/7 nights

1<sup>st</sup> day: Arrival. Dinner at the farm.  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> day: 5 cycling routes - one free day. Two dinners at the farm.  
8<sup>th</sup> day: Return trip

## ROUTE 1

### Megalithic Monuments

Cycling from Guadalupe to the farm

The trail goes through beautiful Holm **oak forest** and grazing land. You will see cattle and sheep, and in season you may see sibilings. You will visit the **Dolmen of Zambugeiro** – the biggest in Europe, the **Cromelech of Almendres, probably the oldest megalithic monument in Europe** and with a beautiful view over Évora, the Menhir of Almendres, the **Church of Mitra** and the **Roman Ruins of Nossa Sr<sup>a</sup> da Tourega**. A rich morning with plenty to see along the way!

In the afternoon we cycle in the city of Évora and discover the **amazing history** of this beautiful city. We visit the surreal bone's chapel and the impressive cathedral, originally from the 13<sup>th</sup> century. We finish with a wine tasting in the Évora Wine tour shop.

**Base kms:** 45

**Terrain:** mostly gentle rolling dirt roads

**Level:** Easy

**Transfer:** In the morning, to Guadalupe



## ROUTE 2

### The Famous Carpets

Cycling from the farm to Arraiolos and back to the farm

We take the eco trail, a green lane built on top of an old railway. We ride along it through **small farms**, eventually reaching Graça do Divor, a **beautiful white and blue village** very well preserved. Good place to stop for a drink and try the **delicious meat pies of Mrs Ilda!** From here we'll ride to the Arraiolos village, with its beautiful **historical centre**, the famous **carpets** and the delicious Pastéis de Toucinho. The views from this **castle are unforgettable**. It's now time to visit a **winery** and, a few kms later, there is another one! Both beautiful and with very good wine. On your way back to the farm we'll pass by Divor Dam and its **lovely lake**. One wine tasting included.

**Base kms:** 50

**Optional extra kms:** 4,4km to Ravasqueira winery and 6km to Tapada Coelheiros winery

**Terrain:** gentle rolling roads, 10 kms on dirt roads

**Level:** Easy

## ROUTE 3

### Conquest of Valongo Castle

Cycling from the farm to Valongo

We will start on a road with plenty of olive groves, gently going up and down until Nossa Senhora de Machede. We will visit a **traditional leather factory** and, during season (October/November), an **olive oil mill**. Out of season we may be able to arrange it for you, any way (subject to availability). We then follow to Valongo to visit the outside of its **surreal castle** built in the middle of nowhere. From here we invite you to **discover the country side at its best**, following a dirt road until the gorgeous **Moinho do Alcaide** (a water mill) and then following along the river side passing by several mills until we reach the main road. We can visit a winery in the end of the tour.

**Base kms:** 50

**Optional extra kms:** 10 km to Ervideira winery

**Terrain:** gentle rolling roads. The last 6km on dirt road

**Level:** Easy

**Transfer:** Transfer in the end of the day

## ROUTE 4

### The Mediaeval village

Cycling from Reguengos to Monsaraz

Monsaraz area is very unique. The **schist rock** marks the landscape and the architecture, and the **vines** seem to grow almost everywhere! We will visit several **megalithic monuments** and the gorgeous village of **Monsaraz**, built in a **castle on top of a hill**. Framing the windows and doors you will see the schist rock, and the walls are so white that sometimes you can't look at them directly! We will have **wonderful views** over the Alqueva lake (biggest artificial lake of Europe), which



colours of blue the landscape around the castle of Monsaraz. Another highlight is the famous **pottery village of S. Pedro do Corval**.

**Base kms:** 45

**Terrain:** flat roads except for climb to Monsaraz

**Level:** Easy (medium only on the 2 km climb to Monsaraz)

**Transfer:** Transfer to Reguengos in the morning and in the end of the day

### **ROUTE 5**

#### **The Cheese and Marble route**

Cycling from Estremoz to Terena or Redondo

We will visit the **historical centre of Estremoz**, the marble town, and see some **quarries** of this famous rock known locally as the «white gold». From here we will visit the **Ducal Palace of Vila Viçosa**, an impressive 16<sup>th</sup> century master piece, and wonder through streets with plenty of marble architecture. We'll pass by the relaxing village of Alandroal and finish at the **flowery centre of Terena**. Here we visit an **amazing fortified sanctuary** and, if still up to it, still ride to Redondo to finish with some **cheese and wine** (not included).

**Base kms:** 45

**Extra Kms:** 15, if you want to cycle until Redondo

**Terrain:** rolling roads

**Level:** Medium

**Transfer:** Transfer to Estremoz in the morning and in the end of the day from Terena or Redondo





## PRICE 2011

### 3 NIGHT PACKAGE

**Total price of tour per person, sharing a double room:** € 532

**Single supplement\*:** € 305

### 4 NIGHT PACKAGE

**Total price of tour per person, sharing a double room:** € 780

**Single supplement\*:** € 455

### 7 NIGHT PACKAGE

**Total price of tour per person, sharing a double room:** € 1080

**Single supplement\*:** € 869

#### July and August:

Supplement of € 15 per person in 3 night's tour, Supplement of € 20 per person in 4 night's tour, Supplement of € 40 per person in 7 night's tour

\* - THIS IS THE PRICE FOR A SINGLE PERSON ALONE. If the single person comes together with a couple the price is much cheaper.

These prices are for a minimum of 2 people, which means a **private guided tour!**

***If you are 4 or more contact us to get a discount price!***

#### Included:

- 3 / 4 / 7 nights on double room, with breakfast
- bike rental for all the stay
- pick up at Évora bus station
- welcome regional snack
- maps and route descriptions for the number of tours included
- entrance fee in Bones chapel and din cathedral, in Évora
- entrance fee in ducal palace, in Vila Viçosa – 7 nights tour
- one wine tasting in winery
- cycling guide
- dinner on 1<sup>st</sup> night on 3 nights tours, on 1<sup>st</sup> night and 3<sup>rd</sup> night on 4 nights tours and on 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> night on 7 nights tours
- personal accident insurance for the tour days
- VAT tax

#### Not included:

- transfer service from airport to Évora – it can be arranged at extra cost
- pick up costs for bike tours different than the ones included – can be arranged at extra cost
- extra dinners at the farm – can be arranged at extra cost
- transfer service for dinners in Évora – can be arranged at extra cost
- lunches – guide will stop at local café
- support van – it's a semi-independent tour, but with guide. Pick up can be provided, at extra cost, if you are tired.
- travel insurance - see terms&conditions;
- tour cancellation insurance – see terms&conditions;