



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
- Several Wine tasting possibilities and very good Alentejo wine

- Cycling at your rhythm

DESCRIPTION

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

At your arrival we will supply you with a **bike, maps for the routes** and **route instructions**. We will also give you historical descriptions of monuments you can visit along the way and suggestion of places to visit such as **wineries, churches, museums, art crafts producers**, etc.

With all these information and our expert advice you will be able to, on your arrival, make a plan for your week/weekend. You'll be **cycling by yourself, so you can choose exactly what you want to visit and make your trip as gastronomic, cultural or relaxed as you wish!**

We will always be available through our cell phones, to help you with anything.

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

1st day: Arrival. Dinner at the farm.
2nd and 3rd day: Cycling route 1 and 2
4th 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

1st day: Arrival. Dinner at the farm.
2nd - 4th day: Cycling route 1, 2 and 3. One dinner at the farm.
5th 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

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

ROUTE 1

Megalithic Monuments

Cycling from Guadalupe to the farm.

Departure from the farm by car. We drop you off in Guadalupe, where you start riding. You cycle until the farm. If you wish to cycle longer kms we drop you off before.

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 Zambujeiro** – 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^a da Tourega**. A rich morning with plenty to see along the way!

In the afternoon you cycle in the city of Évora and discover the **amazing history** of this beautiful city. You can visit the surreal bone's chapel and the impressive cathedral, originally from the 13th century. You can finish with a wine tasting in the wine shop, in Évora.

Base kms: 45

Terrain: gentle rolling dirt roads

Level: Easy

Transfer: Transfer to Guadalupe in the morning



ROUTE 2

The Famous Carpets

Cycling from the farm to Arraiolos and back to the farm

You take the eco trail, a green lane built on top of an old railway. You 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 you'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 you'll pass by Divor Dam and its **lovely lake**.

Base kms: 50

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

Terrain: gentle rolling road. 10 km on dirt road

Level: Easy

ROUTE 3

Conquest of Valongo Castle

Cycling from the farm to Valongo

You will start on a road with plenty of olive groves, gently going up and down until Nossa Senhora de Machede. You 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 (under request). You 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 you reach the main road. You can visit a winery in the end of the tour.

Base kms: 50

Optional extra kms: 10kms 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! You 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! You 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, expect to climb to Monsaraz

Level: Easy (medium only on the 2 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

You 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 you can visit the **Ducal Palace of Vila Viçosa**, an impressive 16th century master piece, and wonder through streets with plenty of marble architecture. You'll pass by the relaxing village of Alandroal and finish at the **flowery centre of Terena**. Here you can visit an **amazing fortified sanctuary** and, if still up to it, still ride to Redondo to finish with some **cheese and wine**.

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





PRICES - 2011

3 NIGHT PACKAGE

Total price of tour per person, sharing a double room: € 398

Single supplement: € 210 – this price is if you do the tour alone. If you are a 3rd person of a group of 3 the price is much lower! contact us.

10% discount if you book from Monday to Thursday!

4 NIGHT PACKAGE

Total price of tour per person, sharing a double room: € 597

Single supplement: € 298 – this price is if you do the tour alone. If you are a 3rd person of a group of 3 the price is much lower! contact us.

10% discount if you book from Monday to Thursday!

7 NIGHT PACKAGE

Total price of tour per person, sharing a double room: € 802

Single supplement: € 594 – this price is if you do the tour alone. If you are a 3rd person of a group of 3 the price is much lower! contact us.

July and august:

Supplement of € 15 per person if sharing a double in 3 night's tour

Supplement of € 20 per person if sharing a double in 4 night's tour

Supplement of € 40 per person if sharing a double in 7 night's tour

Minimum number of participants: 2

THERE IS A DISCOUNT IF YOU HAVE A PARTY OF 4 OR MORE. CONTACT US!

Included:

- 3 / 4 / 7 nights on double room, with breakfast
- bike rental for all the stay, with front bag and back rack
- tool kit;
- pick up at Évora bus station
- welcome regional snack
- route instruction and description, history notes and maps for the tours
- dinner on 1st night on 3 nights tours, on 1st night and 3rd night on 4 nights tours and on 1st, 4rd and 7th 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
- assistance on basic matters such changing a flat tyre. If you need our help for that or anything else we can meet you. You will be charged separately for that
- insurance for bikes – it does not exist;
- travel insurance - see terms&conditions;
- tour cancelation insurance – see terms&conditions;