

## Spain Castile

Castles and canyons in the heartland of Spain

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### Details

Included services:

- 7 nights in rooms with private facilities
- bed & breakfast
- luggage transport

- maps and information material per room

## Day-to-day programm

### Tour profile

Hilly, you mostly cycle on tarmac secondary roads, except on the last day: through the canyon you go on a natural path and sometimes you need to get off the bike because there might be smaller rocks on the road.

#### Day 1: Segovia

Individual arrival. Visit this magnificent World Heritage Site city of Segovia.

#### Day 2: Segovia - Sotosalbos, approx. 42 km

On your first stage you will cycle from Segovia to Sotosalbos on small country roads and pretty rural countryside. You will have a chance to stop at the famous Royal Palace of San Ildefonso and visit its lovely gardens that resemble the gardens of Versailles in Paris. The village of Sotosalbos is a quiet place but has one of the finest Romanic Churches from the area that dates from the 11th century. Overnight stay in Sotosalbos or Collado Hermoso.

#### Day 3: Roundtrip Sotosalbos - Turegano - Sotosalbos, approx. 36 km

This day takes you on a circular route to cycle away from the mountains along small country roads, to reach the historic town of Turegano, known for its Castle that has the peculiarity of having a church within it. Also enjoy the beautiful town square and have lunch in one of its great restaurants.

#### Day 4: Sotosalbos - Pedraza, approx. 32 km

Cycling through small villages and wooded landscapes you reach the beautifully preserved medieval town of Pedraza, a national historic monument worth exploring during an evening walk before dinner. On the way you will ride through very quiet country tarmac roads and will probably not find a single car all day long. You go by the river Cega some of the way and you will find plenty of pleasant spots to stop for a picnic.

#### Day 5: Roundtrip Pedraza/surroundings, approx. 29 km

Another circular route for you to discover the surrounding countryside around Pedraza. You will come across quaint villages where the rustic style is ever-present, perfect examples of rural Romanesque churches and stunning countryside and wildlife. The forest in this area is a very impressive juniper forest that give to the area a very different feel to what you have seen till today. Today you are riding very close to the mountains of the Guadarrama Mountains Natural Park where wolves and the Imperial Eagle are living in the wild.

### **Day 6: Pedraza - Sepulveda, approx. 26 km**

Today you move from the foothills, to the plains of Castilla. A gentle cycle amongst beautiful fields of sunflowers and wheat will take you into the historic hill top town of Sepulveda. You cycle to a natural spring where you can enjoy your picnic or even a swim in the crystal clear waters.

### **Day 7: Sepulveda - National Park Hoces del Duratón, approx. 23 - 36 km**

Your last cycling day will be a highlight as you cycle in the Duratón Canyon Nature Reserve. Following the river Duratón as it enters its deep canyon, you will cycle in the shade of poplars while looking up to the huge figures of nesting vultures and other birds of prey. The town of Sepulveda is a very genuine place unaffected by tourism despite its beauty with its cable stone streets and its many Romanic Churches.

### **Day 8: Segovia**

Individual departure or extended stay.

## **Prices**

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