



RIDE WORLD WIDE

SPAIN, SIERRA NEVADA 2024

RIDE INFORMATION

These rides explore the Sierra Nevada mountain range, which runs east to west, just south of Granada and north east of Malaga in south-east Spain. Although it is less than 100 miles or so from Malaga and the developed coastline of southern Spain, this inland area is still incredibly unspoilt and there has been little change in the local way of life over the centuries. The main industries are the cultivation of almonds, figs and vineyards and much of the farming is by traditional methods with mules and oxen still used to plough the fields. The area, which is part of Andalucía, also has a great tradition of horses for both riding and work and they are a wonderful way to explore its wild mountain scenery and unspoilt whitewashed villages. The rides are run by an English lady, Dallas Love, who has lived and ridden in this part of Spain for over thirty years. They are an excellent choice for experienced riders who want to explore an unspoilt part of rural Spain on a responsive well-schooled horse and Dallas's years' of guiding experience and the care with which she chooses and schools her horses, mean they are also a tremendous option for less confident riders. With several 4 / 5 night options and easy access from the UK they are also one of our best short break rides in Europe.



DATES

Rides are run between March and December from set dates with other dates sometimes possible on request for private groups. There are three 7 night itineraries (with 6 days riding), usually starting on a Saturday and shorter breaks of 4 nights (with 3 days riding) and 5 nights (with 4 days riding). Please see set dates overleaf and contact Ride World Wide to discuss availability.

HORSES

The horses used are mostly Andalucian and Spanish Purebred crosses of a medium build and between about 15hh and 16hh. They are all owned by Dallas and have been carefully chosen by her for their endurance and temperament. They are sure footed, well acclimatized to the mountains and cope easily with varied, and sometimes steep and difficult, terrain. They have all also been schooled personally by Dallas and are a real delight to ride being extremely responsive, forward going, fit and well mannered.

TACK

Saddles are mostly Spanish made trail saddles, similar to an English general purpose but with a very comfortable, deep seat. There are also some English saddles (with gel seat savers provided if required), and a few “McClellan” type trekking saddles. Each saddle is fitted with pouches in front to carry a water bottle, camera etc, and a “sausage” bag behind which is ideal to carry spare layers and waterproofs. Most of the horses are ridden in snaffle bits.

RIDING

Riding hours vary a little with the itinerary booked but there is usually about 6 hours riding a day, with occasional longer and shorter days. Rides are broken up with rest / refreshment stops, a break for lunch and short periods of walking when the terrain is steep or rough where you need to dismount and lead your horse, sometimes for 15-30 minutes (often downhill). The riding is relaxed, the aim being fun for both horse and rider. Where the ground allows, there are chances to trot and canter, and where the terrain calls for walking, time to enjoy the gentle pace, peace and lovely scenery. Either way the rides are a real pleasure. Riders over 60 must be regular & experienced riders and maximum age is 70. Groups are limited to a maximum of 8 guests and are lead personally by Dallas who has many years’ guiding experience, is easy going, relaxed and a pleasure to ride with.

WEIGHT LIMIT

There is no strict weight limit on the rides but if you are 90kgs / 14 stone or over, please call us to check availability of horses.

PACE

The riding pace varies but, as it is limited by the terrain, it is quite slow to moderate overall. In some areas the going gets quite rough and the horses have to walk, however this slower pace is by no means boring - negotiating the mountain paths can be quite a challenge and the horses all walk out well, with energy, to really cover ground. There are also a few steep upward climbs on narrow paths (rewarded with wonderful panoramic views!) and some sharp descents, and there are a number of places each day on all routes where you will be asked to dismount and lead your horse, sometimes for 30 minutes at a time. On the Contraviesa Ride there is one descent to the Trevez Gorge that is not suitable for those who suffer from vertigo! On most days there are usually opportunities to trot and canter, with occasional long open stretches along wide forest paths and dry river beds where you can move on quite fast.



RIDING EXPERIENCE

To join the rides you should be a reasonably experienced rider, who is secure in the saddle over varied going and is able to handle a well-schooled horse outside at all paces. The rides are specifically aimed at competent riders who enjoy a responsive, energetic mount but there is a good selection of well-mannered horses with several that are suitable for less experienced, less confident, riders. As well as riding, you should be comfortable handling a horse from the ground and of getting on and off unaided as there will be times when you need to get off and lead; being able to get on, without help, from the wrong side is always useful on a narrow mountain track. You will enjoy your ride much more if you are reasonably riding fit and have a good level of general fitness - on most itineraries, as well as a fair amount of walking, the riding hours are fairly long and when you are riding through the mountains, it is difficult to stop half way! If you do not ride regularly at home, we recommend concentrated training in the months before you go to accustom yourself to the hours in the saddle.

TERRAIN

The terrain is varied and includes almond and olive groves, dry river beds, wide forest tracks, grassy mountain pasture and steep, narrow mountain paths. There is some road work in the vicinity of the villages (more so on the Contraviesa ride than the higher Alpujarra and Buena Vista rides), and steep concrete tracks in and out of villages. However many of these roads are narrow cobbled streets where you are just as likely to meet a mule as a car! In many of the villages horses and mules are still stabled under the houses and there are water troughs where you will water the horses on the corner of many streets. In a few places the paths you follow are narrow and become quite steep. If you are very nervous of heights you should bear this in mind when selecting the ride.

ACCOMMODATION

You will stay in small village hostels ("Posadas") and comfortable local hotels with twin bedded rooms. The hotels are quite simple and rooms are generally fairly small, but they are clean and comfortable, all have an en-suite shower or bath and loo and there is plenty of hot running water. Accommodation in Bubion, where the rides start and end is in a simple but comfortable, privately owned village guesthouse - a townhouse that has been tastefully converted for guests, with 7 guest bedrooms each with own shower-room, a shared sitting room with sofas gathered around a large fireplace and a spacious, walled terrace where you can sit at Moroccan tables and enjoy the wonderful views and mountain air. One night on the Contraviesa Ride will be spent at the Morayma Hotel just outside Cadiar which is one of the most charming country hotels in the area and has a swimming pool (open July to October). On the Buena Vista Ride, one night is in a very simple mountain refuge in shared dormitory rooms (sleeping bag required). Your luggage is transported from hotel to hotel by vehicle but there are no porters or lifts in the hotels so once there, you will have to carry your own bags. Rooms are twin bedded and if you are booking alone a single supplement is payable for a single room. English is not widely spoken at the rural hotels but Dallas will translate!



MEALS

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included on the 7 and 5 night itineraries; on the 4 night itineraries dinner on the first night is included and on the remaining 3 nights, you are free to visit local bars and restaurants (own cost). Breakfast is at your hotel or guest house and is simple - bread or toast, butter, jam and tea or coffee, often with cereal, fresh fruit, cheese, ham and yoghurt on offer, too. Lunch is either a picnic carried in saddlebags and eaten sitting on the grass with the horses tied up around - delicious home-made dishes such as pork with apricots or spinach tortilla, with local cheeses, hams, fresh bread, salads etc. - or eaten at a local restaurant or bar depending on the route. Dinner is eaten at local restaurants which usually offer a good selection of dishes (many of the smaller bars also provide delicious tapas when you order a drink - a wonderful appetiser before dinner!) The excellent specialities of the area include garlic soup, chicken with almonds, rabbit with garlic and peppers and a thick Andalucian soup made with ham and beans. There may also be other typical Spanish dishes such as gazpacho and paella on offer. There is a sufficient selection to cater for vegetarians but please let us know of any special dietary requirements when you book. Wine, spirits and other drinks are **not** included.



WEATHER

The southern climate and long summers in this part of Spain, tempered with the cooling effects of altitude, make it an ideal destination for riding from early spring right through to early winter. Spring comes early with almond trees starting to blossom in February and March, wild flowers appearing March to May and day time temperatures then usually between 10 and 20 degrees C, although rarely below 15 degrees C at the lower altitudes at which you ride during these months. Showers are possible at this time of year. From late May to July day time temperatures range from about 15 to 30 degrees C and in August and early September, they can reach 35 degrees C, although there is usually a cool breeze where you ride keeping temperatures down so it is still very pleasant (normally at least 5 degrees cooler than lower down). In October and November temperatures start to drop back to the 20s C and there may be the odd shower. As you are high, evenings even in summer, can be quite cool.



WHAT TO BRING

We will send you a list when you book.

ITINERARIES

Three 7 night itineraries are offered - the Contraviesa Ride, the Alpujarra Ride and the Buena Vista Ride. In spring and autumn, when it can be cold and possibly foggy at altitude, and at other times if the weather is bad, the lower route, the Contraviesa Ride is used. In summer, the route goes slightly higher where the mountain air is fresh even in August - the Alpujarra Ride. On a few summer dates, the beautiful but demanding Buena Vista Ride is a wonderful way to explore some of the highest, most remote and spectacular parts of the Sierra Nevada range. For those with limited time the 5 night Alpujarra Short Break and 4 night Sulayr and Poqueira short breaks are the perfect quick get-away. The following are example itineraries although note they are only examples and arrangements may be varied by your guide if weather or local conditions require (contact us for Buena Vista, Alpujarra Short Break & 4 night Sulayr itineraries).

Contraviesa Ride - Example

The Contraviesa mountain range lies between the Sierra Nevada mountains and the Mediterranean Sea. This area is warmer and more arid than the Sierra Nevada itself due to the proximity of the coast and this ride is offered during the cooler spring and autumn months when daytime temperatures rarely drop below 15 degrees C and can reach the mid 20's in May. The route offers a tremendous range of scenery and vegetation and you can literally ride from winter to spring and back in a week. On two days there are some tricky, narrow paths to negotiate so the riding is necessarily slow.

Day 1 Met at Malaga airport no later than 5pm for the group transfer, and driven to Bubion, a village in the Poqueira valley of the Sierra Nevada. The drive from Malaga, along the winding mountain roads up to Bubion, takes about 2 ½ to 3 hours. Bubion is about 1 ½ hours from Granada. Taken to your guesthouse, a 19th C townhouse with 7 guest bedrooms and time to settle into your rooms before meeting your guide, Dallas Love, who will take you for dinner in a local restaurant. Night at Casa La Sevillana. (D)

Day 2 Breakfast in the guesthouse at around 9am, after which you will be collected and driven the short way to the stables to meet the horses. Mount up and once everyone is settled, head off riding, first up a small path through summer pastures to join the main forestry track into the National Park. There may be a chance to try your horse at a trot and canter on the forest path before riding through pinewoods and out on to the ridge **cont.**

CONTRAVIESA RIDE cont.

Day 2 cont of Barranco Habali at approx 2,100 meters. Stopping here for a picnic lunch, there are fantastic views on a clear day down the valley, across the Contraviesa, the Mediterranean and to Africa. After lunch the route descends through oak woods and open pastureland to meet the forestry track leading back to the stables. Dinner in one of the local restaurants and the night at Casa la Sevillana. About 6 hours riding (B,L,D)

Day 3 After breakfast in the guesthouse, a short drive to the stables and mount up. Heading east today set off for the village of Trevelez which, at 1,476 meters, is the highest village in Spain. During the morning you gradually descend (approx. 350 metres) following forestry tracks and bridle paths. The path passes through orchards and small terraces as it skirts the villages of Capilerilla, Pitres and Portugos. There are a few sections where it is necessary to lead the horses on some of the steeper descents. Leaving the village of Portugos, climb about 600 metres to a picnic spot in the shade of pinewoods. After lunch and a siesta, mount up to join the main forestry track to Trevelez. This track maintains pretty much the same altitude as it winds its way through woodlands and small mountain farms and there are some good chances to canter before dismounting to lead your horse for about 15 minutes, walking down an old stone path into the village. Dinner and night in the comfortable Hotel Fragua in the old Berber quarter of Trevelez (use of pool June to September). About 6 hours riding. (B,L,D)

Day 4 Today the route continues east to the village of Berchules. Starting with a 10 minute walk through the streets of Trevelez, stopping to water the horses at one of the many springs, mount up and head down to the river. Once across the river, the centuries old path follows Moorish irrigation channels and then works its way through evergreen oak and pine forest to the open pastureland of the Sierra of Juviles. Heading down across open hillsides there are lovely views towards the coast of Almeria and the Contraviesa mountains before you start to climb again, stopping for a picnic in the oakwoods. After lunch start the ride down to the village of Berchules, walking the last part, about 15 minutes, into the village. Dinner and night at a comfortable family run hotel with swimming pool (open July to October) in Berchules. (About 6 hours riding). (B,L,D)



Day 5 The ride today is a circular route of 6 to 7 hours, dropping down to the Contraviesa foothills and riding through different and rapidly changing terrain. The morning starts with a 15 minute walk, leading the horses down the river bed, before mounting up to ride through small cultivated terraces and orchards to the tiny village of Narila. After a steep climb out of the village the terrain becomes much more arid and eroded, green cultivated land giving way to wild rosemary, thyme, almonds and fig trees. Ten minutes on a small secondary road takes you to the village of Golgo and from here you follow a path leading to the bottom of the valley. After an early lunch by the stream in the shade of tall poplar trees, continue along a path that climbs steeply through the hills and onto a dirt track which you follow to the valley of Yator. In the late afternoon join one of the dry river beds which offers opportunities for some great canters, before crossing and re-crossing the river of Cadiar, passing through orchards and smallholdings to re-join the bridle path to Berchules. Dinner and second night Berchules. (B,L,D)

Day 6 Today a shorter ride of about 5 hours, first following a path down to the river Cadiar and then along the river for about 20 minutes before starting the steep climb through almond and fig farms. On the higher slopes, ride through vineyards reaching an altitude of approximately 1,500 metres where there are wonderful views of the Alpujarras and the high peaks of Sierra Nevada. Stop for a picnic lunch in the almond groves before riding to the Guadalfeo Valley and to the hotel Morayma, built amongst almond and fruit groves overlooking the river Guadalfeo and without doubt the most charming hotel in the area (also with a swimming pool - open July to October). Overnight Hotel Morayma. (B,L,D)

Day 7 A long final day with about 8 hours riding, as you climb back up through the mountains to the village of Bubion. Crossing the river Guadalfeo follow a steep track west to the villages Lobras and Timar and **cont.**

CONTRAVIESA RIDE cont.

Day 7 cont. then a small local road for about 7 km before beginning the descent into the spectacular gorge of Trevez. This is on an ancient Roman path cut into the sides of the gorge and must be made on foot, about 30 minutes, leading the horses. At the foot of the gorge, mount up by a bridge and ride up past Busquistar village and on to Portugos for a well-earned lunch. In the late afternoon continue northwest to Bubion. A farewell dinner and final night at Casa la Sevillana. (B,L,D)

Day 8 Breakfast in the guesthouse before the drive to Malaga airport, arriving around 10am, for onward journeys. (B)



Alpujarra Ride - Example

The southern part of the Sierra Nevada mountain range, the Alpujarra region has a rich cultural and historical heritage as well as much of botanical and geological importance. This ride is similar to The Contraviesa Ride except that after spending the third night in Berchules you ride higher into the mountains above the village, following ancient Moorish bridle paths that wind up through the valleys and gorges.

Day 1 Met at Malaga airport no later than 5pm for the group transfer, and driven to Bubion, a village in the Poqueira valley of the Sierra Nevada. The drive from Malaga, along the winding mountain roads up to Bubion, takes about 2 ½ to 3 hours. Bubion is about 1 ½ hours from Granada. Taken to your guesthouse, a 19th C townhouse with 7 guest bedrooms and time to settle into your rooms before meeting your guide, Dallas Love, who will take you for dinner in a local restaurant. Night at Casa La Sevillana. (D)

Day 2 Breakfast in the guesthouse at around 9am, after which you will be collected and driven the short way to the stables to meet the horses. Mount up and once everyone is settled, head off riding, first up a small path through summer pastures to join the main forestry track into the National Park. The route follows ancient Moorish irrigation channels and pastures watered by melting snow to explore the Poquiera valley, said to be one of the most beautiful in the Sierra Nevada with peaks reaching over 3,000m at its head and the Mediterranean sea at its foot. Stop for a picnic lunch beside a stream enjoying panoramic views and after a siesta, mount up to ride back to the stables by a different route. Dinner at restaurant in Bubion and night Casa La Sevillana (B,L,D)



ALPUJARRA RIDE cont.

Day 3 After breakfast at the guesthouse, a short drive to stables and mount up. Heading east today set off for the village of Trevelez which, at 1,476 meters, is the highest village in Spain. During the morning you gradually descend (approx. 350 metres) following forestry tracks and bridle paths. The path passes through orchards and small terraces as it skirts the villages of Capilerilla, Pitres and Portugos. There are a few sections where it is necessary to lead the horses on some of the steeper descents. Leaving the village of Portugos, climb about 600 metres to a picnic spot in the shade of pinewoods. After lunch and a siesta, mount up to join the main forestry track to Trevelez. This track maintains pretty much the same altitude as it winds its way through woodlands and small mountain farms and there are some good chances to canter before dismounting to lead your horse for about 15 minutes, walking down an old stone path into the village. Dinner and night in the comfortable Hotel Fragua in the old Berber quarter of Trevelez (use of pool June to September). About 6 hours riding (B,L,D)



Day 4 Today the route continues east to the village of Berchules. Starting with a 10 minute walk through the streets of Trevelez, stopping to water the horses at one of the many springs, mount up and head down to the river. Once across the river, the centuries old path follows Moorish irrigation channels and then works its way through evergreen oak and pine forest to the open pastureland of the Sierra of Juviles. Heading down across open hillsides there are lovely views towards the coast of Almeria and the Contraviesa mountains before you start to climb again, stopping for a picnic in the oakwoods. After lunch start the ride down to the village of Berchules, walking the last part, leading your horses for about 30 minutes, into the village. Dinner and night at a comfortable family run hotel with swimming pool (open July to October) in Berchules. (About 6 hours riding). (B,L,D)

Day 5 Berchules takes its name from the old Spanish word 'Berchel' meaning literally 'mountain garden'. During the morning, taking the ancient Moorish bridle path, once the main trade route over the mountains to Granada, passing through terraced orchards and fields, high above the course of the river, it is easy to see how the area came by its name. Leaving the path, stop for a picnic lunch in shady pine woods and after a siesta, mount up to set off again, joining the main forestry track, built in the early 1900s to improve access for farming and reforestation in the area. The wide forest track usually allows some exhilarating trots and canters before finally arriving back in Bercheles (about 7 hours riding). Dinner and second night in Berchules. (B,L,D)



ALPUJARRA RIDE cont.

Day 6 After breakfast in the hotel, set off riding back to Trevelez, about 5 hours in all. Leaving Berchules below, there is a steep climb to approximately 2,400 metres, following dirt tracks through farm and pasture lands up to the tree line with some chances to canter. Stop for a picnic lunch on the edge of pinewoods where there are wonderful views over the valley of Trevelez, with the sea to the south and the Mulhacen peak at 3486 mts (the highest mountain on the Spanish mainland) to the north. In the afternoon set off again, taking a bridle path down through the woods to the village of Trevelez, getting off to lead in places where the going is rough. Dinner and night Hotel Fragua in Trevelez. (B,L,D)



Day 7 A shorter final riding day, about 3 to 4 hours, back to Bubion. Following forestry tracks through pine and oak woods you eventually arrive back at the stables high above the villages of the Poqueira valley. The route offers wonderful views over the Contraviesa and the Mediterranean Sea with some good places to canter. A late lunch in the village of Capiliera or Bubion and the rest of the afternoon free for last minute shopping, a well-deserved drink or siesta. A farewell dinner and night Casa la Sevillana in Bubion. (B,L,D)

Day 8 Breakfast in the guesthouse before the drive to Malaga airport, arriving around 10am, for onward journeys. (B)

Example itinerary - Poqueira Short Break (4 nights)

Perfect for those with limited time or as a first riding holiday. The **Sulayr short break** (also 4 nights), is available as an alternative option on request (first person to book on any date can request) and is a similar ride, although you ride from Bubion to Trevelez on Day 3, staying in a hotel in Trevelez before riding back to Bubion on the last day,

Day 1 Own arrangements to drive to Bubion (or meet Malaga airport no later than 5pm for a transfer to Bubion (extra charge)), a village in the Poqueira valley of the Sierra Nevada. The drive from Malaga, along the winding mountain roads up to Bubion, takes between 2 ½ and 3 hours. Accommodation in Bubion is in La Casa Sevillana, a simple but comfortable village guesthouse with 7 guest bedrooms. Time to settle in after the journey before meeting your guide, Dallas Love, who will take you for dinner in a local restaurant. Overnight Bubion. (D)

Days 2 to 4 Three full days riding out from the stables in Bubion, exploring the Poqueira valley and high mountain pasture with a picnic lunch out riding each day. Routes are planned so that you cover totally different terrain each day; on one day following small paths high into the mountains with spectacular views of the Mediterranean, on other days exploring the hidden valleys and ravines, cantering along some of the quiet forest tracks on the lower slopes, where the going is softer. Dinner is included on the last night but on the 2nd & 3rd nights you are free to explore the tapas bars and restaurants of Bubion. 3 nights Casa La Sevillana. (B,L)

Day 5 Breakfast in the guesthouse before your onward journey (transfers to Malaga can be arranged). (B)

DATES & RATES 2024

Please note ride rates are quoted in euros. The sterling price will be the equivalent sterling rate using the euro/sterling exchange rate in force when you book/pay.

Contraviesa Ride (7 nights)

9th to 16th March

6th to 13th April

19th to 26th October

Price - Euros 1850 per person.

Alpujarra Ride (7 nights)

5th to 12th May

24th to 31st August

21st to 28th September

Price - Euros 1850 per person.

Single room supplement on Contraviesa and Alpujarra rides is 200 Euros, payable in Spain

Buena Vista Ride (7 nights)

17th to 24th May

Price - Euros 1940 per person.

Single room supplement on the Buena Vista is 175 Euros, payable in Spain.

Alpujarra Short Break (5 nights)

17th to 22nd March

15th to 20th June

5th to 10th October

18th to 23rd April

6th to 11th July

9th to 14th November

8th to 13th June

17th to 22nd August

Price - Euros 1315 per person

Single room supplement 150 Euros payable in Spain

Rates INCLUDE - All riding, 5 or 7 nights twin hotel accommodation, meals (dinner Day 1 to breakfast Day 6 / Day 8), and transfers from / to Malaga at set times with the group.

Rates EXCLUDE - International flights to Malaga, personal medical / travel insurance (which you must have), any visa fees, your bar bill, extras at hotels such as telephone calls, laundry etc and any tips you wish to leave.

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DATES & RATES 2024 cont.

Poqueira & Sulayr Short Breaks (4 nights - start days vary)

Sulayr itinerary can be requested on any short break date, itinerary fixed with first booking

23rd to 27th March

10th to 14th August

2nd to 6th November

24th to 28th April

7th to 11th September

23rd to 27th November

1st to 5th June

14th to 18th September

30th November to 4th December

21st to 25th June

12th to 16th October

14th to 18th December

26th to 30th June

Prices - Poqueira Ride, Euros 770 per person; Sulayr Ride, Euros 925 per person

Single room supplement Euros 75 on the Poqueira & Euros 150 on the Sulayr, payable in Spain

Rates INCLUDE - 3 full days riding, 4 nights twin hotel accommodation, breakfast and lunch each day and dinner on first & last night (plus dinner on 3rd night for the Sulayr Ride).

Rates EXCLUDE - International flights to Malaga, transfers between Malaga and Bubion, dinner on day 2 (and day 3 for Poqueira Ride), personal medical / travel insurance (which you must have), any visa fees, your bar bill, extras at hotels such as telephone calls, laundry etc and any tips you wish to leave.

Note - prices are based on a minimum number of riders (4 to 6 depending in the itinerary) but can usually be run for less at a supplement. The maximum number is 8.

Single rooms All rates are based on twin hotel rooms and if you are travelling alone or would like a single room the single supplement will be payable on arrival in Spain (if you are travelling alone but prepared to share a twin room please tell us as we can sometimes arrange this - although no guarantee to do so as it depends on other guests being willing to share!)



FLIGHTS AND TRANSFERS

The meeting point for the 7 & 5 night rides is Malaga airport. Transfers by car / minibus at set times on the first and last days are included in the ride rate. The meeting time will be set according to arrivals but will be no later than 17.00 on Day 1 at Malaga airport. On the last day (Day 8 or 6) there will be a transfer back to Malaga airport, generally departing 07.00 and arriving by 10.00. If you arrive late on Day 1, or need to leave very early the last day, a private transfer can be arranged at extra cost.

For the Poqueira & Sulayr Short Breaks, transfers can be organised from / to Malaga on request - cost for shared transfer is usually 55 Euros per person each way, payable direct in Spain.

It is also possible to meet in Bubion, where the first & last nights of all rides are spent. Bubion can be reached by public bus from Granada, or it's a fairly straightforward drive of about 2 hours from Malaga; or 1 ½ from Granada.

British Airways (www.britishairways.com) has direct flights to Malaga from London and several of the budget airlines also have flights from regional airports such as Luton, Stansted, Liverpool and Bristol (www.ryanair.com, www.easyjet.com and www.flybe.com). Airfares to Malaga vary depending on the airline, season and how far in advance you book but expect to pay around £150 to £220 for an economy return (although excellent deals are often available with the budget airlines). We can book British Airways flights to Malaga for you (our ATOL number is 6213) or you can contact the airlines direct or via their websites for bookings. (NB please check with us that arrival / departure times are suitable for the ride pickup before you confirm your flight).



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE AREA

Additional information on the area for non-riders and riders before or after the ride - Andalucía is the southernmost region of Spain. It incorporates the crowded beach resorts of the Mediterranean coast, but is also home to the wonderful historic cities of Seville, Cordoba, and Granada. The closest city to the ride area is **Granada** which lies at the foot of Sierra Nevada, between the Darro and Genil rivers and is one of the most interesting in eastern Andalusia. Because it was the last city recaptured from the Moors by the Catholic Monarchs in 1492, Granada has an unmistakable Arab flavour. The ancient Albaicín district, together with the magnificent Alhambra and Generalife Palaces are World Heritage Sites and a 'must see' for anyone visiting the region. A night or two in Granada is a highly recommended culture shot to add to your Sierra Nevada Ride.



GENERAL VISA & HEALTH INFORMATION

(NB this is only a brief outline - further information will be sent to you if you make a confirmed booking.)

Visas If you hold a full British passport you do not need a visa for visits to Spain whatever the length of stay, although for visits of over 90 days residence permits are required. Please check up to date requirements with the Spanish consulate.

Health No vaccinations are needed by EEC residents to enter Spain (according to the Spanish and World Health Organisations). If you have a particular condition requiring special medical treatment, in case of emergencies you should carry a letter from your own doctor translated into Spanish describing your condition and the medicine / treatment required.

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