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The Costa Blanca enjoys one of the world´s most privileged climates, with mild temperatures and 328 days of sunshine per year. Everyone knows the Costa Blanca, where in early spring the almond blossoms colour the landscape white. Much less known is the inland, where small mountain ranges and beautiful valleys alternate. This impressive Spanish nature reserve Siërra Aitana is ideal for beautiful bike rides. Every year the organization of the Vuelta Ciclista an España choose this décor with the most mountainous in the country. Most professional teams ride their training laps here during the winter and even live here.

Start your trip in Castalla, you can use a car transfer to Castalla or directly on the bike to the mountain village, depending on the arrival time at the airport of Alicante. The next day you have a tour through the nature reserve "Sierra de Fontanella". In the next stage to Muro de Alcoy, you cycle through the nougat town of Xixona to the Puerto de Carrasqueta. The many short climbs then make it a tough ride. From Muro de Alcoy we make two tours. The next ride starts climbing to the Puerto de Confrides, where you can enjoy beautiful views over the Siërra Serrella. From here you cycle through winding roads through beautiful countryside to Villajoyosa. Here you can stroll along the many colourful houses, characteristic of this town on the Costa Blanca. The last tour from Villajoyosa goes back through the heart of the Siërra Aitana.

Jump on your bike and cycle the Costa Blanca in Spain

- The beautiful city of Castalla in the Costa Blanca
- You'll cycle through winding roads in beautiful countryside villages
- Cycle some great climbs like the Puerto de Confrides, Puerto de Carrasqueta, Coll de Rates and the Alto Aitana
- The Costa Blanca is perfect for its most privileged climates and mild temperatures
- Visit many colourful houses on the Costa Blanca
- This Tour includes many short climbs making this a tough ride

Itinerary

Day 1

Check in

Arrival and transfer to Alicante Castalla. By early flight, it is possible to cycle to Castalla (54 km).

The bike company comes then with the bikes (if rented) to the airport and takes the luggage to Castalla.

Day 2

Tour Siërra de Fontanella 50/ 95/ 125 km

After only a few kilometers begins the climb to the Puerto de Onil (1036m), in just over 5km to climb from 670 m to this height. You cycle through an area of natural beauty of pine, lavender, and sunflower fields. After a long descent (9%) get to Banyeres de Mariola, the highest village in the province of Alicante. The shortest route then passes directly through Biar back to Castalla through the Puerto de Biar (810m). Biar exerts a great attraction because of its breathtaking landscapes. Take the longest route you go along Bocairent and then through a gap through rocky mountains directed Ontinyente. Then you pass an area that is very similar to Tuscany (Italy). Through the Sierra Solana (996m) you go back to Castalla.

Day 3

Ride Castalla - Muro de Alcoy 85/ 110 km

In the ride from Castalla to Muro de Alcoy we pass the Alto de Tibi (710m) to move then along a beautiful mountain ridge overlooking the sea towards Xixona, the city is known for its nougat (turrón). From Xixona we climb the Port de la Carrasqueta (1020m), this mountain is often included in the route of the Vuelta. From Xixona is the La Carrasqueta 8 km long. This distance spans 500 vertical meters. The average percentage is thus 4%. Bypassing the A7 we drive through Parc Natural de la Font Roja, one of the best-preserved natural areas of Spain. Directly in the park, we start with a steep climb to Ermita de Sant Antoni (1000m), then we continue on the road through the park. After the CV 795 we enter another natural area, Sierra de Mariola, here begins a climb to 900 meters. Through Bocairent, which is well worth a visit, you will cycle through beautiful mountain villages (Alfafara, Agres) to Muro de Alcoy. By now you are again dropped to about 300 meters. This ride puts you off more than 2000 meters altitude.

If you decide to ride the shorter version then we go in Xixona direction Torremanzanas, constantly climbing slightly. Beyond Torremanzanas, we climb Port Benifallim (1010m) followed by a beautiful descent to Benifallim. Over Benilloba, Gorga, Millena, and Benillup we go to Muro de Alcoy, up and down with short but challenging hills.

Day 4

Tour from Muro de Alcoy over Pego 90/ 120 km

From Muro de Alcoy we make two tours, the first tour takes you along an area called the cherries region, an overwhelming nature with beautiful views where you encounter almost no traffic. First, we pass Planes, a mountain village with at the top a bullring, we climb along the Sierra de la Forada to about 600 meters. Then we descend about 25km along picturesque mountain villages to Pego overlooking the valley "Vall de Gallinera". After we go through Pego, Sagra, Orba, and Tormos to Parcent, as we start

the Coll de Rates (628m). The popular mountain Coll de Rates is 6km long, over this distance you climb 335 vertical meters and the views are breathtaking. Here you get a lot of riders from all directions for climbing this famous mountain. The average percentage makes it 5.6%. Then we go a little up and down and pass authentic mountain villages back to Muro de Alcoy.

Day 5

Tour from Muro de Alcoy over Xàtiva 85/ 120 km

The second tour from Muro de Alcoy begins with the climb of the Puerto d'Albaida (620m). Then you descend into the town of Xativa, a town that still retains the oriental atmosphere of the Islamic period and is worth visiting. From Xàtiva you cycle between the orange groves to Simat de Valldigna, just before this place, you get a steep climb. After Simat de Valldigna, you have a long and steep climb with stunning views through the CV 675 to Barx, ±350 height meters. After a beautiful descent, you can prepare for the finale of this trip, the ascent of the Col Azafor (550m). The climb is ± 5 km with rates of 12-20%!! Descents overlooking the valley “Vall de Gallinera”, then we go back to Muro de Alcoy.

Day 6

Ride Muro de Alcoy – Villajoyosa 90 km

The ride starts climbing to the Puerto de Confrides (966m), a 13km climb with an average of 5%, after which you can enjoy a beautiful descent with views over the Sierra Serrella. Once you reach Guadalest when you see huge rock points with an ancient castle. From here you cycle through winding roads through beautiful countryside to the Mediterranean, to the place Villajoyosa. Villajoyosa is famous for its many colorful houses, typical of this town on the Costa Blanca.

Day 7

Tour from Villajoyosa 85/ 120 km

The last tour goes back through the heart of the Sierra de Aitana. Directly from Villajoyosa begins the climb to the Puerto de Tudons 34 km long. This distance spans 1531 meters altitude. The average percentage is thus 4.5%. Then descend to Benifallim, here begins the ascent to the Port de Benifallim (1010m). Light descending towards Xixona through a piece N-340 to Busot and Relleu. Following are short climbs on your right overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. From Relleu you cycle back along a lake to Villajoyosa.

Day 8

Departure day

Departure day... Time to say goodbye, a good flight back home, or a pleasant stay in Spain. Airport transfers on request.

Airport

- Alicante airport also called El Altet, is the main airport for the regions Alicante and Murcia in Spain. From Alicante, there are many flights to/from Europe.
- You can also choose Murcia aiport. The airport is after Alicante the most important airport in this region

Busses

- Every hour buses leave from Murcia airport to Castalla. From the bus station, it's just a short walk to Castella. When you arrive at Alicante airport there is a minibus to Castalla (+/- 30 min).

Booking Information

Add your start date

- **Departures are not possible in August**
- All prices are based on double rooms
- For bookings & inquiries: send an email to info@cycleclassictours.com

Extra Information

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Included

- 7 nights accommodation with breakfast
- Luggage transportation
- Roadbook
- GPS tracks
- Tourist tax
- Luggage transport
- English, Dutch, and Spanish-speaking contact person
- Free Wi-Fi and enclosed parking for bicycles

Not Included

- Drinks
- Lunches
- Dinners
- Road bike rental €140
- E-Bike Hire €140
- 1 person in 2 person room + €150
- Surcharge Transfer your own bike from/to the airport by bicycle €20
- Extra stay in Villajoyosa €50 per person (based on a 2-person room) Between 13 - April 16, June and September €70 and July €90