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Costa Blanca

THE LAND OF CONTRASTS.

Welcome to this land of contrasts; of wine and oranges; olive and almond; rivers and sea; city and hamlets; rugged mountain and green valley; orchard and pine tree; modernity and history; religion and secularity, but above all, of sunshine and tradition. Feel the pulse of the region's great city, and step back in time to the echoes of lost ages and cultures as you step outside its walls. Your pedals will propel you gently into a world that few know or ever explore, peopled by a fiercely proud and hospitable race. So, what are you waiting for? Let the adventure begin...

Medium



7 Days / 6 Nights



Self-guided Tour

To the online version



Itinerary

DAY
1

Arrival in Sax

You arrive in Sax, crowned by its brooding 12th Century castle and steeped in history. As you explore the old quarter you'll notice the unmistakable Arabic influence in the layout of the streets and alleyways. Why not try one of the typical local dishes at one of the many bars, cafés and restaurants?

DAY
2

Sax – Bocairent | approx. 50/60 km

You set off on our adventure amidst a changing range of landscapes: pinewoods combine with vineyards and cellars to make a rustic patchwork of greens. The scenery is also dotted with fruit-trees and lush market gardens. You will ride into Villena that has one of the best-preserved castles in the district. You then take the green route for the stretch that borders the River Vinalopó and you'll come across more orchards and small settlements. Later that day you'll reach the medieval city of Bocairent with its gracious old quarter full of squares old fountains and many nooks and crannies. You'll have to choose among many attractive places for a meal and you'll feel transported back in time.

DAY
3

Bocairent – Alcoi | approx. 45/55 km

Passing through mountainous terrain, the valley will lead you to the lake of Beniarrés. The next leg of the trip takes in the villages that surround the spectacular range known as Sierra de Aitana with its exceptional landscapes. At the end of the day's ride you'll get to the lively city of Alcoi, where you'll be able to enjoy its own gastronomic interpretations and its range of wines.

DAY
4*Alcoi – Villalonga* | approx. 40 km

This day's ride is undoubtedly one of the most exciting and spectacular of the whole tour. The rugged contrasts offered by the interior mountain valleys are much greater than those found in valleys closer to the Mediterranean. Pedalling through the higher terrain overlooking Lake Beniarrés, it's possible to appreciate the impressive views of such instantly identifiable mountains as Benicadell and Montcabrer. By taking a route with many vantage points around the gorge you follow a green path above the River Serpis. Waiting for you will be small villages set amidst a lush landscape of orange groves and it will soon become obvious, from tell-tale sea breezes, that the sea lies ahead, and not too far away!

DAY
5*Villalonga – Cullera* | approx. 40/60 km

You start the day riding past orange groves and soon come across small remnants of marshland known as marjals, a favourite nesting spot for birds, and a birdwatcher's paradise. You venture into a pretty little valley to follow part of the pilgrimage route that linked different monasteries and where there is the opportunity to explore the imposing monastery of Simat de la Valldigna.

Amongst rice fields, you'll arrive in Cullera, a coastal city with beautiful sea views where you'll be able to taste some of the rice specialties of the area. This town has plenty of beaches that you can enjoy even in winter if the sun is shine.

DAY
6*Cullera – València* | approx. 45/55 km

If you choose the longer option, you'll start off along the banks of the River Xúquer, the waters of which irrigate the many, prolific fields and groves of the whole district.

You venture into the natural reserve known as *Parque Natural de la Albufera*, one of the most valuable ecosystems in the Mediterranean. You'll be able to marvel at different natural environments such as lakes, marshes, sand-dunes and pinewoods that border the seafront. All of these ecosystems have their corresponding flora and fauna.

It is well worth enjoying one of the typical dishes of this rather special district. You can go for a stroll by the port and see the fisherman at work before they return home to picturesque El Palmar.

Upon reaching Valencia, you'll explore the formidable old quarter with its cathedral and central market – a cathedral of a market, indeed! Not to be missed are the narrow streets and squares that offer so many kinds of cafés, bars and restaurants. The lovers of good food will be pleased. The city's nightlife is also famous.



Departure or extension

After a good breakfast, the trip will be formally over.

Tour character

For the first two days, the route follows a former railway line, which is traffic free. For the others we have chosen small quiet roads where cars are seldom seen. The route hence does not demand a high level of fitness; notwithstanding this, we have different alternatives that can either shorten or lengthen a day's ride.

Prices and events

Place of arrival: Sax

	Season 1 15.01.2023 - 11.03.2023 19.03.2023 - 23.07.2023 27.08.2023 - 16.12.2023 Arrival Monday	Season 2 12.03.2023 - 18.03.2023 Arrival Monday
Costa Blanca, 7 days, ES-ACRSV-07X		
Base price	699.00	769.00
Surcharge single room	229.00	229.00

Category: 3*** and 4**** hotels, charming inns and quality B&B's.

Additional nights

Place of arrival: Sax

	Season 1 Jan 15, 2023 - Mar 11, 2023 Mar 19, 2023 - Jul 23, 2023 Aug 27, 2023 - Dec 16, 2023 Arrival Monday	Season 2 Mar 12, 2023 - Mar 18, 2023 Arrival Monday
Sax		
Double room p. P.	55.00	55.00
Surcharge single room	29.00	29.00
Valencia		
Double room p. P.	55.00	55.00
Surcharge single room	39.00	39.00

Our rental bikes

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24-gear unisex	89.00
24-gear gents	89.00
21-gear unisex	89.00
21-gear gents	89.00
Electric bike	179.00
Prices per person in EUR	

Services and infos

Services

Included

- Accommodation as already mentioned
- Breakfast
- Welcome briefing (English)
- Luggage transfer
- Detailed travel documents 1x per room (German, English, Spanish)
- GPS-data available
- Service hotline (English)

Optional extras:

- For rental bike incl. rental bike insurance.
- Pick up at Villena train station on request!

Infos

Arrival / Parking / Departure:

- Sax and Villena train station
- Alicante or València airport

Things to note:

- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price!
- Further important information according to the package travel law can be found [here!](#)
- Minimum number of participants 2 people

Contact & booking

Do you still have questions about the tour? We are happy to help and look forward to your inquiry.



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