

# Andalusia



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**BikePlusTours**

Come cycle with us in southern Spain on a spectacular Team Evergreen exclusive tour that includes ancient towns, quiet mountain roads, traditional food and wonderful hotels.

Our trip will take you from the mountain town of Ronda to the seaside resort of Malaga. On the way we will stay in Antequera and Granada, two of Andalusia's best preserved ancient cities. We'll have a rest day in Granada where you'll have time to visit the world famous

Alhambra palace and other historic sights.

We'll ride the spectacular climb of Pico Veleta on Europe's highest paved road (conditions permitting). Then we'll head for the coast and spend the last two nights in historic Malaga.

We'll be staying for consecutive nights in each hotel to give you the chance to relax and enjoy your vacation exploring the beautiful towns where we'll be staying and soak up the culture.



Puerto de las Palomas



Grazalema



Arab Walls of Ronda

### At a glance

**Trip dates: April 25 - May 3, 2020**

**Cycling distance / vertical: up to 343 miles / 38,000 ft**

**Small group: maximum 15 guests**

**Support vehicle on all rides**

**BikePlusTours owners Carolyn and Pieter guiding you**

**Eight nights of hotel accommodation**

**All breakfasts and dinners included**

**Price: \$2,995 per person, single room surcharge: \$695**



Granada



Zahara de la Sierra



Ponte Nuevo of Ronda

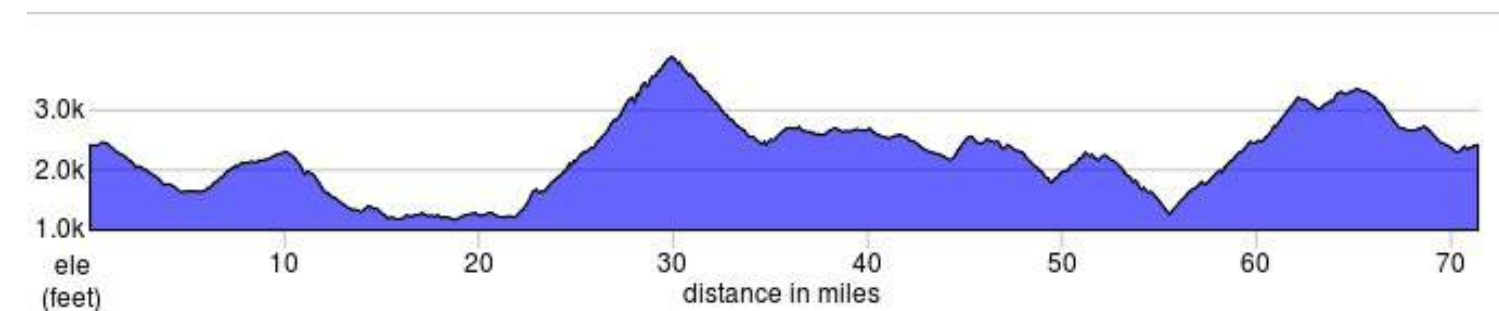
## Itinerary and Elevation Profiles

**Friday April 24th:** Departure from the US on an overnight flight to Malaga.

**Saturday April 25th:** Arrival in Malaga and group transfer to Ronda.  
In the afternoon you can put your bike together and go for a quick ride.

**Sunday April 26th:** **Ronda Loop (distance: 59/71 mi, vertical: 6,300/8,300 ft)**

Our first ride will be through the remote mountains of the Sierra de Grazalema National Park. Highlights are the scenic and quiet backroads and the Puerto de las Palomas Pass with great views. There is an easier shorter route available today and you won't have to decide which one to do until 49 miles in.

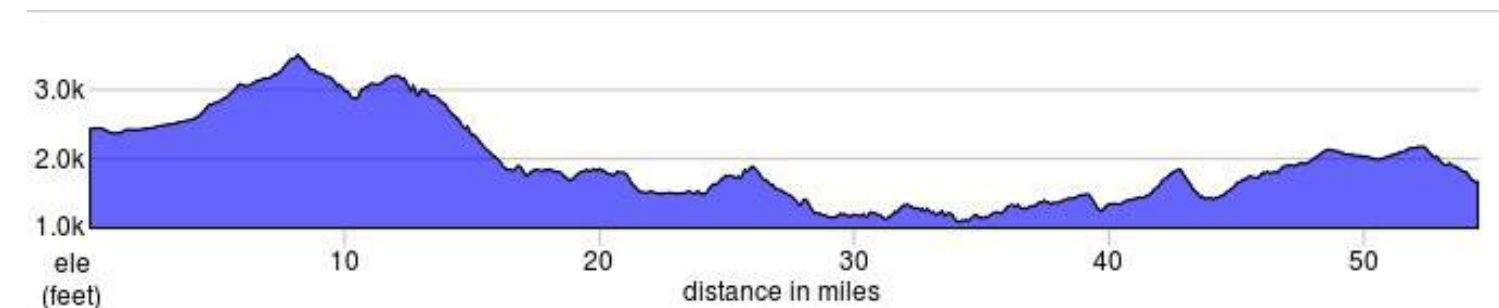


**Shorter option:**



**Monday April 27th:** **Ronda - Antequera (58 mi, 6,000 ft)**

Today we'll ride to Antequera, an ancient town that is considered to be one of the architectural gems of Andalusia. We'll stop for lunch at a restaurant in a beautiful spot overlooking a lake. The scenery is very diverse today, with mountains, lakes, rivers and picturesque towns on the way.



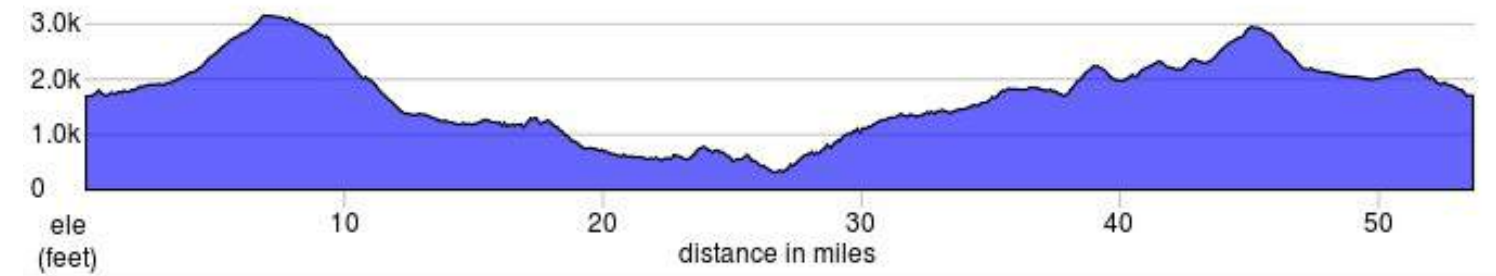


Comarca de Antequera

## Itinerary and Elevation Profiles (Continued)

### Tuesday April 28th: Antequera Loop (54 mi, 6,000 ft)

Like yesterday, we'll start our day with a climb. After that, we'll be heading towards the coast, so it is mostly downhill until we turn inland again. It is mostly uphill on the way back, but luckily there are a few villages on the road to stop for a coffee or a snack. We are planning to be back in Antequera by mid afternoon so you'll have some time to explore the town after the ride.



### Wednesday April 29th: Rest Day in Granada

In the morning, a private bus will take us to Granada. It is a 1.5 hours drive.

There is no scheduled ride today and you'll be free to spend the day as you wish. We highly recommend a visit to the world famous Alhambra palace and Granada's old town.



Alhambra



Granada Market



Ronda Loop



Pico Veleta

## Itinerary and Elevation Profiles (Continued)

### Thursday April 30th: Pico Veleta (50 mi, 6,700 ft)

The big day! We'll ride the highest paved road in Europe which goes (almost) all the way to the Pico Veleta at 11,148', although it is unlikely to be rideable above 9,000ft due to remaining snow cover. The last stretch is out-and-back so you can turn around whenever you like.



Antequera Loop

### Friday May 1st: Granada - Malaga (81 mi, 7,500 ft)

We'll be heading to the coast today. Along the way we will pass the magnificent town of Alhama de Granada. It is known for its hot springs, but chances are that we won't need those in May. Of course there's some climbing to be done although we'll be descending 2,000 ft more than we're climbing. The descent into Malaga is a cyclist's dream!



### Saturday May 2nd: Malaga Loop (29 mi, 3,700 ft)

The Puerto del Leon is a pass close to Malaga with great views over the sea and the city. A great way to finish the trip. We'll be back at the hotel before lunch to give you time to pack your bike in the afternoon. We'll have a celebratory dinner in the evening to mark the end of our tour.



### Sunday May 3rd: Flight home

Time to fly home! Our private bus will take us to the airport in the morning.



Ronda

## Why BikePlusTours?

Experience in organizing group cycling trips in Europe since 2002  
Routes that combine famous climbs with beautiful local byways  
Owners Carolyn and Pieter personally guide you  
Small group size  
Great value

## Our package includes:

- Group bus transfer from/to Malaga Airport for you, your luggage and your bike
- Support vehicle during the rides and Carolyn and Pieter guiding on bikes
- 8 nights of \*\*\*/\*\*\*\* hotel accommodation on the basis of a double room (single rooms available with a surcharge)
- All breakfasts and dinners
- Water, snacks and fruit on the rides
- Laminated stage sheets with ride details and altitude profiles
- GPS files of all rides

## Excluded items:

- Flights to and from Malaga Airport
- Travel and medical insurance
- Lunches, drinks, gratuities and personal expenses

**Price:** \$2,995 per person in a shared double room, single room surcharge: \$695

Please e-mail Carolyn and Pieter for more information and booking:  
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Pico Veleta

We reserve the right to change this itinerary due to availability of accommodation, road closures, weather or other unexpected circumstances.

Our trips are catered to experienced cyclists with excellent bike handling skills. We ride rain or shine. You will be required to complete all rides by bike. Van transfer is not available except in case of an emergency.



## About BikePlusTours

We are a small company owned and operated by Carolyn and Pieter Maessen.

BikePlusTours was born out of a desire to share our love for cycling on the great mountain roads of Europe with our guests. We have been organizing group cycling trips since 2002 and we feel very lucky that our hobby has become our profession.

Pieter has been a cyclist all his life. He has competed in junior and elite races in his native Netherlands as well as in Belgium, Germany and the USA. Although more of a classics rider than a climber, Pieter has had a passion for cycling in the mountains ever since riding up Passo dello Stelvio at age 16.

Carolyn has had a lot of success as a triathlete. She was a sponsored athlete for seven years and has won races in every distance from sprint to Ironman. She has competed in World Championships in Ironman in Kona (Hawaii), Ironman 70.3 in Las Vegas (Nevada) and Sprint Triathlon in London (UK).

Please get in touch with us if you would like more information about our trips.

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