

Extremadura on bike

Extremadura is a true natural paradise dotted with chestnut, oak, cork oak and holm oak forests, with large mountain ranges and deep valleys such as Jerte or Ambroz, providing a contrast with the cereal plains of La Serena and the fertile plains of rivers such as Alagón or Guadiana. In addition to its high level of environmental protection, with up to sixty protected natural spaces led by the Monfragüe National Park, the Villuercas-Ibores-Jara geopark or the Cornalvo and the Tagus International natural parks, it offers a wonderful setting for outdoor sports.

And if you like to enjoy nature and sport to its full capacity, especially of your mountain bike, you are at the right place: there are over two thousand kilometres of roads, trails and tracks in Extremadura to explore on bike. Some are universal, recognised through history and their outstanding beauty; many others yet to be discovered.

An area to roll and enjoy the scenery, to get closer to its people and immerse yourself in their culture and heritage on a bike. In Extremadura you'll find new challenges, you will feel the satisfaction of meeting them and overcome your marks time and again.

On your way back will leave behind the milestones of Vía de la Plata, you can get from Europe via the Eurovelo network of roads, leave your track on the long distance routes spread across our region, or find a track that fits you at any of our MTB centres.

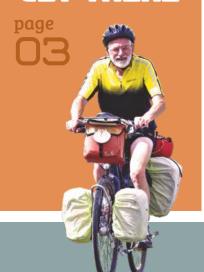
Extremadura is sport and nature, where the food is gourmet and the goals are monumental sites or protected natural spaces. Here distances don't matter and your great moment in Extremadura may appear at any time.

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...is MTB

HOW TO GET THERE

Extremadura is located in the west of Spain and its extensive network of roads and motorways allows you to travel comfortably by private or rented car, undoubtedly the option that gives you more freedom to know each and every one of its corners.

Distance (km) By road	Madrid	Barcelona	Sevilla	Lisboa
Badajoz	404	1026	210	228
Cáceres	297	919	267	314
Mérida	344	965	191	287
Plasencia	248	870	341	392



The Renfe Mid Distance train network provides passenger transport service by train in Extremadura and it links this community with Andalusia, Castilla La Mancha and Madrid. There is a route which goes from Mérida to Seville; that links Badajoz, Cáceres and Madrid; another route that links Badajoz, Mérida, Ciudad Real, Madrid, and yet another route which connects Zafra to Huelva.

www.renfe.es



If you are coming to Extremadura from Madrid or eastern Spain, take the **A-5** motorway. This motorway will take you to Trujillo, Mérida, and Badajoz before it enters Portugal.

On this motorway, you will be able to go to Guadeloupe or Plasencia and northern Extremadura if you take the exit near Navalmoral de la Mata (EX-A1). To reach Cáceres take the exit near Trujillo (A-58). And from Mérida you may go south to the municipalities of southern Extremadura.

If you are arriving from the north or the south, take the **A-66** motorway which runs through the region from north to south. **N-110** is also an important gateway which runs from Ávila or Segovia up to Plasencia across the Jerte Valley.



It is located in the municipality of Talavera la Real, 14 kilometres from Badajoz. There are regular flights to Madrid and Barcelona, as well as to other cities during specific times of the year. The airport has a shopping area, car rental companies, free 24 hours public parking and a taxi stand.

www.aena.es



NATURE TRAILS





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SHORT AND MID
DISTANCE ROUTES







DE LA PLATA

(The Silver Route)





VÍAS

(Green Routes)









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www.zinaztli.blogspot.com





The last paradise



CORRIDOR NATURE TRAIL

CÁCERES-BADAJOZ





You will discover remote protected areas where the fauna shall hardly stop by your footsteps; so much amount of water that you won't believe if you don't see it, the most fertile irrigated plains than you could imagine... and an "Augustus" historical heritage.



ROUTE DATA

MAP



DATA



326 kms



2,1%



15 towns

STAGES







🕞 49,3 km 🛮 🔥 4 h and 15 min











Stage 3

















Stage 5

Stage 4





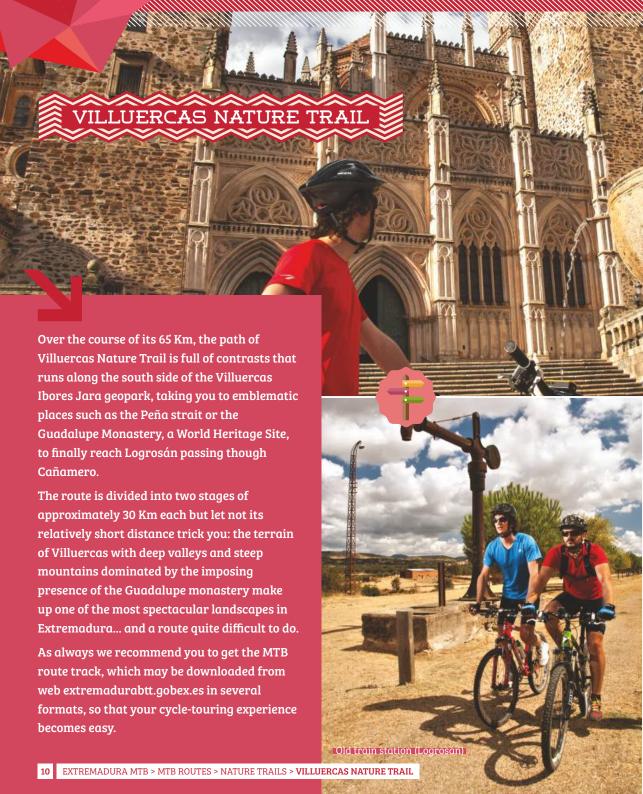


Stage 6













Las Villuercas Nature Trail also lets you link to the Vegas del Guadiana-Villuercas Green Way, which will lead you up to Villanueva de La Serena and the Guadiana Nature Trail. Also treading along the Geopark Path, it will in turn connect you to the Tagus Nature Trail: Keep biking!





MAP



DATA

68,4 kms

2 stages

5 towns

STAGES

Stage 1

🗪 34,8 km 🛮 🔥 2 h and 50 min

Guadalupe

Stage 2

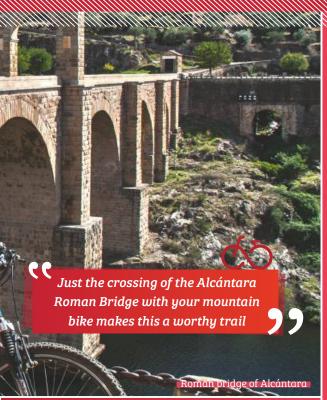


33,6 km 🐧 3 hours



VILLUERCAS NATURE TRAIL < NATURE TRAILS < MTB ROUTES < EXTREMADURA MTB 11





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Don't hesitate, this is one of the best options you may have to explore the entire Cáceres province from east to west and visit the most emblematic protected natural areas in Extremadura.



ROUTE DATA







This corridor enables you to use the Cáceres-Tagus Nature Trail link, to unite this last route with the Guadiana Nature Trail, thus creating a trail hub between the two great journeys for MTB in Extremadura.





MAP



DATA

110 kms



2 stages



5 towns

STAGES

Stage 1



🕞 53,2 km 🔥 3 h and 45 min

Stage 2



🕞 57,1 km 🛮 🔥 4 h and 15 min

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The Vía de La Plata, which runs from Seville to Gijón, was one of the main roads that provided transportation in Hispania during the Roman Empire, crossing the peninsula from south to north.

A path use dover the centuries by the Visigoths, Muslims, Sephardic Jews and Christians that has continued to play an important role in the transportation network of the Iberian peninsula even to day.

5 stages

10 preserved areas

2 World Heritage Sites





Zinaztli

Its characteris more natural compared to the

"manufactured" roads of the French route. The natural and landscape wealth is beyond doubt. More over, it has that pilgrim environment which give sit its charm.





VÍA DE LA PLATA

The oldest of the roads... a new experience.

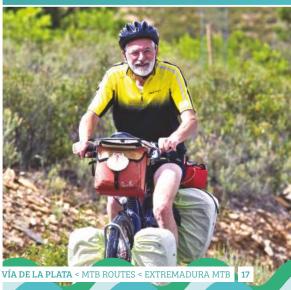


Blog Bicigrino

The Vía de La Plata is great adventure and if you've "mastered" the

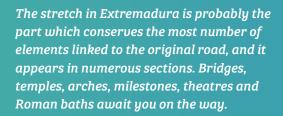
French Route previously you can check for yourself that you are on one of the most beautiful and spectacular cycletourism routes.

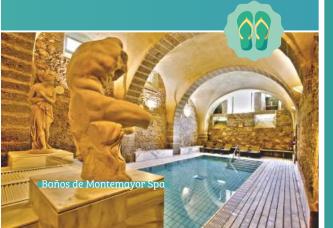
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ROUTE DATA

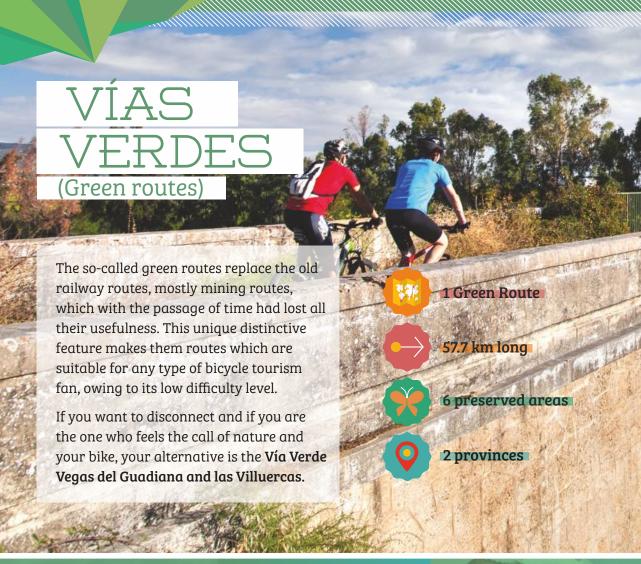




Stage 1



→ 47,3 km 🔥 2 h and 30 min

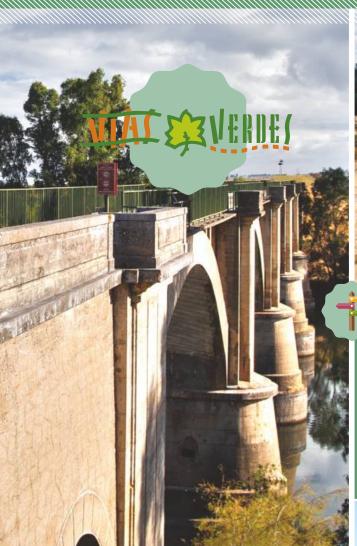






stretch and fairly level roads makes it ideal for all sorts of public.







VÍA VERDE VEGAS DEL GUADIANA AND LAS VILLUERCAS

Biking along the irrigation areas of Extremadura

EL DIARIO VASCO

The Route is an extremely spectacular option, as it criss crosses through meadows, wetlands, and crops. The

Green Route connects the provinces of Cáceres and Badajoz and enters into the largest wintering area of cranes coming from north Europe.

Recommendable!

Ten getaways to disconnect in Extremadura
www.diariovasco.com





This railway line project was started during the the twenties with a plan to connect Villanueva de La Serena and Talavera de la Reina, i.e. the river beds of the Tagus and Guadiana. However it never came to operate and its construction was definitively abandoned in the sixties.

Converted into a Green Route its current path connects the railway stations of Villanueva de La Serena, in Badajoz province and Logrosán, a town located inside the Villuercas-Ibores-Jara geopark of Cáceres province whose remarkable mining past may be know by visiting the Costanaza mine and its interpretation centre.

The 57.7 km. route passes through corn, rice and fruit trees fields of the Guadiana river plans, a surprising fertile landscape which each year attracts thousands of wintering birds, especially the tall cranes, therefore it has several environmental protection measures put in place. We're sure here you will discover a very different Extremadura.





Visit to the interepretation centre and the Costanaza mine ROUTE DATA

MAP



Despite the fact that it is a long route, it is very convenient to traverse, as its average slope is barely over 1%. But if you want more, you may connect with the Natural Path of Villuercas at Logrosán or with the Guadiana at Villanueva de La Serena.



DATA AND PROFILE

→ 57,7 km

1 stage



1,2%

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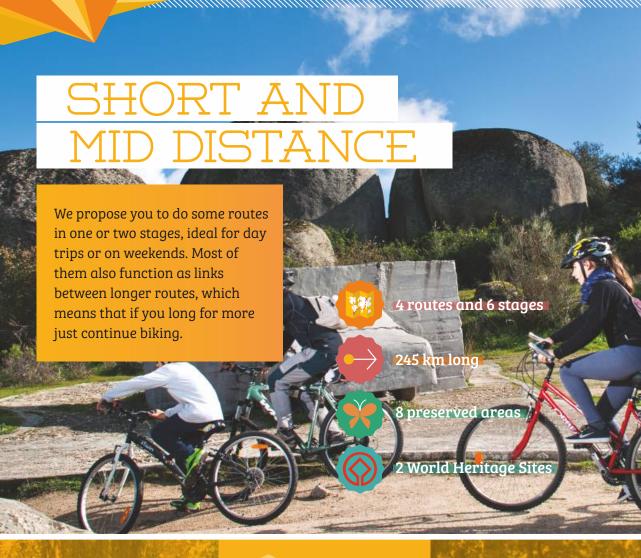
4 towns



3 h and 45 min

Logrosán

Villanueva de la Serena







Numerous stork nests on large granite boulders

and many horses welcome us to the Barruecos Natural Monument.

Cáceres-Barruecos Circular www.oscarylolaenbici.blogspot.com



CÁCERES-LOS BARRUECOS CIRCULAR

Los Barruecos natural monument, a unique spot

PASSAGE THROUGH **GEOPARK**

History, nature and geology at Villuercas and Ibores

CÁCERES - NATURAL PATH OF THE TAGUS LINK

Roman milestones and steppe birds



Peña los Perdíos (Don Benito)

What in principle became a proposal which emerged almost by accident, finally became a reality on a Saturday

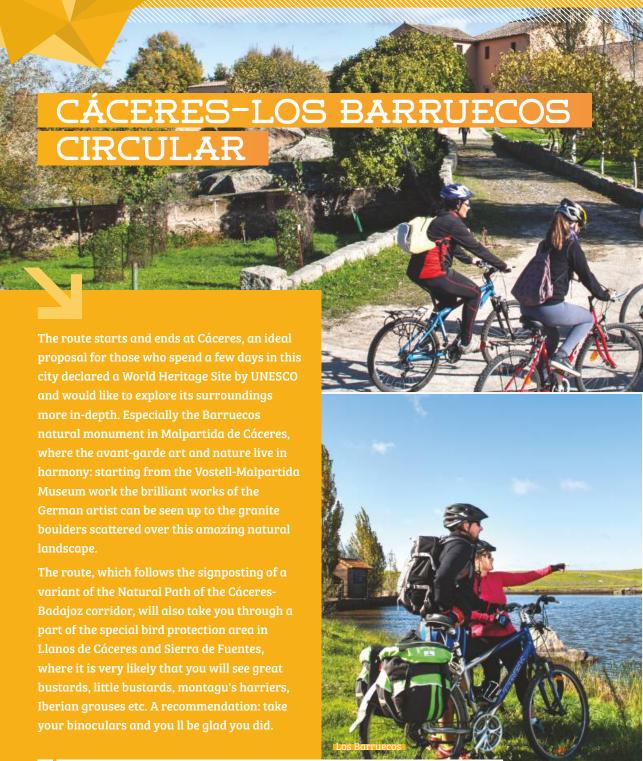
in mid-September.

The so-called **Transerena or King's Path** would become a long but an unforgettable day for 15 mates.

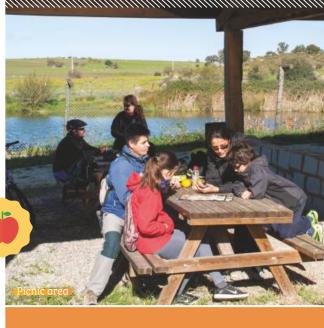
www.mtblosperdios.blogspot.com

TRANSERENA

Castles, mountains and plains: La Serena region on MTB







ROUTE DATA



how you will be able to follow it as signposted. However download its track from www.extremadurabtt.com to make it a lot more clear.

Path of Cáceres-Badajoz corridor, this is



DATA AND PROFILE

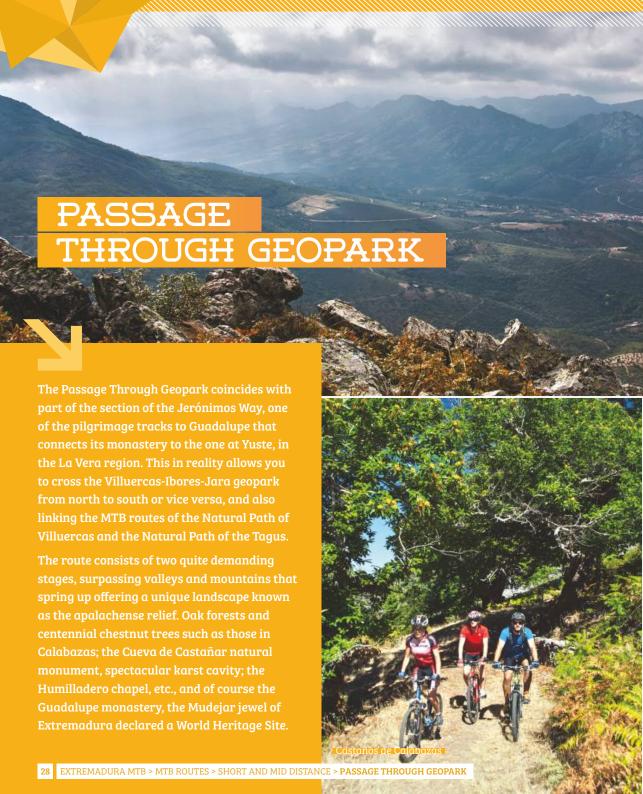
→ 56,2 km → 1 stage / 1,1 %







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This route has everything: geology, exuberant flora, unique fauna, pilgrim tradition, historical heritage, culture, etc., and a few respectable slopes. But you may be rest assured that it will be worth the effort.



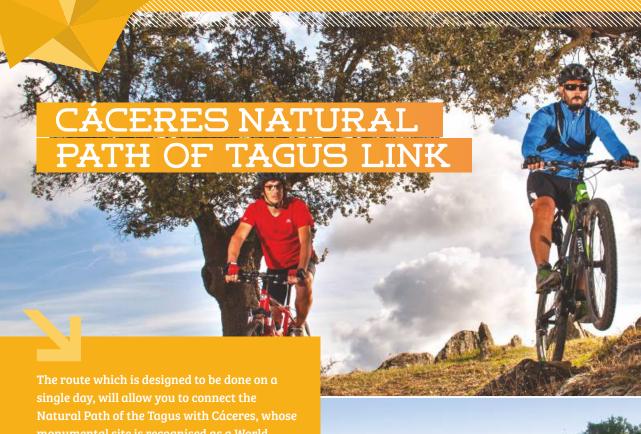


ROUTE DATA



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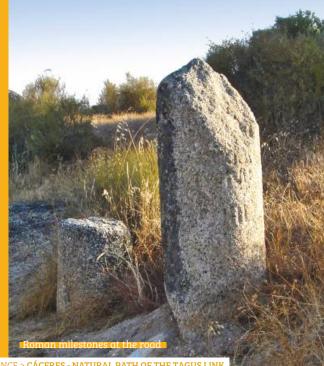
Guadalupe



Heritage Site by UNESCO.

It is also a good option to do a round trip from the capital of Cáceres thus getting to know a stretch of the Via de la Plata, with whose path it coincides for the most part and the Roman milestones that it still conserves. Almost the entire route also runs along the boundary of the protected natural area of Llanos de Cáceres and Sierra de Fuentes, therefore if you make the effort to take an interest in it you will have many opportunities to observe steppe birds such as great bustards.

And don't forget that you'll pass by Casar de Cáceres, the town which is the cradle of our internationally famous cheese: torta del Casar. It is well worth a stop.





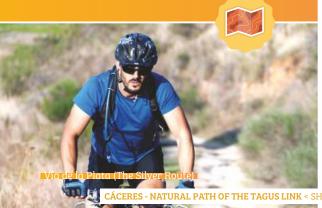


ROUTE DATA

MAP



Except while going out of Cáceres the route follows the path of the Vía de la Plata, thus you may follow its signposting. However we recommend you to download the MTB track from www.extremadurabtt.com



DATA AND PROFILE



🕇 1 stage







Camino Natural del Tajo



have the gastronomic fare, with star products such as Castuera turrón or the La Serena



One of the advantages offered by this route, apart from its many attractions, is that it will allow you to connect from Villanueva de

La Serena to Vía Verde Vegas del Guadiana and Villuercas or with the Natural Path of

the Guadiana.



MAP



DATA







2,6 %



STAGES

Stage 1





→ 56,8 km 🐧 4 h and 45 min

Capilla

Castuera

Stage 2









Castuera

Villanueva de la Serena

TRANSERENA < SHORT AND MID DISTANCE < MTB ROUTES < EXTREMADURA MTB 33





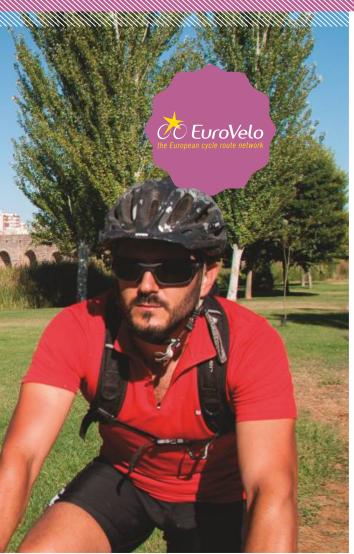


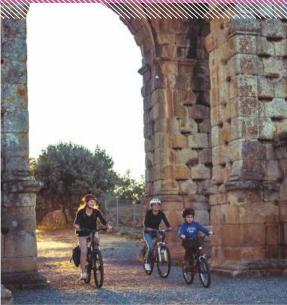
Blog: 2 people cycling On the quiet paths of Extremadura

observe interesting birds such as the common stork and the black vulture. etc. What a beautiful place!

www.2peoplecycling.com By Jan-Willem and Saskia







EUROVELO-1 (EV1) THE ATLANTIC ROUTE

Extremadura from north to south

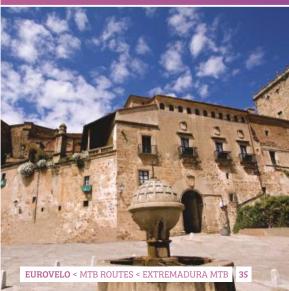


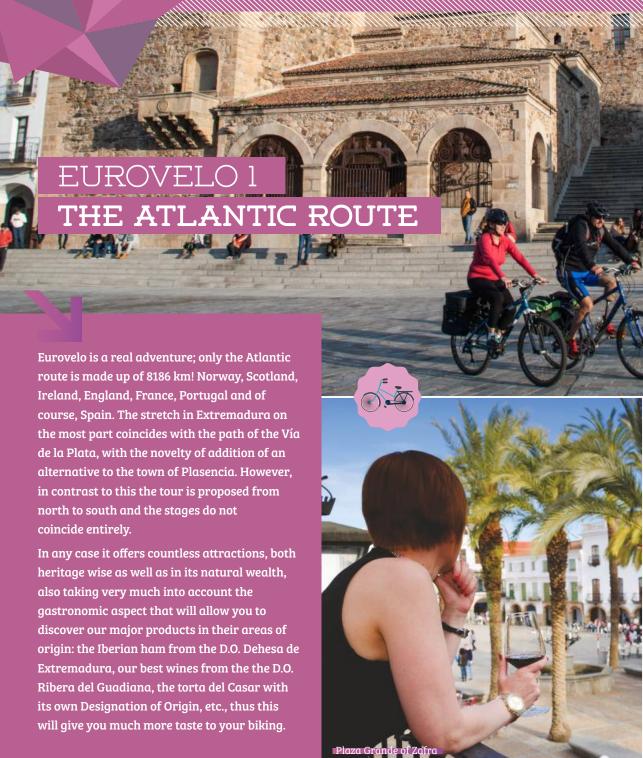
Journal of the Traveller Eurovelo: Europe by bicycle

Eurovelo consists of 14 long-distance routes that pass through the entire European continent. The physical

effort, paused visit, at our own pace, without doubt, will add more to your biking experience. A good way to forget about the car and to merge into the landscape.

www.diariodelviajero.com By Enric Cardona







The alternative route to the town of Plasencia offers new attractions to the route. In "El camino en datos" we analyse it with this option, although, as always, if you want all the information and tracks you may get if from www.extremadurabtt.com



ROUTE DATA

MAP



DATA



2,9 %



5 stages

23 towns

STAGES

Stage 1



→ 57,3 km



(§) 2 h and 55 min

Baños de Montemayor



→ 89,3 km



Plasencia Stage 3

Stage 2







Cáceres

Mérida

Stage 4







🔥 3 h and 15 min

Mérida Stage 5







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THE ATLANTIC ROUTE < EUROVELO < MTB ROUTES < EXTREMADURA MTB

MTB

CENTRES

An MTB centre is an information, guidance and help point for mountain biking, associated with an equipped tourist area (MTB space) where in their surroundings, the lovers of this activity may supplement it by practising various other kinds of activities such as trekking, horse riding, birding, etc.

Equipment approved by IMBA (International Mountain Bicycling Association) and therefore it complies with the minimum requirements in terms of beaconing and signalling of the routes, information about them and their classification according to the level of difficulty that sportsmen will be able to obtain at each one of these centres.

In short, an area open to all those interested in nature and in practising sports, with special interest in MTB fans.







Whatever be your level, the MTB Centre will allow you to discover some of the most beautiful landscapes and ride safely: the green, blue, red or black colours determine the demanding nature of the routes from easy to hard.



MTB SERVICES

- A minimum of one hundred kilometres of routes for all levels of difficulty.
- Circuits mapped and marked, based on the degree of difficulty.
- Reception points that offer biking services.
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You may find all the updated information about the MTB Centres on our website along with information, material, photos and downloadable tracks.

www.extremadurabtt.com





JERTE VALLEY MTB CENTRE

The centre which is approved by **IMBA** (International Mountain Bicycling

Association), comprises of 6 routes designed to use for mountain biking. A total of 160 km signposted that will allow you to discover some of the most picturesque and characteristic places of the Jerte valley, one of the most spectacular regions of Extremadura. Its paths also will allow you to travel between the different towns of the valley.



160 Km of signposted routes

6 differentiated routes

Reception and information point

Downloadable materials on each route

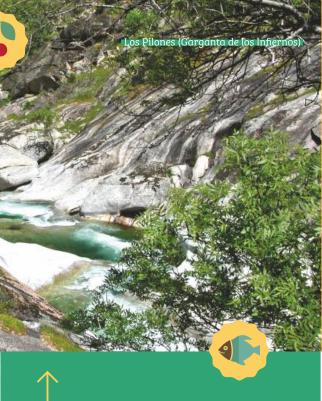




An area where you will find all the information for mountain biking in the Valle del Jerte region.

centro-btt-valle-del-jerte.blogspot.com.es



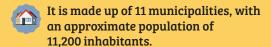


There are plenty of cold and crystal clear water gorges in the valley that are born in the dividing mountains. The most visited for its spectacular beauty is the Garganta de losInfiernos natural reserve and its scenery known as the Pylons: routes 3 and 4 will let you explore the area.

www.turismovalledeljerte.com



OTHER INFORMATION JERTE VALLEY



- The valley has 15 natural pools spread across the area.
- The Garganta de los Infiernos natural reserve is the most visited protected area of Extremadura only behind the Monfragüe National Park.
- The Cherry Blossom festival has been declared a Festival of National Tourist Interest.



SIERRA DE GATA MTB CENTRE

This MTB Centre will help you to practice mountain biking in one of the most beautiful and authentic regions of Extremadura: the Sierra de Gata region. Its terrain, diverse range of flora and fauna, abundance of water and mild climate, make the landscape of Sierra de Gata a perfect scenario for biking and to explore deep into its valleys or to make the summits of its tough peaks.





SERVICES PROVIDED:



10 differentiated routes

Reception and information point

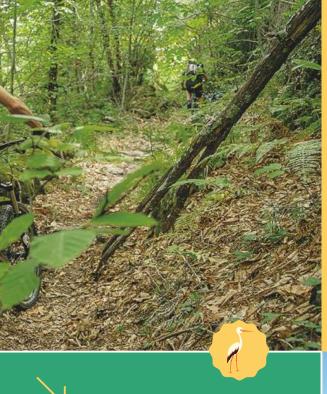
Downloadable materials on each route



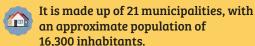


An area where you will find all the information for mountain biking in the Sierra de Gata region.

senderos.sierradegata.org



OTHER INFORMATION SIERRA DE GATA



- 5 of its towns have been declared as Heritage of Cultural Interest under the Historical Site category.
- A vernacular language known as A Fala is used in several villages of Sierra de Gata.
- Almost all towns have natural pools.

Sierra de Gata has been declared as a special bird protection area for its great ornithological interest, but its botanical, mycological or landscape values are not far behind.

www.turisgata.com





Visit the website:

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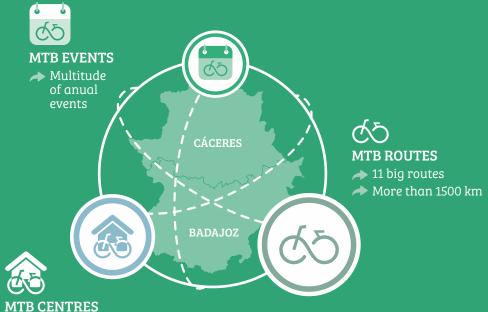
Welcome to the new ExtremaduraBTT website, you will find everything you need, routes, MTB centres, lodgings... and much more!



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- → 16 routes
- → 393 km

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