



Type Difficult

Duration 5 days cycling + 2 days transfers



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- Diversity of the landscape
- Personal Challenge
- Traditional gastronomy



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“You and Guilherme are superb Ambassadors of your beautiful country. Portugal will no longer be just a name on a map to us. We are forever connected to this very special place that we hope to return to again and again.”

Ronni & Toba

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Programme

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Day 1

Arrival

Arrival at Lisbon Airport and transfer to Hotel Casino de Chaves

Transfer will be made during the afternoon at 10h00. Once we arrived at the hotel, we'll prepare your bikes to ensure it will be perfectly suited for the next days – You'll have full support on this task with our experienced staff.

After the bike fitting we'll be doing a briefing about the Tour, followed by dinner at the Hotel.

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Night at Hotel Casino de Chaves

Day 2

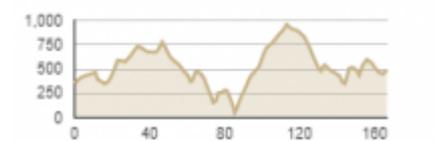
Douro Region

The Mythic National 2 stage 1 starts from Chaves, a city located really close to the portuguese northern boarder with spain and it's where the National Road N2 has its Km 0 landmark.

The 1st part of this stage will take the riders trough successive ups and downs without major difficulties, crossing the norther landscape of Trás-os-Montes region until they reach the city of Vila Real. The next kilometers will be spent pedaling between the sloped terraced ground of vineyards so characteristic of the Alto Douro Vinhateiro region, the oldest controled wine region known in the world and considered World Heritage by UNESCO. This will lead the caravan to the Douro river crossing in the city of Peso da Régua right before the gradient starts increasing towards the city of Lamego that will be welcoming the participants riding literely trough the beautiful sanctuary od Nossa Senhora dos Remédios. The climbing goes on until reaching the Mézio summit, with its 1000mt of elevation located in the Montemuro mountain. The last part will be mstly going down, with a few minor climbs until Viseu, the city that welcomes the finish of this demanding firs stage.

Night at Montebelo Hotels & Resorts

Stage: 179km



Day 3

Mondego River

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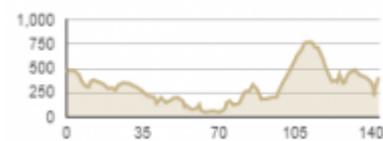
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Viseu is the start line for the second day of this challenge and we will have to ride through the mainly flat roads of this district for the first third of the stage before they hit the banks of the Mondego river after the Aguieira dam. After a few kilometers riding along the longest portuguese river comes the climb leaving from its valley towards Poiaras acting as a warm up to a longer ascent, leaving from Góis and crossing the Lousã mountain. Both considered the main difficulties of the day. Pedrógão Grande will host the finish line for the day where the "warriors" will have their deserved rest over the great lake of the Cabril dam.

Night at Hotel da Montanha

Stage: 164km



Day 4

Easy stage

This will, allegedly, be the easiest day of this tour.

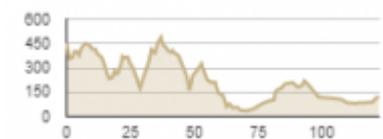
After following the Zêzere river for the first kilometers, we will gradually leave the northern and center mountains of Portugal and get into the flatter landscapes of the Alentejo, not before climbing to the mainland portuguese geodesic center located at the Milriça peak right before the town of Vila de Rei.

The city of Abrantes and most of all, the river Tejo crossing will deeply mark the change in the scenery that surrounds the N2 road.

The last part of the stage will face some of the flattest section of the entire course and the riders will be easy rolling to another dam in Montargil where everybody will have the chance to enjoy some extra free time, provided by this shorter and faster stage, to recover for the following two stages.

Night at Hotel Lago Montargil Villas

Stage: 108km



Day 5

Alentejo countryside

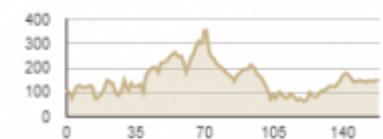
The story of this stage is marked by the unique Alentejo landscape.

The apparently flat profile for the day doesn't make justice to the toughness of the ride and we will experience in the flesh as they progress in the stage, that idea of the Alentejo being flat is a myth.

The constantly undulating road framed by sunflowers fields colouring the horizon, cork tree forests and golden plains of cereals as large as the eye can see, will take us to the small town of Ervidel. At this point the today's course will leave the N2 to do a small connection to the accommodation that will host the caravan on this day.

Night at Vila Galé Campo

Stage: 163km



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Day 6

Into the Algarve

The last day will start by doing the same connection as the day before that will take us to Ervidel and back on the N2.

The typical Alentejo landscape and its white painted houses will continue to dominate the scenery while we cross some emblematic places such as Aljustrel, Castro Verde or Almodôvar. Continuing heading south and the race will enter the Algarve and with that, another significant change in the tour. The mountains are back to challenge the cyclists for the last big difficulty of the Mythical National 2 Road. The climb that will take us through the Caldeirão mountain will end shortly after we pass at Barranco do Velho, an iconic place where some of the editions of the Volta a Portugal were decided, right before the downhill to São Brás de Alportel that continues to Faro, where the N2 road will end, as everyone can confirm as soon as the Km 738 landmark shows on the side of the road right in the center of the city. However, a sign with the indication to Chaves and the distance of 738,5 km can be found not far from there meaning this can be the start point for a journey through the Mythic National Road 2. The Ria Formosa, bathing the capital of the Algarve and bringing to the city the breeze and water from the Atlantic Ocean, will be the perfect place to end this tour that took us through an entire country on the longest and mythic road of Portugal.

Night at Hotel Faro

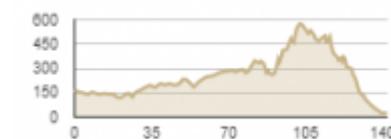
Stage: 148km

Day 7

Departure

After breakfast it's time to say goodbye to Algarve. A transfer* will be made to the Faro Airport at 10h00.

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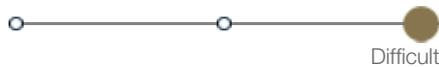
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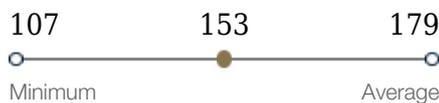
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Type



Distance/day



Total distance (km)

762

Total altimetry

D+9820

Duration



Trails



100% Tar

Bike Type

Road bike



Dates 2017

- 20th May, 2018 - 26th May 2018

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Details

What is included on the Guided

- 5 Lunches (water and wine with responsible consumption included)
- 6 Breakfasts
- 6 A la carte dinners, drinks included (water, and wine in moderate consumption)
- During dinner, the wine included is a suggestion of the maitre, different beverages request should be paid as an extra directly by the client
- 6 Nights in double accommodation
- Water, coffee along the route
- Extra activities described on the programme
- Bike and helmet
- English speaking guides
- Full maintenance and technical assistance during the tour
- Backpack, water bottle, bike jersey, casual polo and luggage tags with Bike Tours Portugal Logo
- 5 Snacks (Cereal bars, dry fruits and waters)
- Insurance
- Concierge services for spa reservations and other additional services
- Transportation service within a 10km radius are included (dinners outside the hotel not mentioned, extra activities not mentioned and lost objects pick up over 10km are subject to an extra quotation)
- Arrival transfer lisbon airport – 1st hotel)Aeroporto Lisboa, at 15h on fixed departures
- Departure transfer (last hotel – lisbon airport, at 10h00 on fixed departures
- If you intend to arrive or depart from a different Airport or with a different schedule, please contact us to quote and organize your transfer
- Van 24h/7 for luggage transportation (hotel-to-hotel and full technical support vehicle along the tour – the van is at a 15 minutes distance for any eventuality)
- Sag vehicle along the way please contact us for a quotation

Not included on the Guided

- Lunches on day one and day 7 (transfer days)
- Extra equipment non specified as included
- Bike shorts and shoes
- Air fares
- Transportation service over a 10km radius are subject to an extra quotation
- Gratuities
- Mini-bar and extra consumptions not mentioned on the programme
- SPA treatments

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Included on the Self Guided

- 5 Breakfasts
- 5 Nights in double accommodation
- Bike and helmet
- Mini-Pump, Saddle Bag
- Quick tyre repair kit (spare inner tube and multi-tool kit)
- GPS with with route and POI's
- Spot Me location device
- Cell phone for emergencies
- Full maintenance and technical assistance during the tour
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Road Bike (carbon upgrade available) Brand : Scott

Model : Speedster 40

Frame : Aluminium

Fork : Scott Carbon

Crankset : Shimano Sora (50 /34 T)

Drivetrain : Shimano Sora

Shifters : Shimano Sora

Brakes : Tektro

Saddle : Syncros

Pedals : Clipless Pedals (Shimano SPD-SL or Look Compatible)

Tires : 700C x 23

Frame Sizes : XS / S / M / L / XL

Available Accessories :

GPS

Clipless Pedals

Saddle Bag

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Why choose us?

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“Luxury on Two Wheels” means what it says: Unforgettable, premium cycling experiences, where no expense is spared to offer you the most exclusive lodgings; gourmet cuisine that deliciously combines tradition with innovation; genuine points of interest; the kind of personal service only possible with small groups; and highly customized, educational cycling routes.

Last but not least, our Tours are not only family-friendly but family-oriented: from the choice of accessories that range from tandem bikes to baby chairs, to our selection of routes that are accessible enough to be made by beginner cyclists, every detail of our Tours was carefully designed with family and friends in mind. Whether a member of your group is 8 or 80, he or she will certainly enjoy our rides with minimum effort and complete comfort.

We're sure you'll compare us to others. We actually hope you do, as you'll quickly realize the differences between a “Cycling Holiday” and “Luxury on Two Wheels”.

Our team

From customer support to route planning, on-tour bike repair and gourmet picnics, everyone in our team is passionate about Portugal, Cycling, and making your stay nothing less than spectacular.

Our Vans

Luxury on the Road

Our trailers were custom-built to be the perfect partner for all our Guided Tours. Not only can they hold all necessary bikes and equipment, they also have plenty of space for our client's luggage. A fully-equipped kitchen, water closet, built-in repair shop and wi-fi hotspot complete our 'hotel on the road'.



Our Vans

Premium Support

Used in both our Guided and Self-Guided Tours, our Vans holds up to 8 passengers and their luggage, and 8 bicycles. Equipped with a mini-bar, double air conditioning, 12V USB charger and wi-fi hotspot, it's a perfect companion for all our Tours.



Get in touch. We're happy to help!

