

## Andalucian Cycling Adventure

This trip took place from September 13 to 26, 2009. It was organized by Cycleventures and was very ably led by Al Pittar with assistance from Linda and Mike Winter. There were 9 cycling days and 4 rest days that gave time to enjoy some of the great historical sites and scenes in Ronda, Granada and Cordoba. We arrived a few days early to explore Sevilla.

This was billed, correctly, as a Level III trip. Some of the distances were long, especially considering the mountainous terrain and occasional bad road surfaces. Even the shortest day (a “short cut” from El Chorro to Antequera) turned out to be very demanding, with poor road conditions and climbs that were exceeded, on a per kilometer basis, by those on only one other day. But the scenery was generally stunning and the weather was surprisingly cooperative – cooler and cloudier than expected, with occasional instances of rain and thundershowers.

The basic trip data as recorded by my GPS are shown in the table, and the same information is shown on a graph on the following page.

**Andalucia Trip Summary Data**

	<b>Distance (km)</b>	<b>Total Climb (m)</b>
<b>Sevilla to Arcos</b>	93	579
<b>Arcos to Ronda</b>	103	1,865
<b>Ronda to El Chorro</b>	60	873
<b>El Chorro to Antequera</b>	45	876
<b>Antequera to Alhama</b>	105	2,300
<b>Alhama to Granada</b>	65	730
<b>Granada to Zagrilla</b>	96	1,315
<b>Zagrilla to Cordoba</b>	94	1,147
<b>Cordoba to Carmona</b>	106	669
<b>Total</b>	767	10,354

You can download the “kmz” file at the following link and open it in Google Earth to follow a track of the entire journey.

[http://qed.econ.queensu.ca/pub/faculty/flatters/writings/ff\\_andalucia\\_summary.kmz](http://qed.econ.queensu.ca/pub/faculty/flatters/writings/ff_andalucia_summary.kmz)

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