

Drive Espana

Algarve in Autumn 2019 Great Driving, Great Hotels, Historic Racing and a Trackday!! 27 October - 10 November

October and November might be wet, cold and blustery in the UK but it usually isn't in Spain and Portugal and the 2019 Algarve Tour may be your last opportunity to get the hood down and feel the warmth of the sun.

We've put together a trip which will give great driving, great hotels, stunning scenery and a range of fun things to do. Spanish and Portuguese roads are in the main very quiet and where we're going, great fun to drive on! We've continued our process or ringing the changes so there are new stops to change the mix and some the same to maintain the highlights. Recently after the very first day's driving a participant exclaimed **"I've just driven down the best road on the planet!"**

Starting with a crossing from Portsmouth to Bilbao on the high speed Cap Finistere, we get an early arrival at Bilbao so there's plenty of time for a scenic run through the Picos de Europa mountains before our first stop at the five star Hacienda Zorita at Salamanca. Salamanca is a wonderful medieval city and we have two nights at Zorita; previous guests include Christopher Columbus

Our next stop is at Merida, a world heritage city and the site of the best preserved Roman ruins in Iberia, the emperor Trajan was Spanish! Then on to Alvor on the Algarve Coast where we have three nights at the Alvor Praia hotel, just 20 mins drive from Portimao circuit. The drive to Alvor involves one of Spain's great driving roads so if you like the 'twisties' you'll feel really at home

We are organising VIP hospitality and passes for the Historic Racing Festival. It will be a great couple of days at a superb circuit with great racing. There will be historic sports cars, single seaters and vintage cars racing on both days and an amble around the paddock is a great experience. We hope to be parking in the paddock at Portimao. There may be parade laps as well.

After the racing we're off to La Puerta de Santa Maria for a night at the stylish Port Sherry hotel—just over the bay from Cadiz This is a marina side stop and like everywhere near Cadiz, the light is wonderful After Ronda it's two nights at a wonderful new hotel in the mountains of the Sierra Nevada and a full and exclusive track day at the Circuito de Guadix. Here, with an English team, safety is the best and the circuit never bores. Lewis Hamilton trained at Guadix in his early days and a large number of well known drivers and teams test there all year round.

Sooner or later we have to head for home, so we've organised a great drive; from Granada we head to Toledo for a great view and great city and then skirt Madrid for our last night in the wonderful town of Lerma where we stay in a C17th Ducal Palace before our Saturday evening ferry home

The trip will be limited to 20 cars and Jasper Gilder will accompany this group.



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Sun 27th Oct	Late evening departure from Portsmouth on Brittany Ferries high speed ferry Cap Finistere for Bilbao via Roscoff
Tues 29th Oct	Arrive early in Bilbao then drive to Salamanca for two nights at Hacienda Zorita at Valverdon - a lovely watermill wine themed hotel (280 miles)
Thurs 31st Oct	Drive to Merida for an overnight at the Parador which is an 18th century convent in the heart of this world heritage city (180 miles)
Fri 1st Nov	Drive to Alvor in Portugal for 3 nights at the recently refurbished beach side Alvor Praia hotel, just 12 miles from Portimao Circuit. The drive today is a real drivers road, for mile after mile. We will have full circuit passes and hospitality on Saturday and Sunday (£245 miles)
Mon 4th Nov	Drive to El Puerto de Santa Maria for a night at the waterside Puerto Sherry (220 miles)
Tues 5th Nov	Drive to Durcal for 2 nights at Hotel El Senorio de Nevada, a beautiful new hotel in the heart of the Sierra Nevada. We've got a night out at a local Thai restaurant planned—it's a great place (195 miles)
Wed 6th Nov	Exclusive trackday at Circuito de Guadix; with a British team and very high standards we should be able to operate an open pit lane
Thurs 7th Nov	Drive to Toledo for a night at the Parador overlooking this wonderful world heritage city (245 miles)
Fri 8th Nov	Drive to Lerma for our last night at the Palace of the Duke of Lerma (225 miles)
Sat 9th Nov	Drive to Santander for evening departure (160 miles)
Sun 10th Nov	Mid evening arrival at Portsmouth

What is included

- ⇒ Ferry crossings with standard outside cabin (upgrades available at extra cost),
- ⇒ Overnight accommodation as described.
- ⇒ Passes and VIP hospitality on both days at Portimao
- ⇒ Dinner bed and breakfast at all hotels
- ⇒ Track day at Circuito de Guadix
- ⇒ Services of Jasper Gilder as tour leader
- ⇒ Map and Road book.

Price £3850 per car with driver and one passenger

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