

# Trans-Iberica



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**2855 km**

#### ROAD CONDITIONS

90% Asphalt  
10% Dirt but good roads

**Amazing scenery guaranteed**

#### CARS

**Pre-war, Vintage Classic cars until 1980. Limited to 25 cars**  
For all other types of vehicles or questions: **please contact us!**

- DAY 1** Arrival in Biarritz, France
- DAY 2** Biarritz - Bagnères de Bigorre
- DAY 3** Bagnères de Bigorre - Baqueira, Vielha
- DAY 4** Vielha - Boltaña
- DAY 5** Boltaña - Olite
- DAY 6** Olite - Monasterio de Piedra, Nuevalos
- DAY 7** Nuevalos - Cuenca
- DAY 8** Cuenca - Cazorla
- DAY 9** Cazorla - Cabo de Gata
- DAY 10** Cabo de Gata - Seniorio de Nevada
- DAY 11** Seniorio de Nevada - Bobadilla, Granada
- DAY 12** End

Destination Rally reserves the right for final decision on participation.

\*The routing and dates are subject to change without notice.



**2855 KM**  
**12 Days**  
**of exceptional**  
**scenic driving**

**Trans-Iberica** is an unforgettable classic car rally across the Iberian Peninsula using passes and secondary country roads rarely used. The itinerary starts near Biarritz and takes east through the mountain roads of the French Pyrenees, across the border to the Spanish foothills of the Pyrenees passing by Vielha to take west to the charming small town of Olite in northern Spain. From there, we aim south to explore the lesser-known areas of Huesca and Aragón with little traffic and excellent driving on exciting, winding roads accompanied by far-reaching views of hills, mountains, and lakes.

Continuation through the sensational landscape of the Parque Bardenas Reales with its rock formations, Europe's largest desert. Another one of the many highlights in the itinerary is Monasterio de Piedra, a natural park featuring countless waterfalls and currently one of the most amazing untouched places in Europe. We will pass some of the most beautiful villages in Spain, like Cuenca with its stunning hanging houses.

Driving along the colorful wine yards of the Valdepeñas region, we reach Sierra de Segura and Cazorla, two unknown green natural parks. After, we will experience another unique contrast by visiting the dusty spaghetti western Desert of Tabernas – the only real desert in Europe. We will overnight at Cabo de Gata on the Mediterranean coast and, with the beautiful Sierra Nevada mountains as the backdrop, reach and celebrate our final destination at Bobadilla luxury hotel close to Málaga.



## Day 1: Friday, 9 September Biarritz (France)

Individual arrivals at the Regina Biarritz Hotel & Spa

The hotel is a Belle Epoque building with an Art Deco lobby, overlooking the Bay.

Get together and Welcome reception for a briefing followed by a Welcome Dinner.

Overnight at the Regina Biarritz Hotel

<https://hotelregina-biarritz.com>



## Day 2: Saturday, 10 September Bagnères de Bigorre (France)

Start of our Trans-Iberica rally driving east from St Jean de Luz towards the charming town of Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port located deep in the French Basque Country's hinterland. The town is famous for being one of the traditional starting points of the Way of St. James (the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela). It is located on the Roncevaux Pass at the base of the Pyrenean Mountains and the name "Pied-de-Port" actually means "foot pass." Winding roads take us through to Bagnères-de-Bigorre.

Lunch en-route.

Dinner and Overnight at the Hotel du Golf Bagnères de Bigorre.

<https://golf-bigorre.fr>



## Day 3: Sunday, 11 September

### Arties (Spain)

A wonderful drive across mountain passes and along pretty valleys leads through Pic du Midi leaving a lasting impression and 360° panorama of the Pyrenees mountains and the plains of southwestern France. From here we will cross the Spanish border to reach Arties in the Aran Valley, a privileged spot in the Catalan Pyrenees.

Dinner and overnight at the Hotel & Spa Casa Irene

[www.hotelcasairene.com](http://www.hotelcasairene.com)



## Day 4: Monday, 12 September

### Boltaña

The Pyrénées mountains act like a natural border between Spain and the rest of Europe. This mountain range runs horizontally along the north of the country. Atlas Mountains with an altitude of more than 3'000 metres, an abundance of vegetation and many villages nestling in the foothills, offer us a way to discover a different way of life on the other side of the range, from the language to the climate.

End at the unique Monasterio de Boltaña a complete refurbishment 17th-century monastery, a stepping-stone to the authentic Aragonese Pyrenees. Maintaining its essence and history, the hotel is located in the heart of the mountains, at the foot of Ordesa National Park and Monte Perdido.

Dinner and overnight at the Monasterio de Boltaña

<https://www.barcelo.com/es-es/barcelo-monasterio-de-boltana/>



## Day 5: Tuesday, 13 September

### Olite

Heading west we leave behind Sierra de Guara, an area of sculpted gorges and appealing villages.

Continuation through the sensational landscape of the Parque Bardenas Reales with its rock formations, Europe's largest desert. This will probably be our most surprising landscape in Spain. Las Bardenas Reales were declared a biosphere reserve by UNESCO.

We will then continue to Olite, which boasts a magnificent castle, once the most sumptuous royal residence in Europe. We will be able to enjoy the medieval rambling streets and sample the local cuisine from the Navarre farms at the Parador Olite.

Dinner and overnight at the Parador de Olite

<https://www.parador.es/en/paradores/parador-de-olite>



## Day 6: Wednesday, 14 September

### Monasterio de Piedra

On our way south, we will be passing by the Sierra de Moncayo and enjoying lunch at the Castle Fortress of Benedict XIII, better known as Papa Luna.

We will end the day admiring one of the most impressive monuments of Aragón, the Monasterio de Piedra, a spectacular natural spot on which the Cistercian order founded the Monastery in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. The organic balance of water and stone, in the form of waterfalls and grottos in this small oasis, was the place chosen by the monks to build their small heaven of tranquillity and reflections. Possibility to visit the cloister and the kitchen where the first chocolate was made in Europe.

Dinner and overnight at the Monasterio Piedra

<https://monasteriopiedra.com/hotel/>



## Day 7: Thursday, 15 September

### Cuenca

Day drive in the remote country of Aragón and Don Quixote.

Mountain day drive with a stop in Beteta Village to enjoy local bocadillos & snacks before continuing in the Parque Natural de la Serranía de Cuenca to reach our destination of the day, Cuenca. Picture a high elevation plateau, infinite pine forest, and remote roads that lead us to one of the most stunning villages of Spain: Cuenca. We will spend the overnight in the magnificent 16<sup>th</sup> Century Convent opposite the hanging houses of Cuenca, a Unesco World Heritage site. It is a small point on the map perched on the rocky valley of Castilla La Mancha, the region of the intrepid adventures of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza, and a lovely, hidden small town with narrow alleys, steeped in history and magic.

Dinner at leisure in the town and overnight at the Parador Cuenca.

<https://www.parador.es/es/paradores/parador-de-cuenca>



## Day 8: Friday, 16 September

### Cazorla

Heading south the itinerary leads through two nature reserves, the Sierra de Segura and Sierra de Cazorla, the largest protected nature area in Spain designated by UNESCO in 1983 and with an area of 190,000 hectares. These 200,000 hectares of mountains are located to the northwest of Jaén, with leafy pinewoods containing unique species such as the Cazorla violet, the Valverde lizard, a narcissus that is claimed to be the smallest in the world, and a particular carnivorous plant. This is the birthplace of the Guadalquivir and Segura rivers. The Reserve covers lands in the regions of Cazorla, Segura, Quesada, and Las Villas, and has the privilege of being home to various species such as the Spanish ibex, red deer, and wild boar, as well as mouflons, which can be seen living in semi-captivity in the Collado del Almendral game park.

Dinner and overnight at Parador Cazorla

<https://www.parador.es/es/paradores/parador-de-cazorla>

## Day 9: Saturday, 17 September

### Mojacar

Heading further south on winding roads will take us through Jódar and Baza into the Sierra de Los Filaderos, truly remote areas of Spain. Passing by Tabernas and its mini Hollywood Park, we will stop at Oro del Desierto Olive oil mill to enjoy a nice lunch in their Restaurant – Los Albardinales. Continuation in the countryside to finally reach the beautiful blue Mediterranean in Mojácar. Perched on its towering cliffs overlooking the sea, we will stroll through its winding and flirtatious streets and easily understand why Mojácar is the most cosmopolitan town in Almería and heaven for artists and bohemians since the 1970s.

Dinner and overnight at the Parador Mojácar

<https://www.parador.es/es/paradores/parador-de-mojacar>



## Day 10: Sunday, 18 September

### Señorio de Nevada

This morning, we will discover the Cabo de Gata maritime-terrestrial natural reserve, unique in Europe. Driving along with small fishermen's villages like las Negras, la Isleta del Moro, and San José, we will reach a lighthouse still in use. The adventure continues with the impressive Sierra Nevada Mountain range as a background and the Alpujarra region formed by a series of whitewashed picturesque white villages that extends over the southern foothills of Sierra Nevada up to the Mediterranean coast, between the provinces of Granada and Almería. The Alpujarra has been home to Iberians, Celts, Romans, and Visigoths, yet the Muslims were, by far, the civilization that left the biggest mark during the Al-Andalus time period.

Lunch en route, foreseen at 'El Paraje du Chef, an unexpected gastronomic highlight.

Late check-in at Señorío de Nevada.

Visit the bodega with wine tasting dinner and overnight.

[www.senoriodenevada.es](http://www.senoriodenevada.es)

## Day 11: Monday, 19 September

### La Bobadilla

Today's drive will take us to our final destination, a quick escape from Granada.

We will head further west to Alhama and the Sierra Tejada mountain range, a breathtaking reddish-brown rock surrounded by the greenery of vineyards, yews, and pines, crowned by a layer of snow in winter; and to the southwest, one can see the Llano and the Boquete de Zafarraya, a fissure in the mountain range that leads to the Mediterranean and to our rural luxury accommodation in the beautiful Andalusian Countryside which is yet only 40 minutes away from sunny Costa del Sol.

Lunch en-route.

You will be amazed by the olive groves, climb, and descend in the Andalusian hills, across fields our faces will light up when we reach the magnificent Bobadilla hotel for our last overnight.

Farewell dinner and overnight at La Bobadilla.

<https://www.barcelo.com/en-gb/la-bobadilla-a-royal-hideaway-hotel/>



## Day 12: Tuesday, 20 September

### Departures

Buffet breakfast and check-out.

The time has come to say Goodbye!

Hasto Pronto – see you soon

