



OVERVIEW

DATES: May 21-June 5, 2010

BEGIN/END: Madrid, Spain

DURATION: 16 days, 10 days riding

ROUTE: Total 1,800 miles. Rides 70-210 miles on well-paved roads.

LODGING: Primarily first-class historic Paradores or similar.

REST DAYS: Guimaraes and Lisbon, Portugal; Toledo, Spain

HIGHLIGHTS: 7 UNESCO World Heritage Sites; Madrid, El Escorial, Segovia, Avila, Toledo and Cuenca in Spain; Obidos, Cabo de Roca and Lisbon in Portugal

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Tilt at Windmills and Twist Throttles! Don Quixote country has everything: mountainous riding country peppered with charming windmills and luxury converted castle hotels

(Paradores). Ride well and stay in top-notch hotels with local cuisine and full-bodied regional wines. The tour starts and ends in the central Spanish city of Madrid, which is surrounded by four mountain ranges. Excellent riding will be combined with visits to historic places, such as El Escorial (burial site of Spanish kings), Segovia (with its 2,000-year-old aqueduct) and the walled city of Avila. See castles, fortresses and ancient Roman bridges. Ride into Northern Portugal to the coastal city of Porto, famous for its port wines, and through fishing villages and the walled town of Obidos. Visit Cabo da Roca, the western-most point in Europe and the seaside towns of Sintra and Cascais. Rest days in Guimaraes and the capital city of Lisbon will allow you to stretch your legs and do some sightseeing. From Lisbon, ride long sweepers through Portugal's central plains past castles on hilltops. Returning to Spain, ride to Trujillo, birthplace of conquistadores Pizarro and Cortes, and on to Toledo, the ancient capital of Spain, for another rest day. Before returning to Madrid, retrace Don Quixote's path through the region of windmills, wine and the hanging houses of Cuenca.



SCHEDULE

- Day 1** Flight USA—Madrid, Spain
- Day 2** Arrival in Madrid, Spain
- Day 3** Madrid—El Escorial/Segovia/Avila
- Day 4** Avila—Ciudad Rodrigo
- Day 5** Ciudad Rodrigo—Guimaraes, Portugal
- Day 6** Guimaraes (rest)
- Day 7** Guimaraes—Obidos
- Day 8** Obidos—Lisbon
- Day 9** Lisbon (rest)
- Day 10** Lisbon—Merida, Spain
- Day 11** Merida—Trujillo/Jarandilla
- Day 12** Jarandilla—Toledo
- Day 13** Toledo (rest)
- Day 14** Toledo—Cuenca
- Day 15** Cuenca—Madrid
- Day 16** Flight Madrid—Home

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