



PHOTOGRAPHY ONLINE
ADVENTURES

SPAIN

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Dramatic Seascapes & Medieval Charm

Price

£3,260

Dates

9 - 17 June, 2025

Group Size

Max. 8

Includes

8 nights accommodation, breakfast, local transport in Spain, pro photography guidance

Start/End Point

Santander/Madrid, Spain

Fitness

Good level of fitness required

Trip Overview

We begin on the rugged north Atlantic coast, which is one of Spain's photographic hotspots. Unspoilt bays, rugged shorelines, sandy beaches, sea stacks, cathedral-like arches, and otherworldly rock formations are to be found all along this amazing coast.

We'll explore this 300km stretch of coast from Santander in the east to As Catedrais in the west, shooting from cliff tops and shorelines. We'll even venture inland to visit the stunning area of Covadonga and it's majestic cathedral nestled in the Picos de Europa mountains.

After five days by the coast, we then head into the heart of Spain, stopping at the alien looking Las Bardenas Reales, which will have you wondering how you ended up in Utah! We then drive on to one of Spain's best kept secrets - Albarracin. We'll spend our final two nights in this charming medieval village, exploring its cobbled lanes which weave among its crooked buildings.

This trip offers a great diversity of subjects to shoot and skills to learn and practice.



ITINERARY

There are two meeting options. A: Meeting at Hotel Bahía in Santander or B: meeting at Asturias Airport.

Day 1 (Monday 9 June) - Travel from Santander to Ribadeo area

Our meeting point will be at Hotel Bahía in Santander at noon or at Asturias airport at 2.30pm. We will then drive west along the north coast of Spain to our first location at Ribadeo. Journey time from Santander should take around three hours but we'll stop somewhere for lunch along the way. After we've checked into our hotel and had some dinner, we will head out for our first photo session at one of the highlight locations of the trip - As Catedrais Beach.

Day 2 & 3 (Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 June)

An early start will be in order to catch the best light at Playa de Mexota. After breakfast at the hotel we will check out and transfer to our base for the next two days in the idyllic fishing village of Cudillero. From here we will explore a number of iconic coastal locations, visiting each one as the conditions dictate.

Day 4 & 5 (Thursday 12 and Friday 13 June)

We transfer to our next base at Llanes where we will spend two days exploring the highlights of this area. Expect sea arches, sea stacks, otherworldly rock formations and even a cathedral perched high in the mountains.

Day 6 (Saturday 14 June)

After our final coastal sunrise session we'll start the journey south, stopping half-way to visit Las Bardenas Reales, an alien-looking desert landscape that will have you thinking you are in Utah. We will spend the afternoon here photographing its abandoned farmhouses and come back again for sunset, when the sculpted peaks and rock formations will be at their best. We will spend the night in the nearby area of Tudela.

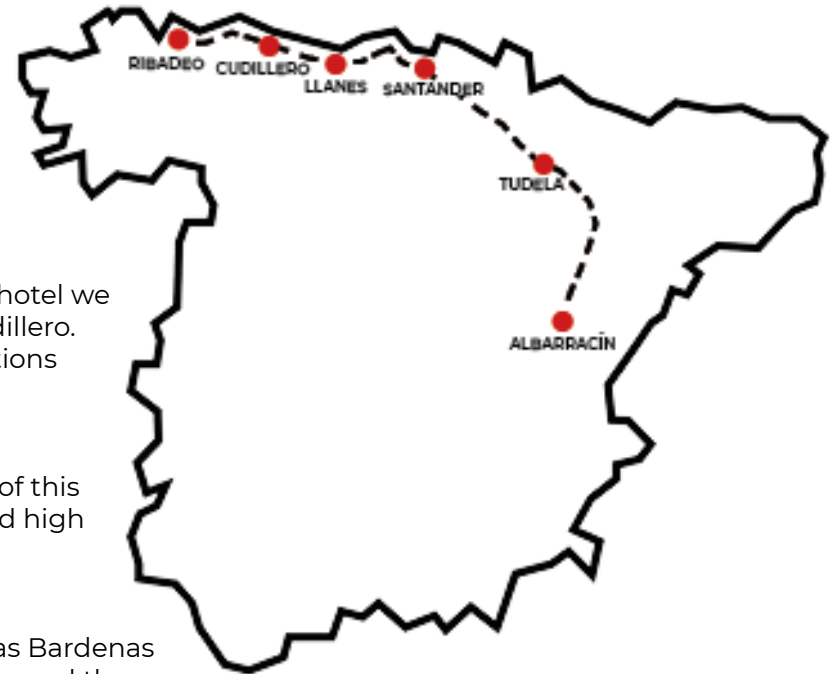
Day 7 & 8 (Sunday 15 and Monday 16 June) - Albarracín

We will travel our last couple of hours south into the mountains to the charming medieval town of Albarracín - a location we have been running trips to for many years. We'll arrive in plenty of time to familiarise everyone with the town before dinner and a twilight photo session.

After six days of driving, you'll hopefully appreciate these last couple of days spent wandering around the twisting, cobbled streets where you'll be encouraged to be original and creative with your photography. Albarracín is only a small town so there will be plenty of opportunity to re-visit your favourite places to hone your compositions and experiment with different lighting scenarios.

Day 9 (Tuesday 17 June) - Travel to Madrid

After our final dawn session capturing the first light on the terracotta buildings and fueled up with fresh pain au chocolat from the local bakery, we'll be heading back to Madrid where we can drop you off at the airport or airport hotel.







HARRY MARTIN



RUTH TAYLOR

MEET YOUR HOSTS

Between them, **Harry** and **Ruth** have made numerous trips to Spain's stunning medieval village of Albarracin and the rugged north coast. Harry is the pro photographer on this year's trip and has years of experience leading our photo holidays around the world. He will be providing 1-1 tuition as well as helping to review your photos to see what you can improve on for your next attempt.

He will be joined by Ruth, our Photography Online host. Although not a pro photographer, the kind of street and architectural environment found in Albarracin in particular is what fires her up and ignites her passion for taking photos. Ruth's keen eye for detail will allow her to point out subjects which may not be immediately obvious.



Level of photographic experience

This trip is suitable for all levels of photographer. As there will be no organised group tuition, it is perfectly practical for us to work with a mixture of levels. Your guides will be on hand to answer any technical or creative questions you may have.

The coastal part of this trip will offer a great opportunity to experiment or use neutral density filters to control the movement in the water. A polariser is also very useful here. For Albarracín, you will be encouraged to wander around the small town by yourself (after we have orientated everyone) so you can be original and creative. There are no right and wrongs when it comes to choosing a subject in a location like this, so this is an excellent opportunity to put your personal touch to your photos. Our guides will be on hand to offer assistance and will provide feedback via image reviews during the trip.

What to pack

Camera equipment:

- Decent digital or film camera body. Available to rent on request.
- Lenses - wide angle through to medium telephoto (200mm) will work best.
- Filters - Polarising and ND filters will be useful.
- Sturdy tripod - Pro tripods are available to rent or purchase on request.
- Cable release | Spare memory cards & batteries | Chargers | Lens cloth

Misc:

- Comfortable clothing for min. temperature of 4°C, and max. 28°C.
- Suitable footwear for walking over sandy/rocky shorelines & cobbled streets.
- Toiletries: Toothpaste | Toothbrush | Suncream | Any medications
- Laptop for image editing

Transport

We will be travelling around in two vehicles which will offer enough space for everyone and their luggage. On the subject of luggage, please try and pack as lightly as you can as it is not possible to drive right up to all of our hotels (e.g. in Cudillero). Some of the accommodation we will be staying will not have a lift, so you may also be required to carry all your luggage up a flight of stairs. The lighter the better!





Hiking, fitness & health

Although there are car parks close to a few of the beaches we will be visiting, many of the coastal locations that we travel to require some degree of walking on steep dirt tracks or paths, sometimes for up to half an hour. Combine this with a heavy backpack and warm weather and you'll hopefully appreciate why we recommend you have a solid level of fitness.

Although many of the locations we plan on visiting are easily accessible, there are a couple which require up to a 30 minute walk. Some of the coastal paths are steep, so when carrying a heavy pack in the afternoon heat, you can hopefully understand why we suggest everyone needs to have a good solid level of fitness for this trip. We will also need to negotiate slippery rocks and uneven terrain, so a good level of agility is also required. When in Albarracín, you will be on your feet all day. Although not essential, you'll get some great scenic views if you are able to walk up the hills which surround the village. If you have any health issues you think may affect you on this trip, please discuss with us at the time of booking.

Meals

We have not included any meals in this trip, as we want to offer total flexibility and we like to allow everyone to eat to their own budget. Allowing €5 for breakfast, €15 for lunch (tapas), and around €20 for dinner, you will be able to eat well. Of course, you can spend more by ordering seafood or a steak, but €40 per day will see you well fed and watered.

Climate

The north coast of Spain enjoys a slightly cooler summer climate by Spanish standards. Expect temperatures to be in the low to mid 20's during the day, but they can get higher. Albarracín is at a higher altitude so also escapes the worst of the Spanish heat. Expect days to be in the mid 20's but it can be cool here before dawn (lows of 5°C). There can still be rainfall during June, but you can expect sunny or mostly sunny conditions during our stay.





HOW TO BOOK

Price: £3,260 per person.

If you are travelling with your photographer partner, we can offer a £600 discount off the total cost of your trip.

Deposit: £960 deposit is required to secure your place.

The remaining balance of £2,300 is due at the end of March 2025.

For details on how to pay your booking deposit please get in touch.

Included: All accommodation (single room in comfortable hotels), local transport, pro photo guidance and tuition, pre-trip assistance.

Not included: Transport to/from Spain, travel and camera insurance, food and drink.

Cancellations

In the unlikely event the trip is cancelled by us in advance, then a full refund of deposits will be offered. Should you need to pull out of the trip for any reason, or cancel your place due to changing circumstances any moneys paid will be returned in full (minus a £50 admin fee) on the condition that your place can be resold.

Insurance

It is a requirement of booking that guests provide evidence of personal travel insurance to cover cancellation and curtailment, medical and emergency expenses (including repatriation), personal accident, injury and death in addition to loss of/damage to luggage and possessions, personal possessions and flight cancellations/delays.

Pre-trip assistance

While it is your responsibility to get yourself to Santander/Asturias and from Madrid, do let us know if you need any help finding the best way to travel, and how to book. If you have an interest to arrive earlier or stay later in order to extend your stay in Spain, then please let us know and we can help organise extra nights of accommodation. It is easy to extend your stay in Madrid, Barcelona or Valencia.

GET IN TOUCH TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

