



Excursions in Andalucia

A TRIP TO A WHITE VILLAGE - CASARES

We pass Estepona westwards and follow the coast road. We could have turned left at the roundabout and drive along a small country road, but we take the faster coast road. When you come to Finca Cortesin roundabout take to the right, Calle de Casares. You will have the luxury golf course on both sides of the road. There are usually not so many players on this rather difficult golf course.



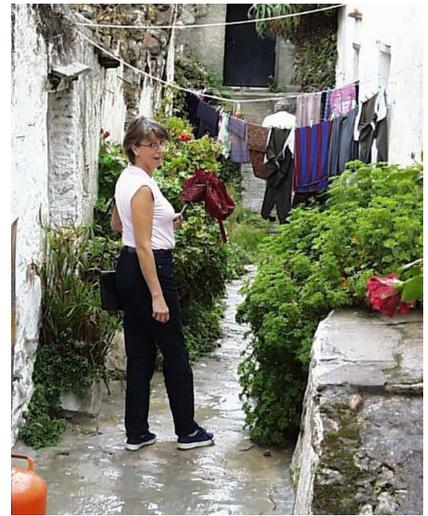
We are looking for the 10-kilometer sign as we are going to lunch at the picturesque restaurant Forge in the mountains around Casares. In the middle of a curve we see the sign Finca Forge. A steep road leads up to the parking. The restaurant is nestled in the nature and has views over the hilltops. It is a charming place to eat at. Inside they are playing jazz music and the decoration follow the same theme. It is very home like. The menu is wide spread from curries to Beuf Bourguignon. I tasted a Moroccan Tangine. The English owners have lived in Morocco and the dish was perfect with the right seasoning. The prices are lower than on many restaurants along the coast.

After 13 kilometers we are looking for a sign saying ceramic. We are going to visit the Swedish ceramist Agneta Larsen. Once more we are going up a steep road up the hill. After a hundred meters we see Agneta

standing in the door greeting us welcome. In the old stable she has her gallery. The ceramics are inspired of birds, woman faces, and animals around Casares. Agneta invites us into her home for a glass of wine. A charming house with views over the valley and the hilltops. She takes us to her workshop. It is here she sits and creates her works of art. There is a lot of experimentation with colors before she is satisfied. See more at www.alkeramik.eu



We continue the road upwards another few kilometers. The village of Casares is a traditional Andalucian white village perched high on a mountain top with winding narrow streets and spectacular views. Its two three hundred white-walled, red-roofed houses, rising up the far side of a deep rocky gorge, often you can see large birds flying over the top of the village. Being one of the last Muslim strongholds during the occupation by the Moors the village is swathed in history. As you look out across the greenery and hills you can see Gibraltar and beyond that Africa.



In the village there are many shops, restaurants, cafés and bars, many with beautiful views. The approach road to Casares takes you to the top of the village. Visitors have to park outside the village and then take one of the cobbled (steep) paths up/down into the village itself. As you descend you pass the cute white washed houses that line the streets until you reach the main square in the shadow of the village's church. On the opposite side of the approach road, if you look over the top, you will see the remains of the fort that once protected its Moorish occupiers. Try to find a small bar and eat local tapas.



Being in a protected area, around the village of Casares there are many nature walks that you can take to explore the surrounding countryside and look at the local wildlife in their natural habitat.

After visiting Casares you have many choices. It will only take you 20 minutes back to the coast road. Or you can go on to the village of Gaucin and drive down to the village of San Roque. It is a lovely road with views over the mountains with all its white villages and castles. Take your time. Stop at a restaurant and eat tapas. It takes at least an hour and a half to get back to the coast and another hour back to Marbella.

You can also turn north to the Ronda town. Take a break at restaurant El Molino in Benaolan. Ronda is worth its own day to explore. Around Ronda you find many bodegas to visit. This is a longer trip and reserve at least 4-5 hours.

All roads are mostly very curvy, and the quality is varying. Depending of the time of the year they are selling different products along the road, as chestnuts, oranges, grapes, almonds etc

 Estepona > Casares **via** Camino de Casares MA-8300

 **Time:**
00h37
including 00h00 on motorways
No traffic impact for departure at 18h54

 **Distance:**
16.6 km
including 0 km on motorways

 **Costs:**
€3.37
including Consumption €3.37



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Departure: Estepona, Calle Santa Ana

Leave Estepona

Continue along: **Avenida de España**

0.3 km 00h00

 At the roundabout, take the 1st exit: **Avenida de Juan Carlos I**

0.7 km 00h02

 At the roundabout, Avenida de Juan Carlos I, take the 2nd exit: **Avenida de Juan Carlos I**

1.3 km 00h03

 At the roundabout, Avenida de la Puerta del Mar, take the 2nd exit towards:

**ALGECIRAS
CÁDIZ**

Exit Estepona

2 km 00h06



At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit: **A-7 / E-15** towards:





**ALGECIRAS
CÁDIZ**

3 km 00h06

 Take the exit towards:




ESTEPONA
 **POL. INDUSTRIAL**
ALGECIRAS
CÁDIZ

3.5 km 00h07

At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit towards:

**SUBESTACIÓN
ELÉCTRICA
CASARES
CAMINO**

3.5 km 00h07

At the roundabout, take the 1st exit: **Camino de Casares**

4.5 km 00h08

 Continue right : **Camino de Casares**

9.5 km 00h21

Turn left : **MA-8300**

11 km 00h26

 Continue right : **MA-8300**

16 km 00h35

Arrive in Casares

16 km 00h35

 Turn left

16 km 00h35

 Then immediately , turn right : **Calle de la Copera**

16 km 00h36

 Turn left : **Calle de la Fuente**

16 km 00h36

 Continue left : **Calle de la Fuente**

17 km 00h37

 At the roundabout, Plaza de España, take the 4th exit : **Calle del Arrabal**

17 km 00h37

 Turn left

17 km 00h37

 Then immediately , turn right : **Calle del Arrabal**

17 km 00h37

 Continue right : **Calle del Arrabal**

17 km 00h37

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Destination: Casares, Calle de Veracruz

Check your tyre pressure at least once a month and particularly before a high-speed journey.