



EXCURSIONS IN ANDALUCIA

Bolonia - A Roman village outside Tarifa

We take the road towards Cadiz, passing the Rock of Gibraltar to continue the coastal road to Tarifa. The last kilometres offer a fantastic view over the Straits of Gibraltar and Morocco. Mediterranean is glittering azure blue and the wind tearing up the white crests. Shipping traffic is intense. The road is curvy but offers all the time new experiences.

When we passed Tarifa, a city that is worth a visit in itself, we follow the road to Vejer. After a few miles is the sign Bolonia on the left. The narrow road winds its way up the mountain and when we reach the top we have a beautiful view with miles of sandy beach and the Roman village down to the right. Away to the west is one of Europe's highest sand dunes. We go past a few houses where the locals live and the

village only restaurant. A little further on you can see a modern building nicely sandwiched in nature. It is the museum.



We who are EU citizens have free entry. There are many schools visiting the museum. The building houses a model of the village and there are also some of the small items dug up in the area. Most come from the first and second centuries after Christ's birth. This has been a fishing settlement where they prepared the sauce Garum Gaditarum, a delicacy in the Roman Empire. Bolonia was the biggest fish industry outside the Roman Empire.



They had fixed nets that caught the fish that swam through the Strait of Gibraltar. There has been a significant development, even outside the fortified part. The village had a forum theatre, markets, temples, baths, and everything else that belongs to a well-developed Roman society. Location overlooking a beautiful stretch of beach is perfect.

We walk around the various ruins and guided by the signs even with English subtitles. Everything is well organized with proper footpaths where you go clockwise. Just follow the arrows. At a stretch, you walk on the Roman street, two thousand years old! The bath house, one can see how the hot air circulated under the floor, near the beach the stone tubs where Garum sauce was prepared, the audience in the theatre, with the whole Mediterranean as a backdrop. Imagination creates the rest of how the community could have looked like.

Bolonia has probably been called Baelo Claudia in Roman times, while the neighbouring town Tarifa was named after Tarif ibn Malik who conquered the city in 710 and began consolidating the city. Maybe they used building materials from the dilapidated village of Bolonia? Life in the Roman village reached its peak during the century before Christ, and to the third century AD (Anno Domini, the Lord years).

In the fourth century the village began to decline, exacerbated by a massive earthquake which destroyed much of the village.





Map of the Market place

In addition, there were attacks by Moorish and Germanic pirates. Besides the fishing industry there was a diligent trading with ships that passed. The latter activity attracted pirates certainly more than the sauce. Garum sauce requires a little explanation. There was a general spread and very important condiment in ancient Roman cuisine. The word comes from the Greek garon, which is the name of the fish whose intestines they first made the sauce off. The sauce was prepared from fish waste that was mixed with salt, vinegar and herbs in large earthenware vessel which was exhibited in the sun to ferment. In Bolonia they used large tubs that had been carved out of the stone. After a while they poured the liquid on the amphorae that were shipped on. The rest product was sold as a paste to the poor people.

There are three or four restaurants on the beach close to the museum. Not so fancy but they serve good food from what the sea can offer. Here as on other beaches in the area you can see many surfers with sails. The wind at this stretch of the coast is very windy.

 Estepona > Bolonia via AP-7 A-7 N-340

 Time:

01h41

including 00h33 on motorways

No traffic impact for departure at 12h39

 Distance:

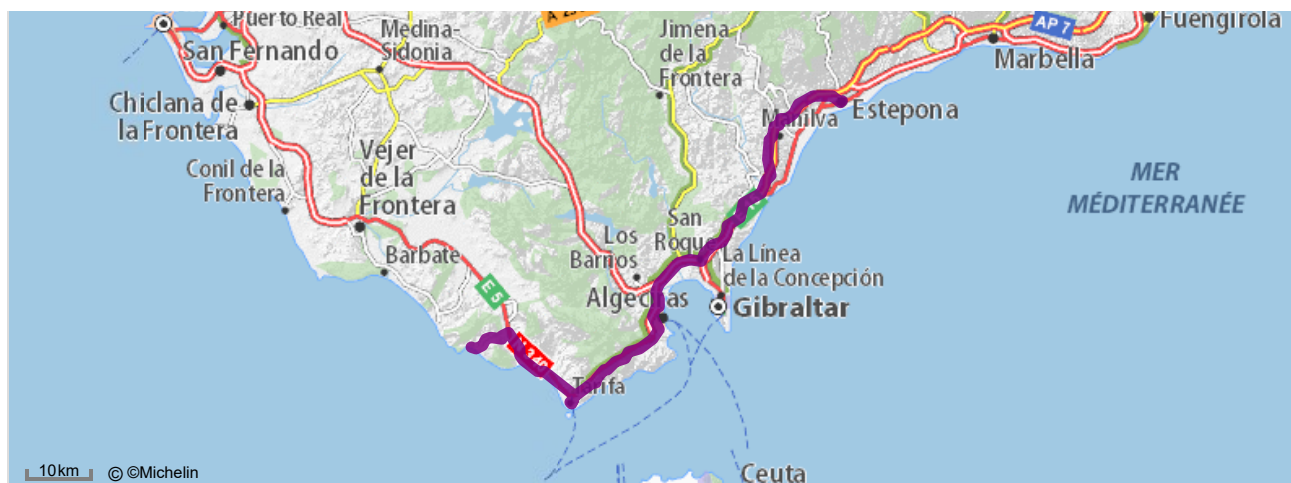
98.3 km

including 51 km on motorways

 Costs:

€9.63

including Consumption €9.63



A

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



Continue along: **AP-7 / E-15**



24 km 00h19





Continue along: **A-7 / E-15**



72 km 01h02





Close to **Tarifa**, Turn left : **N-340 / E-5**

73 km 01h03



Turn left : **Calle Padre Font** towards:



**TARIFA
PUERTO**

73 km 01h04

Pass Tarifa

73 km 01h04

Continue along: **Barriada de la Virgen del Sol**

74 km 01h04

Continue along: **Calle Amador de los Ríos**

74 km 01h05

Continue along: **Puerta de Jerez**

74 km 01h06

Continue along: **Avenida de Andalucía**

74 km 01h06

 Turn left : **Avenida de la Constitución**

75 km 01h07

 Turn left : **Calle Padre Font**

75 km 01h07

Continue along: **Calle de Sancho IV'el Bravo'**

75 km 01h07

 Continue right : **Calle de Sancho IV'el Bravo'**

75 km 01h07








 Continue left : **Calle de Sancho IV'el Bravo'**

Exit Tarifa

75 km 01h07


B



Stage A: Tarifa, Calle de Sancho IV'el Bravo'


- 75 km 01h08  Turn left
- 75 km 01h08  Then immediately , turn right : **Calle del Asedio**
- 75 km 01h09  Turn left
- 75 km 01h09  Turn left
- 75 km 01h09  Turn left
- 75 km 01h09  Then immediately , turn right : **Calle Padre Font**
- 75 km 01h09 Continue along: **Calle de Calzadilla de Téllez**
- 75 km 01h10  Turn right : **Calle Amador de los Ríos**
- 76 km 01h10 Continue along: **Barriada de la Virgen del Sol**
- 76 km 01h11 Continue along: **Calle Padre Font**
- 76 km 01h11**

Continue along: **Calle Padre Font**

76 km 01h11

 Turn left : **N-340 / E-5**

  Continue left : **N-340 / E-5** towards:




**E-5 -
CÁDIZ**

- 82 km 01h16  Continue left : **N-340 / E-5**
- 83 km 01h17  Continue left : **N-340 / E-5**
- 86 km 01h19  Continue left : **N-340 / E-5**
- 91 km 01h24**

Turn left : **CA-8202** towards:

BOLONIA

98 km 01h32

 Continue along: **Barrio Lentiscal**

98 km 01h41

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Destination: Tarifa, null

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