Maestrazgo | Matarraña

Teruel, Aragón, Spain

7-day cycling tour from Villarluengo to Beceite, via Alcañiz

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Hotel La Trucha
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Hotel La Trucha

A Story That Stays With You

Once a 19th-century banknote factory, today **Hotel La Trucha** is a **4-star hotel** that preserves the charm of the authentic in the heart of **the UNESCO Maestrazgo Global Geopark**, alongside The Silent Route. A retreat where nature and history come together, ideal for slow travel, active tourism, local gastronomy and unique events, with a team dedicated to taking care of every detail.

In this dossier, you'll find a real **7-day cycling route** of moderate difficulty, taking you along quiet roads, trails and forest tracks, with a maximum of approximately **60 km per stage.**

Hotel Facilities:

63
Rooms

5 room types:
Double, Triple, Superior, Quadruple and Connecting Family.

5 Spaces | up to 350 people
Events / team building / celebrations

Restaurant
Café, bar, terrace, chill-out area and breakfast

Paraje Las Fábricas, s/n, 44559 Villarluengo, Teruel, Spain

By car. Main airports: Zaragoza, Reus/Barcelona and Valencia (2–2.5 hours by car). Teruel city, with train and bus connections, is just over an hour away.

Recommended Bike

Gravel, mountain bike or e-bike — a pure road bike is not recommended due to the varied road surfaces along several sections, including the greenway section.

Luggage Transfer

We recommend a support van for luggage transfers; Hotel Ciudad de Alcañiz is an ideal halfway base.

Best Time of Year

Spring and autumn, with mild temperatures. Summer can be hot, while high mountain passes may be snowy in winter.



The Regions

Maestrazgo and Matarraña

Maestrazgo

A UNESCO Global Geopark of karst landscapes, dramatic gorges and castle-topped villages. A well-established cycling destination under the “Pedaleando por el Maestrazgo” brand — and the starting point for the route featured in this dossier.

Maestrazgo MTB Centre

14 marked routes plus 4 Grand Tours on forest tracks and traditional trails.

Signature Climbs

San Cristóbal, Tarrascón, Cuarto Pelado, Sollavientos and La Tarayuela — quiet roads, several with scenic photo spots.

Characterful Villages

Villarluengo, Ejulve y Castellote — pueblos de piedra con personalidad que marcan los primeros días de ruta, antes de bajar hacia el Bajo Aragón.

“Villarluengo, home to Hotel La Trucha, also has two dedicated MTB routes: Hoces del Guadalope and Puente del Vau.”



Hoces del Guadalope, in the Villarluengo area.

The Regions

Maestrazgo and Matarraña

Matarraña

Just over an hour's drive from the Maestrazgo, the Matarraña captivates with its vineyards, olive groves and golden-stone villages — the "Spanish Tuscany".

Valderrobres, Calaceite, Beceite, Cretas and La Fresneda feature among the final stages of the route proposed in this dossier.

+1.300 Kilometres of maintained trails

+10 Charming villages along the route

Pedales del Matarraña Programme
Together with Senderos con Historia, it has developed over 1,300 km of trails to promote cycling tourism.

Val de Zafán Greenway
Former railway line: compacted gravel surface, gentle gradients and tunnels — a highlight of Stage 5 of this cycling route.



Valderrobres on the Matarraña River, with its castle and collegiate church.

The Route & Itinerary

From Villarluengo to Beceite, via Alcañiz



A real 7-day/6-night cycling itinerary of moderate difficulty, with a maximum of approximately 60 km per stage.

Starting in Villarluengo (Night 1 at Hotel La Trucha), the route descends towards Bajo Aragón for an overnight stay in Alcañiz — at Hotel Ciudad de Alcañiz, with greater capacity and facilities — before continuing into the Matarraña along the Val de Zafán Greenway, with very little traffic, and finishing in Beceite.

Day	Stage	Distance / Difficulty
1	**Arrival in Villarluengo** Free afternoon exploring the Guadalope area	- Arrival day
2	**Villarluengo > Ejulve** A-1702 road and tracks through the Sierra de Majalinos, with very little traffic	**≈ 27 km** Moderate, rolling
3	**Ejulve > Castellote** A-1702 / N-211 / TE-41 / TE-V-8215, low-traffic secondary roads	**≈ 36 km** Moderate to easy, downhill
4	**Castellote > Alcañiz** A-226 road; Church of Santa María la Mayor, Lonja and Plaza de España	**≈ 45 km** Moderate to easy, flat towards the end
5	**Alcañiz > Valdealgorfa > Cretas** Val de Zafán Greenway — compacted gravel surface, no motorised traffic, tunnels	**≈ 40 km** Easy, gentle gradients
6	**Cretas > Calaceite > La Fresneda** A-1413/N-420/TE-V; Calaceite (Spain's Most Beautiful Villages), medieval La Fresneda	**≈ 36 km** Easy, gently rolling
7	**La Fresneda > Valderrobres > Beceite** A-231 / A-1414; Valderrobres Castle-Collegiate Church, Parrizal de Beceite	**≈ 18 km** Very short

Total: ≈ 202 km over 6 stages (Days 2–7)
Estimated total elevation gain: ≈ 1,000–1,300 m
Longest stage: Day 4, 45 km.

Methodological note: distances and elevation gains are approximate; before commercial operation, we recommend confirming the actual tracks (Wikiloc / Komoot / Garmin) for each stage. Accommodation for Nights 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 is to be confirmed based on availability and group size.

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