Love Spain 2018 Cycling – Summary Sheet

Date	Route	Route Distance	Lodging	Comments
Friday, Sept 14	Arrive in Madrid, Spain.	-	Holiday Inn Express Rivas http://holiday-inn-express-rivas.h-rez.com/index.htm?lbl=ggl-en&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI0r3cx8yr1wIVipztCh2TBgxGEAAYAiAAEgLh0vD_BwE	We will do airport pickup. Afternoon/evening tour of Madrid. Dinner together with introductions, discussion of schedule, and "Love Spain" campaign presentation.
Saturday, Sept 15	In Madrid – activities with the Rivas Light and Life Cultural Center and in the community.	-	Holiday Inn Express Rivas http://holiday-inn-express-rivas.h-rez.com/index.htm?lbl=ggl-en&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI0r3cx8yr1wIVipztCh2TBgxGEAAYAiAAEgLh0vD_BwE	Special activities throughout the day in conjunction with Rivas Light and Life Cultural Center – including walking tour of the community as well as possible "fun ride" with kids and members of the community. Evening "paella" dinner at house of Peter Clark.
Sunday, Sept. 16	Drive from Madrid to Cadiz with stop in Cordoba for sightseeing and lunch.	-	Parador de Cadiz http://www.parador.es/en/paradores/parador-de-cadiz	Cordoba is very scenic with a historic mosque converted to a church in the center of town. Cadiz is beautiful town on the southern tip of Spain. Old city sites in walking distance of our luxury "Parador" hotel.
Monday, Sept. 17	Cadiz – Arcos de la Frontera Strava: https://www.strava.com/routes/11044809	80 kilometers	Parador de Arcos de la Frontera http://www.parador.es/en/paradores/parador-de-arcos-de-la-frontera	Limited climbing in nice warm-up ride. Arcos de la Frontera is famous as the westernmost "white village" of Andalucia – everything is painted white to keep buildings cool in the summer. Hotel has gorgeous view.
Tuesday, Sept. 18	Arcos de la Frontera – Ronda Strava: https://www.strava.com/routes/11045366	87 kilometers	Parador de Ronda http://www.parador.es/en/paradores/parador-de-ronda	Quite a bit of climbing on the route. Ronda lodging overlooks a deep ravine with houses hanging on the edge of the cliff. All our "Paradores" that we stay in are converted historic buildings beautifully decorated.
Wednesday, Sept 19	Ronda – Malaga Strava: https://www.strava.com/routes/11045467	105 kilometers	Parador de Malaga Gibralfaro http://www.parador.es/en/paradores/parador-de-malaga-gibralfaro	Route takes us net down to the coastal city of Malaga where the Parador is near the historic city fortress.

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Thursday, Sept 20	Malaga – Nerja Strava: https://www.strava.com/routes/11051055	52 kilometers	Parador de Nerja http://www.parador.es/en/paradores/parador-de-nerja	Relatively short, easy day along the coast to regain strength for the "queen stage" on the final day of riding – the following day. Beautiful lodging by the beach.
Friday, Sept. 21	Nerja – Granada Strava: https://www.strava.com/routes/11052474	106 kilometers	Parador de Granada http://www.parador.es/en/paradores/parador-de-granada	The toughest route of the tour with a long but not overly steep climb up over 850 meters after starting at the coast. Lodging is within the beautiful grounds of the Alhambra. In the evening we can celebrate the completion of the tour by going to a flamenco inside one of the nearby gypsy caves.
Saturday, Sept. 22	Drive from Granada to Seville	-	Hotel Las Casas de la Juderia http://www.lascasasdelajuderiasevilla.com/en/	Drive (about 2.5 hours) to Seville after a morning tour of the Alhambra. See beautiful Seville in the evening.
Sunday, Sept 23	Departure from Seville	-	-	Optional extension to stay on in Seville to meet up with the "Love Spain" vision tour arriving in Seville from Madrid in the evening. Otherwise A.M. flight departures from Seville.