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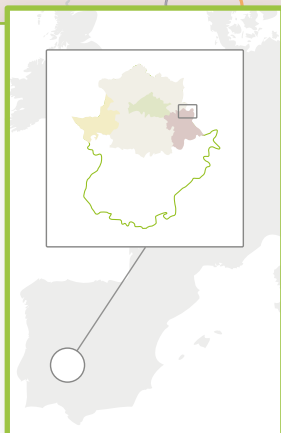
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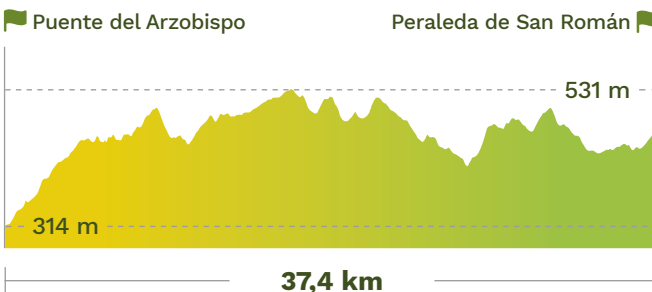
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🕒 Estimated time: 3h 20min	Route type: Linear
↘ Minimum altitude: 314 m	↗ Maximum altitude: 531 m
↕ Elevation gain: 595 m	↕ Elevation loss: -441 m
↗ Average gradient: 2,5 %	Difficulty: Easy

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- 01. Desfiladero del Pedroso
- 02. C.I. Carnaval de Ánimas
- 03. Cancho Valdecastillo
-  Bike repair kit



This section kicks off the itinerary of the *Ciclosenda del Tajo* (Tajo Cycle Route) at the provincial border with Toledo to enter the province of Cáceres and follow part of the River Tajo Nature Trail, one of the stretches of the river with the greatest number of natural areas from its source. The landscapes will be covered with olive trees, almond trees, holm oaks and the amazing geological heritage of the Villuercas-Ibores-Jara Geopark.

The last stop of this first stage will be Peraleda de San Román and the Roman remains which are hidden among the surrounding rocky terrain.

What will you find on this route?

We enter the lands of Extremadura following the Camino Real de Guadalupe (The Royal Road to Guadalupe) between fields of cereal and olive groves. Used since Roman times, it acquired considerable importance in the 13th century, after the construction of the Monastery of Guadalupe, becoming one of the pilgrimage routes between the religious building and Castile.

After crossing the EX-387, the pastures give way to the municipalities of Villar de Pedroso and Valdela casa de Tajo. In the first municipality we must stop at the Verraco zoomorphic sculpture, of Vetton origin and stamped with a funerary inscription in Latin. Here we can also visit the Centro de Interpretación del Carnaval de Ánimas (Carnival of Souls Interpretation Centre), a Festival of Regional Tourist Interest. In Valdela casa de Tajo awaits another boar and the La Asunción Church, built between the 15th and 16th centuries with a range of styles among which the Gothic predominates. The Valdela casa anticline overshadows the landscape here.

Following the River Tajo Nature Trail, we will pass through hunting reserves and crop fields where roe deer and partridges can be spotted. After turning off towards Garvín, we will arrive at Peraleda de San Román, where the San Juan Bautista Church and the Romanesque remains of the churches of San Román and La Poveda, both from the 15th century are well worth a visit.



Geoparque Villuercas Ibores Jara



This stage of the *Ciclosenda del Tajo* (Tajo Cycle Route) runs through the Villuercas-Ibores-Jara Geopark. Located between the basins of the Tagus and Guadiana Rivers, having a 2,544 km² area which covers an important geological heritage, silhouetting its landscape together with the rest of the natural and cultural heritage. Its highest point Risco de la Villuerca (1,601 metres), magnificent views of the Geopark can be seen.



In 2011 it became part of the European Geoparks Network and in 2015 it was declared a UNESCO Global Geopark.