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Ação de Capacitação sobre Acessibilidade nas Ecopistas

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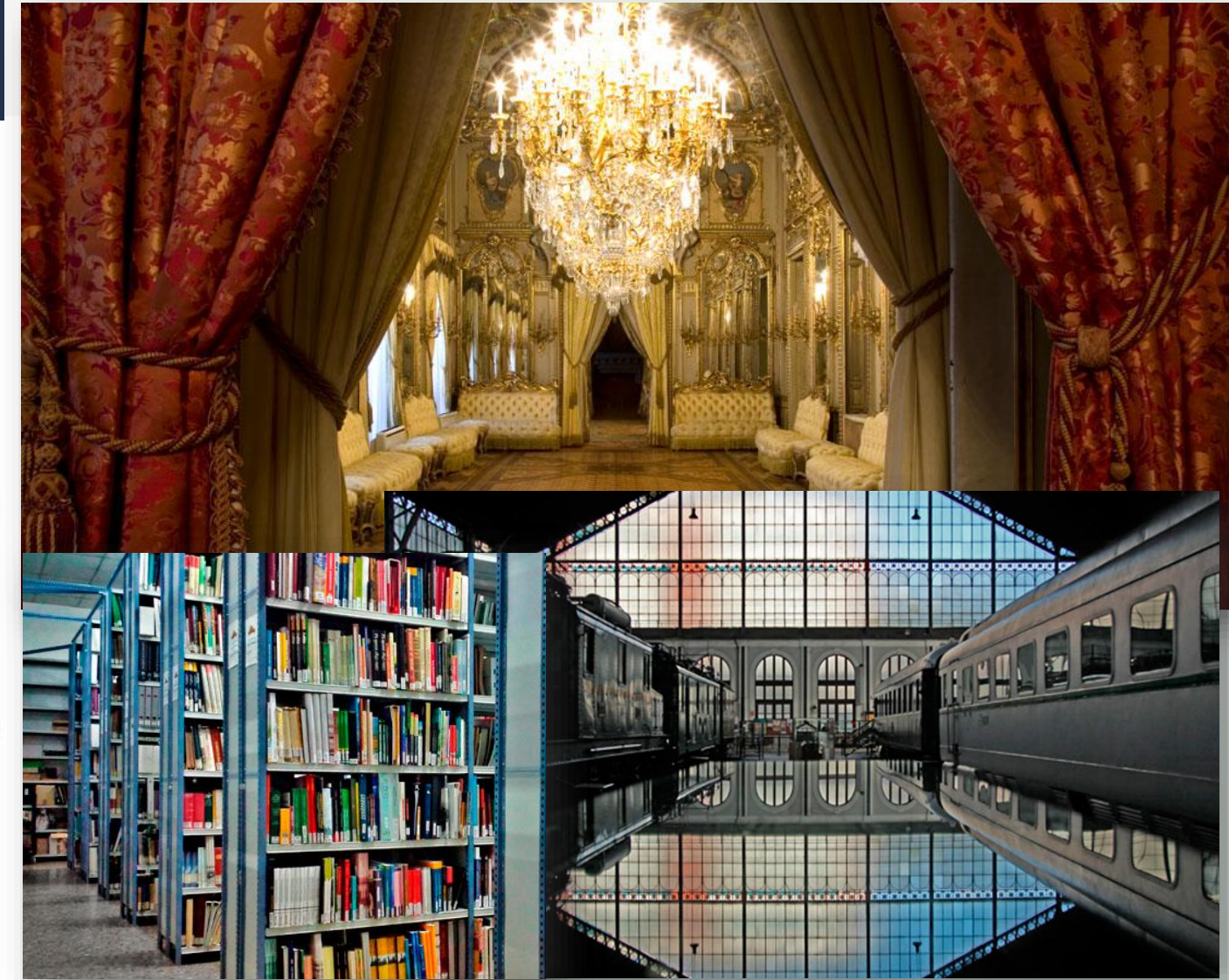


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Main objective: conservation, promotion, and dissemination of railway heritage, encouraging its awareness, research, and use in society.



It manages railway archives, libraries, and museums, as well as the **Greenways Program (Programa de Vías Verdes)**, publishes specialized literature, and organizes cultural and educational activities. To achieve its goals, it collaborates with national and international institutions, awards grants, and promotes projects that integrate railways into sustainable development.



The beginnings of the Greenways Program

1993. Inventory of Disused Railway Lines

DISUSED RAILWAY LINES IN SPAIN



The Spanish Railways Foundation (F.S.P.) – Ministry of Transport and Sustainable Mobility

Commissioned by MOPTMA / Renfe and Feve – **Green Network Plan** (Plan Tejido Verde)

- 7,600 km of disused lines
- 954 stations
- 501 tunnels
- 1,070 bridges and viaducts

1994

Registration of the "Vías Verdes" trademark, whose use in Spain is legally restricted to former railway infrastructures repurposed as non-motorized routes.

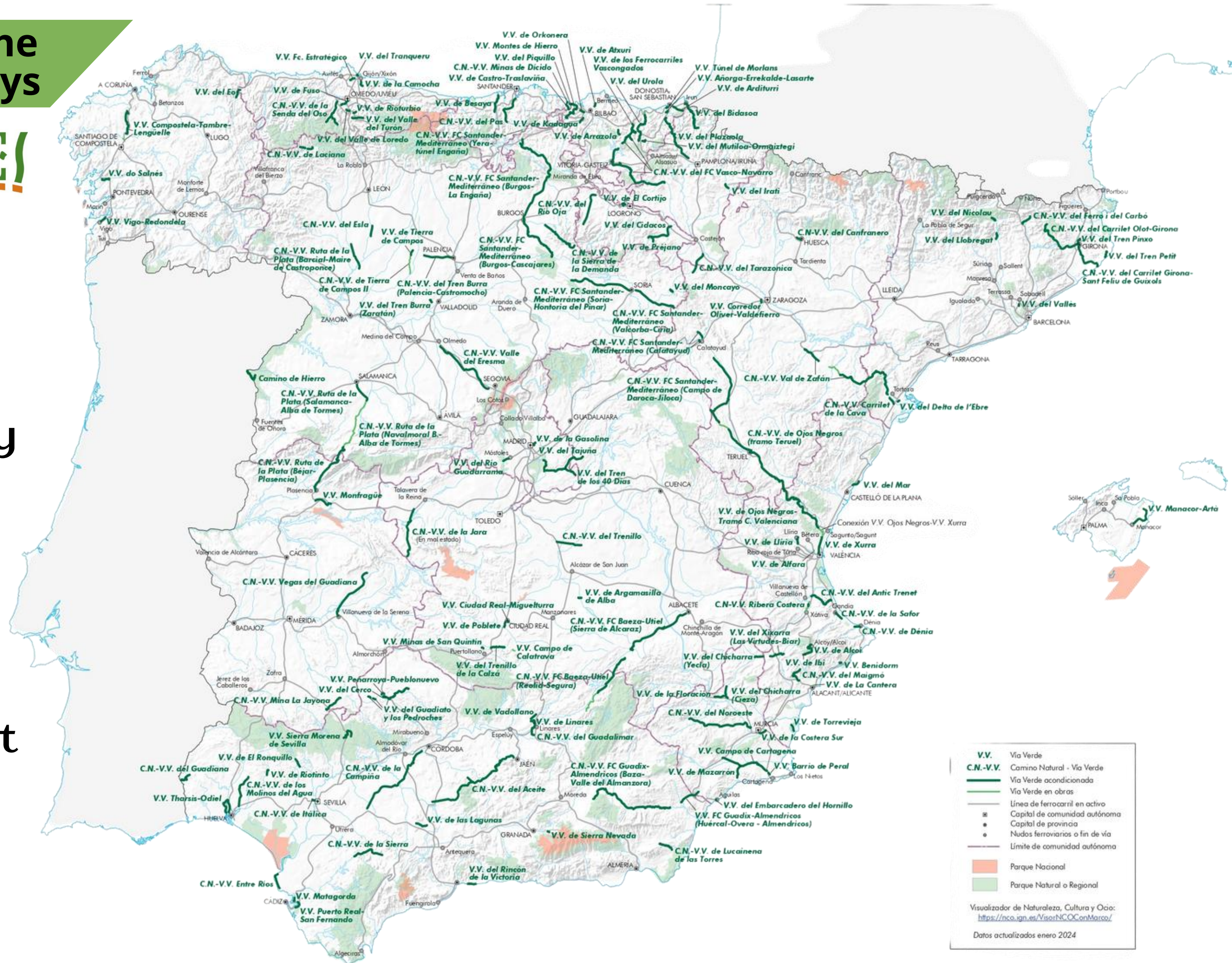


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Disused former railway lines, or routes where trains never ended up running, transformed into sustainable, non-motorized itineraries with gentle slopes that are accessible to all users."



Spanish Greenways in figures 2026



145 Greenways



3684 Greenways km (including
infrastructure works)



148 Repurposed railway
buildings



295 M. € Initial infrastructure
investment



An ideal resource for preserving railway heritage, fostering a mindset shift in society toward an active, accessible and non-motorized mobility, and improving citizens' quality of life.



They promote: active, accessible and sustainable tourism, respectful access to nature, cycle tourism, healthy outdoor activities, rural development, circular economy, environmental education...





**Greenways, a model of
good institutional governance**

**The key to the success of
Spain's Greenways**

**Essential institutional collaboration across
all levels of public administration—including:**

- 🌿 **Ministries** – Ministry of Transport and Sustainable Mobility, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Natural Trails Program)
- 🌿 **Provinces, City councils, Inter-municipal association**
- 🌿 **ADIF, RENFE**

Dual designation: **Natural Trail Natural** **Greenway**
Camino Natural **Vía Verde**

**Strong institutional
collaboration**





**Greenways, a model of
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Regional and Local Involvement

**All Autonomous Communities (exc. Canary Islands), Provincial
Councils, more than 700 City Councils, Associations of
Municipalities, and Consortiums, etc.**

They are responsible of:

**Drafting of studies and construction projects
Securing land and property availability
Management, maintenance, and promotion of the Greenways**

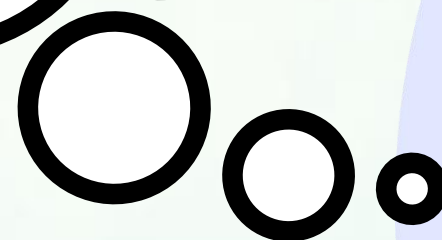




Accessibility in Greenways

Are Greenways
accessible?

YES



In principle, Greenways are accessible to everyone, but not to the same degree. Some are better adapted to high accessibility standards, while others are less so.



Accessibility in Greenways



Easy-to-use routes thanks to their railway origin – gentle gradients under 3-4%. accessible to people with disabilities (wheelchairs, handbikes, adapted bikes).



Greenways are based on the principle of universal accessibility for all users: people with disabilities, seniors, pregnant women, and young children.



These routes allow users with diverse needs to explore territories and landscapes that would otherwise be a real challenge to travel.

Spain. 4,3 million people (10% of total population) + their families



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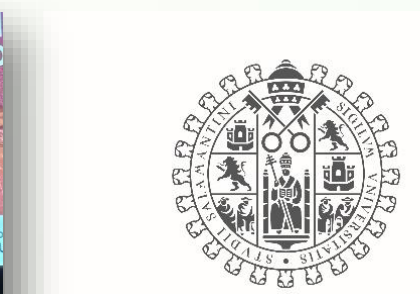
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Spanish Greenways, An award-winning programme

Un Programa muy reconocido

- Premio Internacional de Buenas Prácticas del Programa Habitat de la ONU, 2000.
- Premio Turismo Sostenible de la World Travel Market, 2003.
- Premio Europa Nostra a la Conservación del Patrimonio, 2004.
- Premio ConBici a la Movilidad Sostenible, 2005.
- Premio Europeo de Vías Verdes 2005. Distinción Especial en la categoría Actividades y Promoción por la Serie de Televisión sobre vías verdes "Vive la Vía".
- Premio Telenatura 2006 a la mejor producción española por la serie sobre Vías Verdes "Vive la Vía".
- Premio Panda 2006 - WWF-Adena a la mejor iniciativa de comunicación ambiental institucional.
- "Premio de la Red para la Promoción de las Ciudades Medias del Sudoeste Europeo" - CIUMED 2007.
- Premio Internacional de Buenas Prácticas del Programa Habitat de la ONU, 2008. Finalista entrando en la Short List por su candidatura "La transferencia de la Buena Práctica Programa de Vías Verdes a otras regiones de España y del Mundo".
- Premio Vía APIA 2008, a la transparencia informativa por la Asociación de Periodistas de Información Ambiental.
- Premio Ulyses de la Organización Mundial del Turismo (OMT) 2009.
- Premio de Turismo Responsabile Italiano e Turismo Cultura e UNESCO, 2011.
- Premio Especial de la IX edición del Premio Europeo de Vías Verdes por la App "Vías Verdes y Red Natura 2000", 2019.
- Premio Observatorio FiturNext 2020, reconocimiento a Vías Verdes como iniciativa finalista por su alta replicabilidad e impacto positivo sobre el desarrollo económico local, 2020.
- Premio Turismo Sostenible Vías Verdes de Córdoba. Otorgado por Diario Córdoba y compartido con la Diputación provincial de Córdoba. 2022.
- Premio Especial del Jurado la XI edición del Premio Europeo de Vías Verdes por los 30 Años de Vías Verdes. 2023.
- Reconocimiento a la Fundación de los Ferrocarriles Españoles por la aportación al impulso de la Bicicleta. Red de Ciudades y Territorios por la Bicicleta. 2024.
- Finalista en dos categorías de los II Premios de Accesibilidad por la promoción del turismo accesible y para todas las personas. CRFM IMSERSO Salamanca 2024.
- Premio Fitur4All 2025. Impulsa Igualdad.





Accessibility in Greenways

How do we build an accessible tourism product on Greenways?





Accessibility Projects



Co-funded by the COSME programme of the European Union



Greenways4ALL project : From the Accessible itinerary...



... to the Accessible PRODUCT



Accessibility Projects



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Lead partner / coordinator:

- Fundación de los Ferrocarriles Españoles (FFE) (Spain)

Partners :

- European Greenways Association (European level. Belgium).
- Plataforma Representativa Estatal de Discapacitados Físicos (Spain)
- Fundación Vía Verde de la Sierra (Spain).
- Comunidade Intermunicipal da Região Viseu Dão Lafões (Portugal).

+ 3 SMES:

- Accessible Madrid
- Astro Andalus
- Turismo Vivencial

Good collaboration with Accessible Portugal

Budget : 166.148,60 €

18 months (July 2016 – December 2017)

Co-funded 75%. COSME Programme





Accessibility Projects



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Vía Verde de la Sierra. 36 km.
Cádiz - Sevilla. Andalucía. Spain

Ecopista do Dao. 49 km.
Viseu - Santa Comba Dao. Viseu. Portugal



Catalogue of accessible tourism products in Greenways in Spain and Portugal

LA SIERRA GREENWAY

La Sierra Greenway, whose route was never the most southern mountain of the Iberian Peninsula and Olvera.

This exceptional route, which continues past such spectacular places like the nature reserve of griffon vultures. These birds are co-

TOUR DETAILS

- TRANSPORTATION: Wheelchair Accessible Van
- TOUR DURATION: 2 nights / 3 days
- OPERATED: all year round
- MEETING POINT: Hotel reception
- PRICE: 450 EUR for 2 people, 525 EUR for 3-4 people, 640 EUR for 5-6 people

For larger groups please ask us for special prices

CADIZ - SEVILLE

2 days / 1 night

Stars and Nature in La Sierra Gre

DESCRIPTION

If you like nature and the stars, enjoy a gateway accessible to all where you can go along the beautiful La Sierra Greenway (Cadiz and Seville) at the heart of the many night sky protection. Astronomy club, stargazing sessions and a hand under the stars are we

DAY 1: 12:00 h. - Arrival at the accommodation. Free time for lunch and optional extra activities. 20:30 h. - Dinner at the hotel. 22:00 h. - Private and exclusive Star Gazing Observation: (Introduction) on astronomy, Workshop on the recognition of stars and constellations, Stargazing observation with high quality telescopes, (Advanced) astrophotography session, (Breakfast and a toast with a glass of wine or champagne under the stars. 02:00 h. - End of session (estimated time)

DAY 2: 10:00 h. - Breakfast. 12:00 h. - End of our services. Free time for optional extra activities.

INCLUDED:

- Overnight stay in hotel.
- Dinner and breakfast.
- Star Gazing Session.
- The support of a private astronomical monitor for your Star Gazing session.
- Use of high quality telescopes.
- Breakfast and a toast with a glass of wine or champagne under the stars.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Transport to the town of Olvera.
- Lunch.
- Optional extra activities.

OPTIONAL EXTRA ACTIVITIES:

- Visit to the museum "Casa de Chloé" next to the Alcazar of Olvera.
- Hire of adapted bicycles to ride along the Green Way.
- Visit to the Observatory of Stars of Zafra in the Greenway.

Price from: 300€ (price per person)

Includes: HB

Cycling in Andalusia

Walking the Greenways better adapted

THE IDEA OF YOUR TRIP TO SPAIN

A perfect tour to discover the most authentic in Andalusia. Six days to roam Malaga, Ronda, Jerez de la Frontera and Cádiz to Granada Natural Park. You will enjoy our gastronomy and our White village culture, with Greenways as a unique en-

DAY 1, Malaga. We will be waiting for you at Malaga's Airport to transfer you to your hotel in the downtown. Then we will do a route from the famous Laris Street to Plaza Museum before having lunch in a typical tavern. Attention dedicated to Torrijos Center and promenade. Dinner in the hotel in Malaga.

DAY 2, Ronda. In the morning we will drive to Ronda, where we will enjoy a visit around the city and will meet its famous bridges Old and New. Then, we will go to a family, ecological winery where we will learn about grape varieties. We will have lunch there, in a terrace looking out. In the afternoon, we will go to a stud farm with Andalusian buildings and horses. Dinner in the hotel in Ronda.

DAY 3, Olvera. Today we will go to Olvera to start our journey through Greenways. From Olvera station to Corrales cañon we will cover canyons, gorges, bridges and we will spot cultures in their natural habitat. Dinner and accommodation in Corrales.

DAY 4, Puerto Serrano. We will leave Corrales by bicycle crossing Puerto Serrano, where we will have lunch in its castle. In the afternoon we will go to Jerez de la Frontera, horse's city. After visiting a winery that produces Sherry wine we will enjoy having dinner in one of its famous taverns. Accommodation in Jerez.

DAY 5, Jerez de la Frontera. Today we will have a calm day in Jerez. We will have time to learn more about this city and its less known spots. In the city center, we will have lunch based on traditional local dishes cooked with locally products. Free afternoon and dinner in the hotel.

DAY 6, Malaga. After having breakfast, we will have time to last bags before going to Malaga's Airport to come back home.

Included: 6 days and 5 nights in adapted apartments with capacity of 2 people, with full board (breakfast and dinner) except Tuesday. Dinner when there is no hotel. Transport of your gear in a van with Malaga and Jerez de la Frontera and other necessary transfers. Transfer from Malaga to Jerez de la Frontera and Jerez de la Frontera to Malaga. Breakfast from Tuesday to Friday. Local TRANSPORTATION NOT INCLUDED.

From 850€ per person



Accessibility Projects

Who are the partners?

STATE-LEVEL and 6 AUTONOMOUS PROVINCES

Public Entities:

- FFE (Lead partner). State-level scope
- **Impulsa Igualdad** State level
- Junta de Extremadura
- Asociación Vías Verdes de Andalucía
- Consorcio Vías Verdes de la Región de Murcia
- Consorci Vies Verdes de Girona

SMEs:

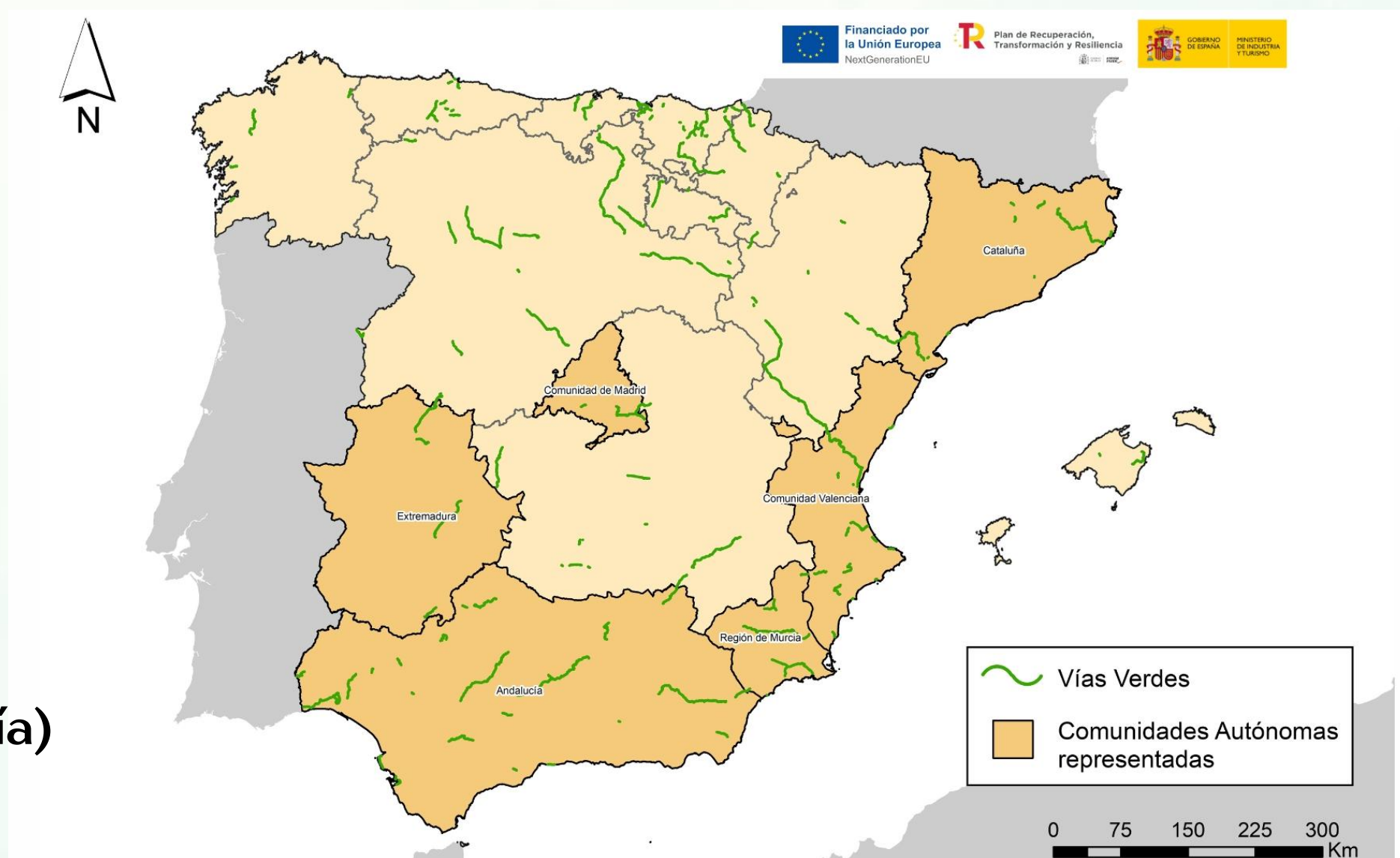
- Rutas Pangea (Comunidad de Madrid)
- Turismo Vivencial (Andalucía)
- Mediterranean Bike Tours (Comunidad Valenciana)
- Asociación de empresarios de la VV del Aceite (Andalucía)

Budget: 779.420 €

Experimenta VíasVerdes

[Check out the Project's website here](#)

Assessment of key ACCESSIBILITY needs and provision of experiences for everyone





Accessibility Projects



Assessment of key accessibility needs.
Manager survey and recommendations report



Offer of "Greenways Experiences for All"
Dissemination and materials across multiple channels



Tur4All TRAVEL travel agency
Two Pilot Projects:
•Girona Greenways for All
•Extremadura Greenways for All

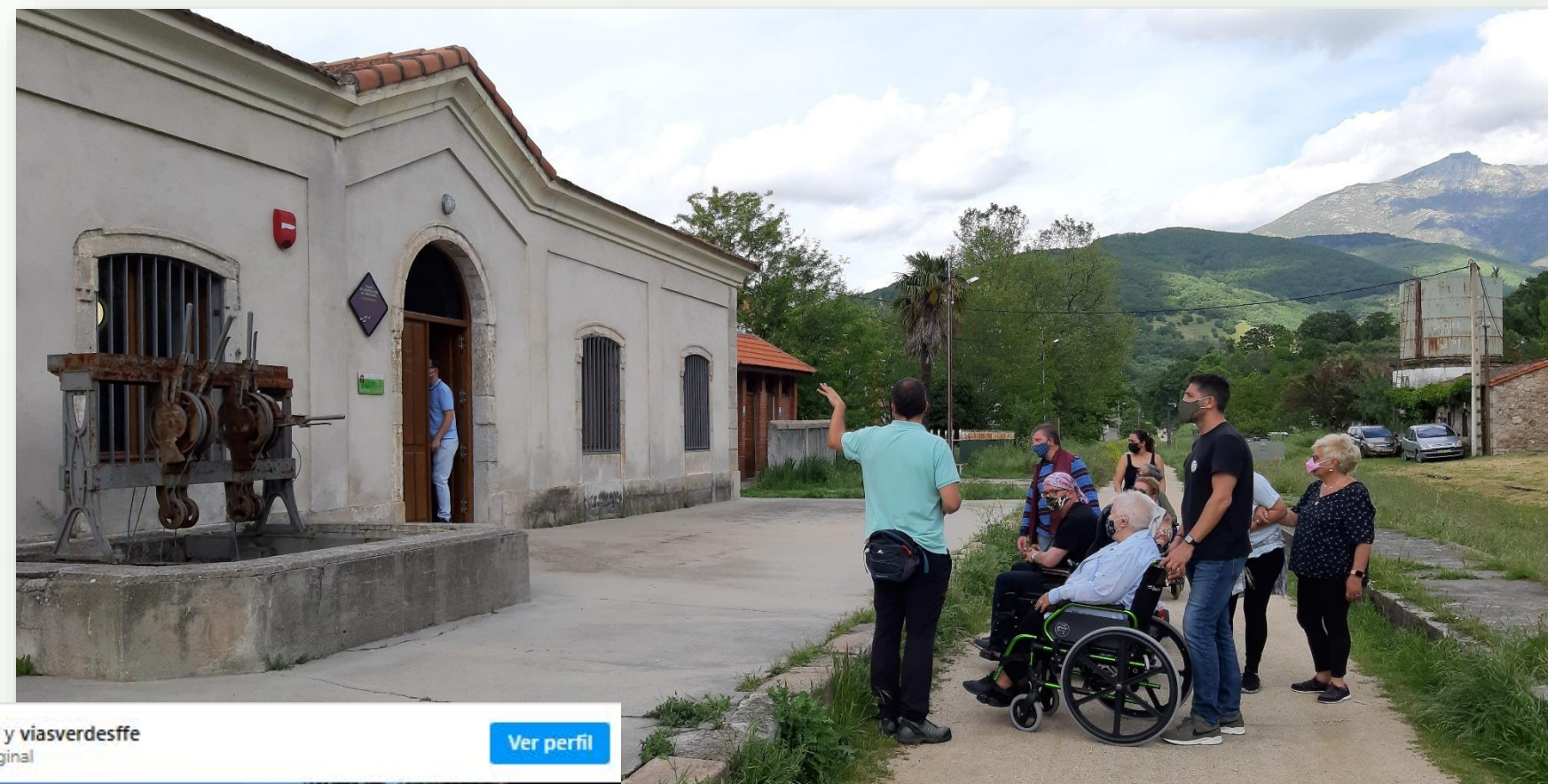


Accessible Tourism Conference and Blog
Trip on Greenways. Ripoll. June 2025



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Experimenta Vías Verdes



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Inventory of former railway stations"



QUIÉNES SOMOS ▾ NOTICIAS ▾ JORNADAS Y ACTIVIDADES ▾ VIAJES Y PUBLICACIONES ▾ PROYECTOS

Inventario de antiguas estaciones Inicio / Estaciones

Estaciones de Vías Verdes



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Estación recomendada:
Antiguo almacén de la estación de Doña Mencía. Camino Natural Vía Verde del Aceite. hoy Centro Cicloturista Subbética





Las estaciones de las Vías Verdes, oportunidad como servicios accesibles y espacios cicloturistas

WEBINAR

 11 de marzo
 12:00-14:15h

 Financiado por la Unión Europea NextGenerationEU   MINISTERIO DE INDUSTRIA Y TURISMO

148 railway buildings refurbished with new cultural and tourist services

[Check out the Inventory](#)



Examples of old railway station refurbished with cultural and tourist services





Other initiatives of accessibility in Spanish Vías Verdes



Series of 60 ONCE lottery tickets dedicated to Greenways



TUR4all

www.viasverdesaccesibles.es



Greenways4ALL

Guía práctica hacia el Turismo Accesible en Vías Verdes

Practical Guide to Opening Up the territory to Accessible Greenways

ACCESIBILIDAD. VÍAS VERDES PARA TODOS

Diciembre 2017



Latest actions on accessibility across Greenways



Montes de Hierro Greenway (Basque Country) Enhances Visual Accessibility with Blind Explorer. 3D Audio Navigation: Uses binaural sound and acoustic augmented reality to guide users along a safe path without needing to view a screen.



Collaboration between the Andalusian Greenways Association and ASPAYM People with spinal cord injuries and severe physical disabilities



Val de Zafán Greenway and Girona Greenways – accesible materials. Adaptation of Greenway sections for visually impaired people



Accessible Signage on the Plazaola Greenway (Braille and easy-to-read guides). Accessible old railway train station now Tourisy Office.





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