



# Route The Conquest of Valencia

## CAMINO DEL CID



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Ramblers route guide The Way of El Cid

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## The Conquest of Valencia

Cella -Valencia (248 km)

### The Way to the sea: a dream city

The literary route starts in Cella, the town chosen by El Cid to call a meeting for all those who wished to follow him in the conquest of Valencia. It then continues alongside the river Palancia, in whose valley is Jérica, which was conquered by El Cid. The next town in the route is Segorbe, where 3,000 Muslim knights slept after travelling to Alcocer to combat him. The route comes out to the Mediterranean Sea: first at Sagunto, where, according to El Cantar, El Cid established his military base for a period of three years; and, second, at El Puig, a strategic point, 15km away from Valencia. Available historical sources point out that El Cid conquered the city in the year 1094, after months of harsh siege. He is said to have climbed the tower of the fortress after the conquest so as to look at his belongings. Complete the route climbing to the top of Miquelet and recall these lines from El Cantar: "Sheer happiness covered the place, / when mio Cid won Valencia and he came into the city".

### What there is to see?

There are many charming towns with an intense medieval touch. Along the highest points of the route, you will come across fascinating landscapes as well as mixed Mediterranean groves, natural pools (apt for swimming), rivers and straits. Along the lowest parts of the route, there are impressive fruit fields, marshes and the warm Mediterranean beaches. There are three World Heritage Sites: Mudéjar Aragonés, Lonja gótica de Valencia and Tribunal de las Aguas. There are seven towns which have been declared Historic and/or Artistic Sites: Teruel, Mora de Rubielos, Rubielos de Mora, Jérica, Segorbe, the millennial town of Sagunto, and, of course, Valencia. There are Natural Spaces made of junipers at Puerto de Escandón -in between Teruel and Puebla de Valverde-, amazing Estrechos del Mijares -in between Olba and Montán- and Curso Medio del Palancia -in between Caudiel and Algar de Palancia-, and Marjal dels Moros, a wetland placed in between Sagunto and Puçol.

In the first part of the route, there are many rural paths and mountain footpaths whereas in the second part of the route the great majority of the paths are paved paths with a good sub-base and asphalt driveways and paved paths. Starting at Sierra de la Espina, which is 10 kilometres away from Caudiel, the route starts an ever-ending descent towards

Valencia, part of which runs along the same route than the Vía Verde Ojos Negros. In the last stages of this route, until reaching Valencia, you will walk on paved paths rather than on footpaths. Pay close attention when walking along the last kilometres of the route, for the area is largely built-up: please remember to use updated topo-guides and tracks, which you can download from our website.

### Weather

You will encounter important weather changes along the route. In the stretch that runs along the province of Teruel and in the mountain stages in Castellón, the weather is influenced by its height and the insulation ensured by the Mediterranean Sea. The temperature in the summer is mild, though there are huge temperature fluctuations, whereas winters are very cold, dry and sunny. Rainfalls occur mainly in spring and autumn. As for summers, they are not particularly dry because of storms. After reaching Caudiel, the citric fields along the meadow at Alto Palancia indicate that we have reached a region characterised by Mediterranean climate, where winters are mild and summers are dry and hot. Pay special attention to storms, especially at the beginning of the autumn, when rain falls heavily, to the point that water flows along riverbeds that remain dry throughout the year.

In the file card for each stage, there is a climate chart showing average monthly temperatures, amount of daylight hours and average rainfall. Precipitation indexes are interpreted in the following manner:

- Dry season (range of 0-25mm per month)
- Low level of rainfall (range of 25-40mm per month)
- **Medium level of rainfall (range of 40-60mm per month)**
- High level of rainfall (> 60mm per month)

### Signposting

The Conquest of Valencia route is signposted throughout all of its stages as a GR 160 route (white and red markers). Note that some markers may not be visible during certain times of the year, which is why we recommend that you carry with you this guide and the GPS and mobile tracks.. Have a safe trip!

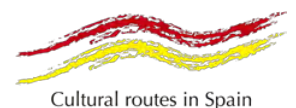
Mora de Rubielos castle



Use this QR code on our website to access content in the ramblers' route section of The Conquest of Valencia Route. You can download all relevant information: maps, topo-guides, tracks, list of accommodations, passport stamping offices, tourist offices, etc.



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Cultural routes in Spain

	Continuity trail	Wrong direction
GR 160 stretch (footpath)		
Non-GR stretch (footpath)		

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# The Passport (a modern letter of safe-passage)

The Passport is the identification used by travellers to collect stamps from the towns and villages along their way. If the identification is shown at any of the 200 accommodation facilities belonging to the route, you can get a minimum of 10% off.



The Passport is free and you can get one either at a Tourist Office or at our office. In the section below you will find the list of offices (updated for september 2019) where you can obtain and stamp the Passport.



## TERUEL

### CELLA

AYUNTAMIENTO Avda. de la Fuente, 2 C/ Plaza Mayor, 1 978650002  
CENTRO DE DÍA Avda. de la Fuente, 2 978653045  
CR LA MASADA C/ Camino Cid, 2 - 636550232 / 978650656  
LA POSADA DE CLOTILDE C/ San Clemente, 27 - 678712253  
ALBERGUE EL RÍO C/ Cuesta del Postigo, 1 - 637869089

### FUENTES DE RUBIELOS

MULTISERVICIO RINCÓN DE L'ABADÍA C/ Mayor, 10  
978804011/699764281  
CR LA VIEJA ESCUELA C/ Mayor, 19 649098765  
CR VIENTOS DE GÚDAR C/ Canterica, 1 629 750 707

### LA PUEBLA DE VALVERDE

OFICINA TURISMO C/ Mayor, 12 978670001  
AYUNTAMIENTO C/ Mayor, 12 978670001  
HOTEL EL HORNO C/ Dr. Fermín Izquierdo, 12 978670406  
H FONDA DE LA ESTACIÓN Crta. De la Estación, s/n, 978670467  
CR LA OINTINA C/ Extorres, 8. 606286626

### MORA DE RUBIELOS

OFICINA TURISMO C/ Diputación, 2 978806132  
O T CASTILLO Ronda Martín Almagro, 1 978800395  
APTO. MONTE Y PLAYA Pl. Iglesia, 3 630931966  
COMPLEJO LA TRUFA NEGRA Av. Ibañez Martín, 10-14 978807144  
HOTEL LA RUEDA Crta. De Alcalá, km. 1 978800350  
HOTEL JAIME I Pl. de la Villa, s/n 978800184

### OLBA

MULTISERVICIO EL MIJARES C/ Cantón, 9 978781420  
ALBERGUE MOLINO Masía Molino, s/n 978031563 / 659081901

### RUBIELOS DE MORA

OFICINA TURISMO Plaza Hispanoamérica, 1 978804001  
HOTEL DE LA VILLA Pl. del Carmen, 2 978804640  
H MONTAÑA RUBIELOS Av. de los Mártires, s/n 978804236  
HOTEL LOS LEONES Pl. de Igual y Gil, 3 978804477

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OFICINA TURISMO Pl. de los Amantes, 6 978624105  
H\*\*\* TERUEL PLAZA C/ Plaza Tremedal, 3  
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HS EL CARTERO C/ Cuevas Puente La Reina 8 978602148  
HS SERRUCHI C/ Ollerías el Calvario, 4 978610681  
HS CASONA C/ Estación, 6 978602866  
H ISABEL DE SEGURA Ronda del Turia, 1 978620751  
ALBERGUE CITY BACKPACKERS Av. Segorbe, 6 978601227

## VALBONA

AYUNTAMIENTO Pl. Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo, 1 978800036  
CR APTO EL PRADO C/ La Guardia, 1 650982306

## CASTELLÓN

### ALTURA

OFICINA TURISMO C/ Calvario, 17 964147075  
HOSTAL VICTORIA Avda. de Valencia, 86 964146153

### CAUDIEL

AYUNTAMIENTO Pl. España, 1 964144049  
CR MITA C/ Pelayo, 41 639110592

### JÉRICA

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AYUNTAMIENTO C/ Historiador Vayo, 19 964129177  
CENTRO INFORMACIÓN TURÍSTICA "CASILLA SANTA  
PK 154 Via Verde Ojos Negros 659290715

### MONTÁN

AYUNTAMIENTO Plaza Mayor, 1 964131002

### MONTANEJOS

OFICINA TURISMO Avda. Fuente de Baños, 10 964131153  
H ROSALEDA DEL MIJARES Crta. de Tales, 28 964131079  
APART. CAMPUEBLA Crta. Tales, 51 964131074 / 629673522  
HOTEL REST. CASA PALACIO C/ S. Vicente, 40 964131293  
HOTEL XAUXEN Avda. Fuente Baños, 26 964131151

### NAVAJAS

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CAMPING-BUNG. ALTOMIRA Crta. Navajas-Pantano km, 1 964713211  
CR VILLA PILAR C/ Valencia, 14 629476252

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AYUNTAMIENTO Pl. de la Iglesia, 1 964112601  
HR L'ABADÍA Pl. de la Iglesia, 4 964708342 / 617760839

## VALENCIA

### ALGAR DE PALANCA

AYUNTAMIENTO Pl. Castellón, 2 962625055  
BAR MUNICIPAL "CASINO" Pl. Mayor, 1 962626015

### ALGIMIA DE ALFARA

AYUNTAMIENTO Pl. San Vicente, 1 962626053  
CASA RURAL EL SECANET C/ Torres Torres, 25 661818245

### EL PUIG

OFICINA TURISMO C/ De la Estación, s/n 961959029  
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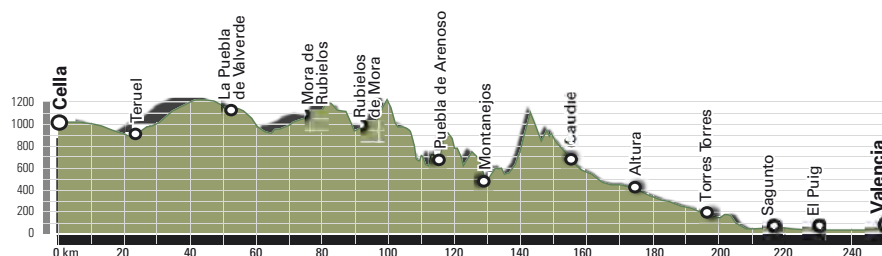
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H ELS ARENALS C/ Felisa Longas, 1 902996020  
H AZAHAR Avda. País Valencià, 8 962663368  
H B&B DOMUS ATILIA C/ La Rosa, 14 629653448  
HS CARLOS País Valencià, 43 962660902  
P AVENIDA País Valencià, 20 962660003

## TORRES TORRES

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O.T. AEROPUERTO Planta de Llegadas Manises 961530229  
O.T. AYUNTAMIENTO Pl. del Ayuntamiento, 1 963524908  
O.T. ESTACIÓN J. SOROLLA C/ S. Vicente, 171 963803623  
O.T. VALENCIA PLAYA Paseo de Neptuno, s/n 963555899  
MUSEO MILITAR C/ General Gil Dolz, 6 961966215  
H CONQUERIDOR C/ Cervantes, 9 963522910  
H MEDIUM VALENCIA General Urrutia, 48 963347800  
H PATILLA C/ Pinares, 10 961830382  
CAMPING DEVESA GARDENS El Saler, km. 13 961611136  
HR CASUALVALENCIA DE LA MÚSICA Padilla, 4 963511284  
HOSTAL EL CID C/ Cerrajerros (Manyans), 13 963922323  
ACCOM HOSTEL PALACIOS C/ Daoiz y Velarde, 6  
963629689/616352548



## Sections (248 kms)

- |   |  |    |                                 |
|---|--|----|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Cella – Teruel (23,1 km)                           | 7  | Montanejos – Caudiel (27 km)    |
| 2 | Teruel – La Puebla de Valverde (28,8 km)           | 8  | Caudiel – Altura (18,2 km)      |
| 3 | La Puebla de Valverde – Mora de Rubielos (25,7 km) | 9  | Altura – Torres Torres (22 km)  |
| 4 | Mora de Rubielos – Rubielos de Mora (16,7 km)      | 10 | Torres Torres – Sagunto (20 km) |
| 5 | Rubielos de Mora – Puebla de Arenoso (20,8 km)     | 11 | Sagunto – El Puig (12,3 km)     |
| 6 | Puebla de Arenoso – Montanejos (14,5 km)           | 12 | El Puig – Valencia (20 km)      |

## Services

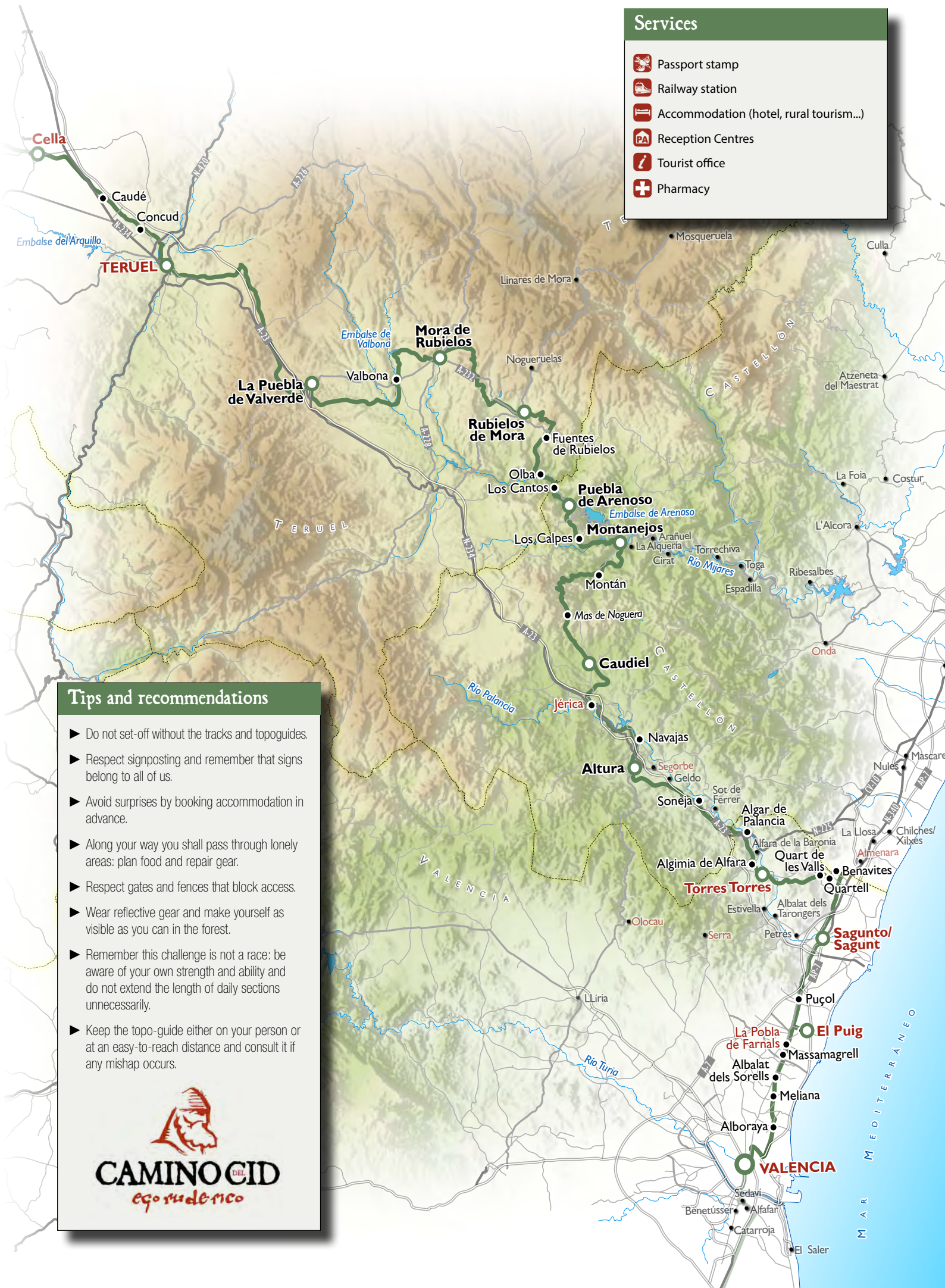
-  Passport stamp
-  Railway station
-  Accommodation (hotel, rural tourism...)
-  Reception Centres
-  Tourist office
-  Pharmacy

## Tips and recommendations

- ▶ Do not set-off without the tracks and topoguides.
- ▶ Respect signposting and remember that signs belong to all of us.
- ▶ Avoid surprises by booking accommodation in advance.
- ▶ Along your way you shall pass through lonely areas: plan food and repair gear.
- ▶ Respect gates and fences that block access.
- ▶ Wear reflective gear and make yourself as visible as you can in the forest.
- ▶ Remember this challenge is not a race: be aware of your own strength and ability and do not extend the length of daily sections unnecessarily.
- ▶ Keep the topo-guide either on your person or at an easy-to-reach distance and consult it if any mishap occurs.



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Distance: 23,1 km

Maximum grade: 145 m

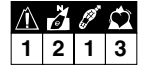
Cumulative ascent: 40 m

Cumulative descent: 140 m

Estimated time: 4h 30m

Physical difficulty: Medium

MIDE



CELLA (population: 2.581) VIA VERDE GR-160

Start this stage in the area surrounding the interesting *medieval artesian* aquifer of **Cella**. Continue along *Avenida de la Fuente*, which skirts the northern part of the town, and then continue along *Calle de San Antonio*, until reaching a crossroads at the town's exit (km 1.3). Follow straight along a paved path that runs towards the southeast. Pass to the left of a small industrial unit and walk away from the town along a soil path that runs amidst cultivated fields (km 1.9). You will reach a small water channel (km 2.4). Walk to its right until reaching a crossroads. Turn left (km 3.5). You will soon reach another crossroads. This time turn right (km 3.6) and continue walking to the left of the fence of a large factory. To the right you will see some old railroad buildings, which signal the start of *Vía Verde de Ojos Negros* (km 4.3). Walk along this route, on a long straight line. After crossing through a level crossing that crosses under the national road (km 9.4), walk off *Vía Verde* and turn to a path to your right (before reaching an old bridge). The path comes close to the railroad and then continues to the right (km 9.6). The path runs alongside numerous farming buildings and then comes out to the road to **Caudé** (km 10.5). Continue along it. After crossing through the bridge over the *stream Conclud*, you reach the church of **Caudé** (km 9.2).

- Agricultural paths and the outstanding airport of Caudé
- Late-Gothic church, remains of the walls, aquifer, Roman aqueduct...
- Rural paths and *Vía Verde de Ojos Negros*, whose sub-base is made of a thin layer of asphalt and compacted sand sub-base

10,9 km



CAUDÉ (population: 190) GR-160

Start at the church. Turn right and head towards the washing place, following straight until reaching *Calle Nueva*, which moves away from the town amidst farming buildings and then turns into a soil path (km 11.3). When reaching a crossroads (km 11.6), turn to a path to your right. The path descends along a small precipice until reaching the black poplars that grow in the area surrounding *Conclud stream*. Cross under the road's bridge (km 12.3). Although there is a right-hand turn (km 13.5), continue alongside the bottom of the precipice and the meadow (poplar groves and orchards). The path comes close to the train lines (km 14.2). Walk to their left and ignore a path that crosses through the railroad. At a crossroads (km 15.2), continue straight along a crossing over Rama gulley, where the path curves to the right. Access **Conclud** walking along *Calle del Pilar* (km 15.8).

- Agricultural meadow with poplar groves
- Santo Tomás church
- Rural path with a good sub-base

5,4 km



CONCLUD (population: 134) GR-160

Leave from the church walking along *Calle Horno*. Continue along *Calle Larga* until reaching a turn to the right, where the handrail comes to an end (km 16.6). Walk away from the town, descending along a slope. The path runs in between the precipice and the meadow at *Conclud stream* (crop fields and poplar groves). When coming out to the road (km 17.8), cross and continue straight on an asphalt driveway. At **Masía de Chantre**, turn right (km 18.3) and walk towards the buildings. Walk past a road (km 18.7) which leads to **Teruel**. The pavement turns into soil, but you should follow straight. Further on, cross the tunnel under road N-420 (km 18.8). After coming out of the tunnel, turn right at the crossroads (km 18.9). Continue until reaching a black poplar grove (km 19.3), which is situated close to the point at which the stream flows into *Alfambra river*. The path runs parallel to the stream, alongside a fence (poplar grove). Continue until reaching a crossroads. Turn right and cross the riverbed through a ford (km 19.7). The path climbs some metres and then turns into a footpath, which runs southwards alongside the limits of a field, following the precipice. The path turns into a trail (km 20.1). At this point, turn right and cross through a tunnel under the railroad (km 20.3). After the tunnel, turn to a path to the left, which runs southwards and comes out to the road to **Teruel** (km 21.4). Keep left along the road, which crosses the river *Alfambra* before turning off at a railway underpass for pedestrians. Access the town walking along *Avda. de Zaragoza*. Continue on this avenue until reaching a crossroads (km 22.7). Then walk along *Calle San Francisco* and continue until reaching *Paseo del Óvalo* (km 23).

- Agricultural meadow with poplar groves
- Paleontological areas of "Cerro de La Garita" and of "Barranco de Las Calaveras"
- Rural paths and footpath
- Be careful when walking close to the ford of the stream (km 19.7)

6,8 km

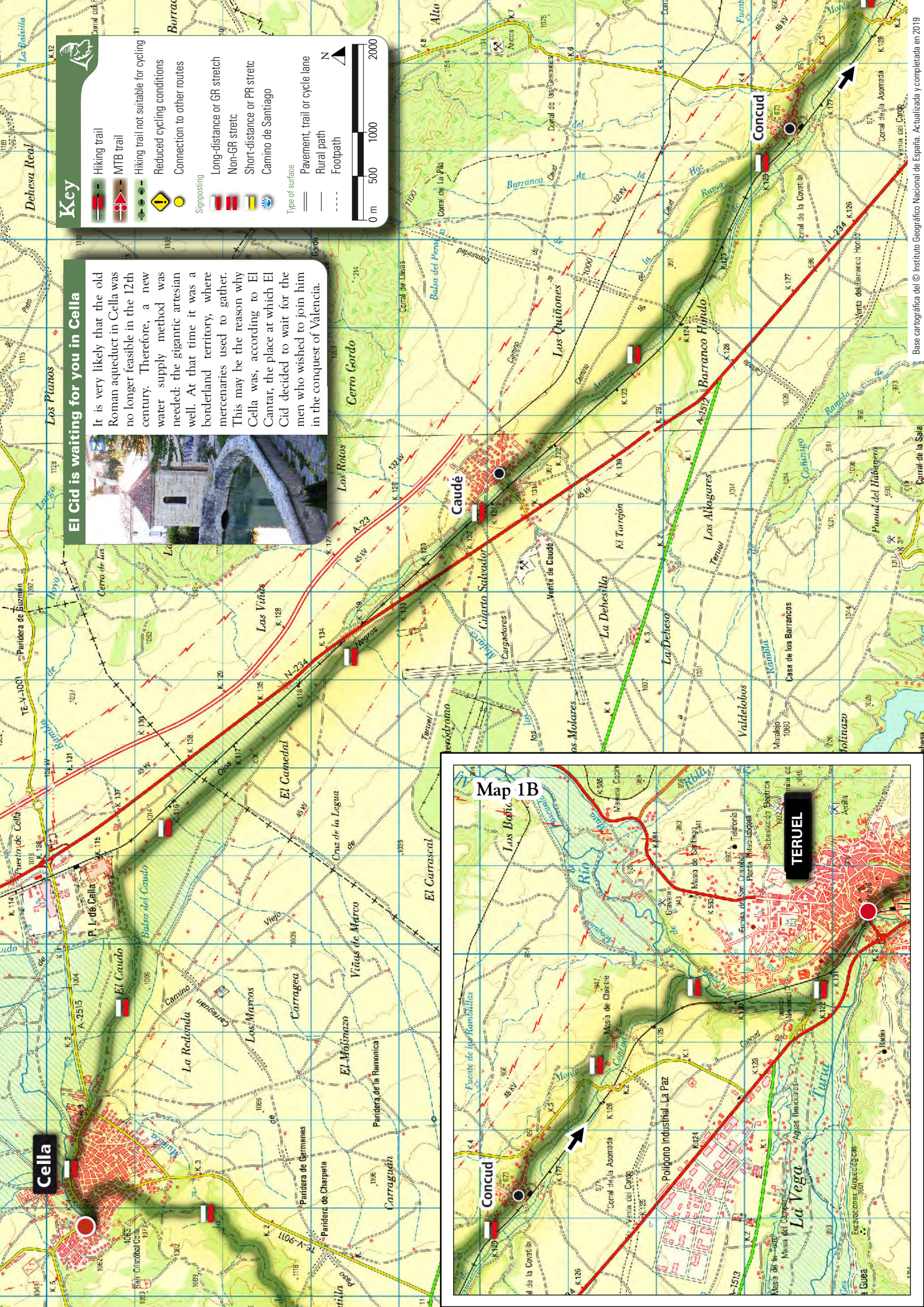


TERUEL (population: 32.671) GR-160

The fountain of Cella is considered one of the largest artesian aquifers in Europe



	E	F	M	A	M	J <sub>N</sub>	J <sub>L</sub>	A	S	O	N	D
Temperatura media	8°	10°	14°	15°	20°	26°	31°	29°	25°	18°	13°	9°
Max/Min	-2°	-1°	1°	3°	6°	10°	13°	16°	10°	6°	2°	-1°
Nº. Horas de luz/día	09:36	10:39	11:56	13:18	14:26	15:03	14:47	13:47	12:28	11:09	09:56	09:18
Pluviometría media	17	13	20	32	55	48	25	32	31	35	27	22



### El Cid is waiting for you in Cella

It is very likely that the old Roman aqueduct in Cella was no longer feasible in the 12th century. Therefore, a new water supply method was needed: the gigantic artesian well. At that time it was a borderland territory, where mercenaries used to gather. This may be the reason why Cella was, according to El Cantar, the place at which El Cid decided to wait for the men who wished to join him in the conquest of Valencia.



#### Key

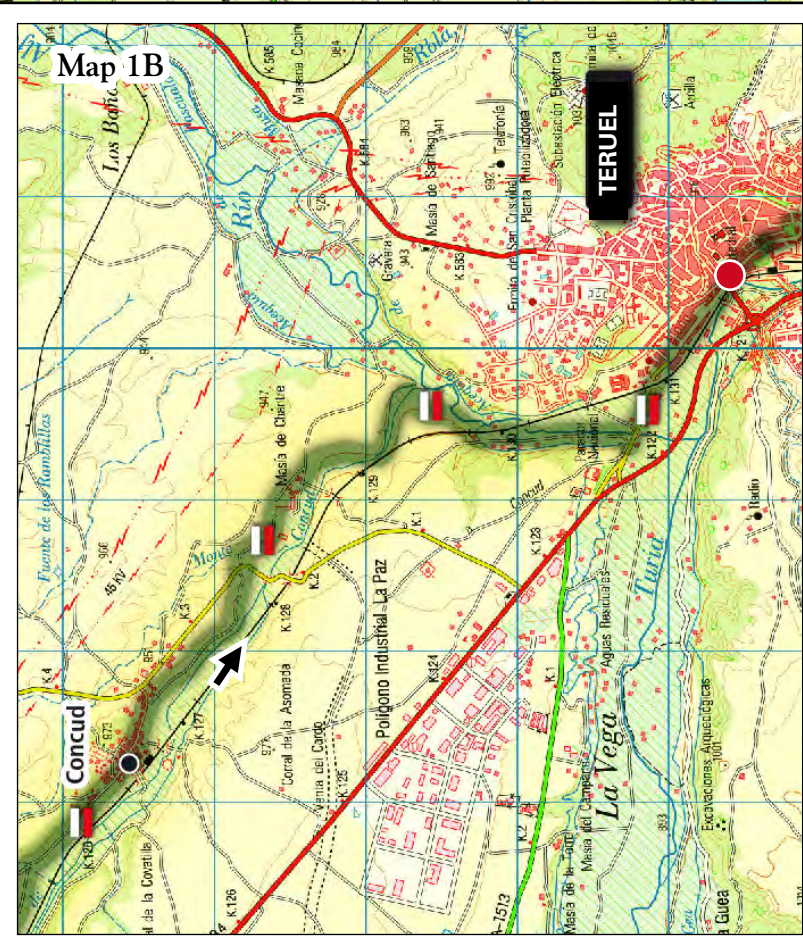
- Hiking trail
- MTB trail
- Hiking trail not suitable for cycling
- Reduced cycling conditions
- Connection to other routes

Signposting

- Long-distance or GR stretch
- Non-GR stretc
- Short-distance or PR stretc
- Camino de Santiago

Type of surface

- Pavement, trail or cycle lane
- Rural path
- Footpath





Distance: 28,8 km  
Maximum grade: 330 m

Cumulative ascent: 415 m  
Cumulative descent: 190 m

Estimated time: 6h 50m  
Physical difficulty: High



**TERUEL** (population: 32.671) **VÍA VERDE** **GR-160**

Start at *Paseo del Óvalo*, from where you should head towards *Ronda de la Glorieta*. Continue until reaching a pedestrian viaduct (km 0.27). Cross through the viaduct and then continue along *Avda. Sagunto* until reaching the city's exit, which is next to the *conference centre and Dinópolis*. A directional arrow, placed close to some information boards and to the exit of the parking lot (km 2.8), points to a path that runs parallel to road N-234 (together with the PR-TE 8 route). Ignore the two left-hand turns (kms 3.1 and 3.4), and carry on as far as a small pine grove (km 3.5) where the tarmacked surface ends and turn left. The path descends until coming out to a small road (km 4.7). Turn left and continue until reaching the area surrounding *Fuente Cerrada* (swimming-pool, sports centre...) (km 5.7). Although the asphalt turns into soil, the trail, which runs amidst pine trees (path to *Suertes*) and climbs along *Valdelobos gully*, is comfortable. Ignore several left and right hand turns and continue on the main path (to the right of the gully). Walk under the spectacular viaduct of highway A-23 (km 8.8). Shortly after, you come very close to a large six-arch viaduct (km 9.3). **Vía Verde de Ojos Negros** crosses the gully through this viaduct. A path to the left leads into a path to which motor vehicles are not permitted. Cross the viaduct and continue along **Vía Verde**, walking amidst large pine groves and spectacular cuttings, carved on the rock. The route comes close to the highway (km 11.9), after which you reach a small 80m-long tunnel (km 12.8). Further on, you cross through a larger one, a 130m-long tunnel (km 13.4). The pine landscape gradually turns into large groves of junipers. In the area next to *house Puerto de Escandón*, the route **Vía Verde** is cut off (km 17.2). Take a paved path to the right, which crosses through a tunnel under the highway. Walk straight along the path, parallel to the service road until reaching the area surrounding the railway **station of Puerto de Escandón** (km 18.3), where old steam locomotives used to rest and cool after the steep ascent to the top of the pass.

**ESTACIÓN PUERTO DE ESCANDÓN** (building offering no facilities) **VÍA VERDE** **GR-160**

Resume the route walking along **Vía Verde de Ojos Negros**, which is set out in front of *Puerto de Escandón station* (km 18.3). The route moves gradually away from the highway, running parallel to the new railroad line. The route runs along large high moorlands covered with junipers and close to amazing cuttings, carved on the rock. When coming out to the road to **Camarena de la Sierra** (km 26.4), cross and continue straight some metres, walking towards *Estación de la Puebla de Valverde*. Before reaching the station, turn left into a paved path (km 26.6), which is situated in close proximity to *Fonda de la Estación*. At this point, walk off definitively of the stretch of **Vía Verde** that runs along the province of **Teruel** (you will join this route again in **Castellón**). In front of the cold meat factory, turn right into the road (km 27). Shortly after, cross the highway through a bridge (km 27.6) that connects two roundabouts. Continue carefully along road A-232, which descends until reaching a roundabout (km 28.6), through which you will cross the national road. You are already in close proximity to **La Puebla de Valverde**. Follow straight, heading towards the town, climbing along *Calle Balsillas*, and then turn into *Calle Loreto*. Continue until reaching the city centre, which is next to the church (km 29.1).

**LA PUEBLA DE VALVERDE** (POPULATION: 391)

- Pine and juniper groves
- Historic-Artistic complex, Mudejar architecture inscribed on the World Heritage List (tower, roof and lantern tower of the cathedral, towers and churches of San Pedro, San Martín, El Salvador and la Merced), towers, walls and city walls, aqueduct, Dinópolis...
- Rural path with a good sub-base and **Vía Verde** de Ojos Negros made of a thin layer of asphalt and compacted sand sub-base
- The station of Puebla de Escandón offers no facilities

- Hills covered with pine groves, juniper groves and Mediterranean scrubland
- Aqueducts and trenches carved for the railroad line
- Vía Verde de Ojos Negros**, whose final stretch runs along a road, is made of a thin layer of asphalt

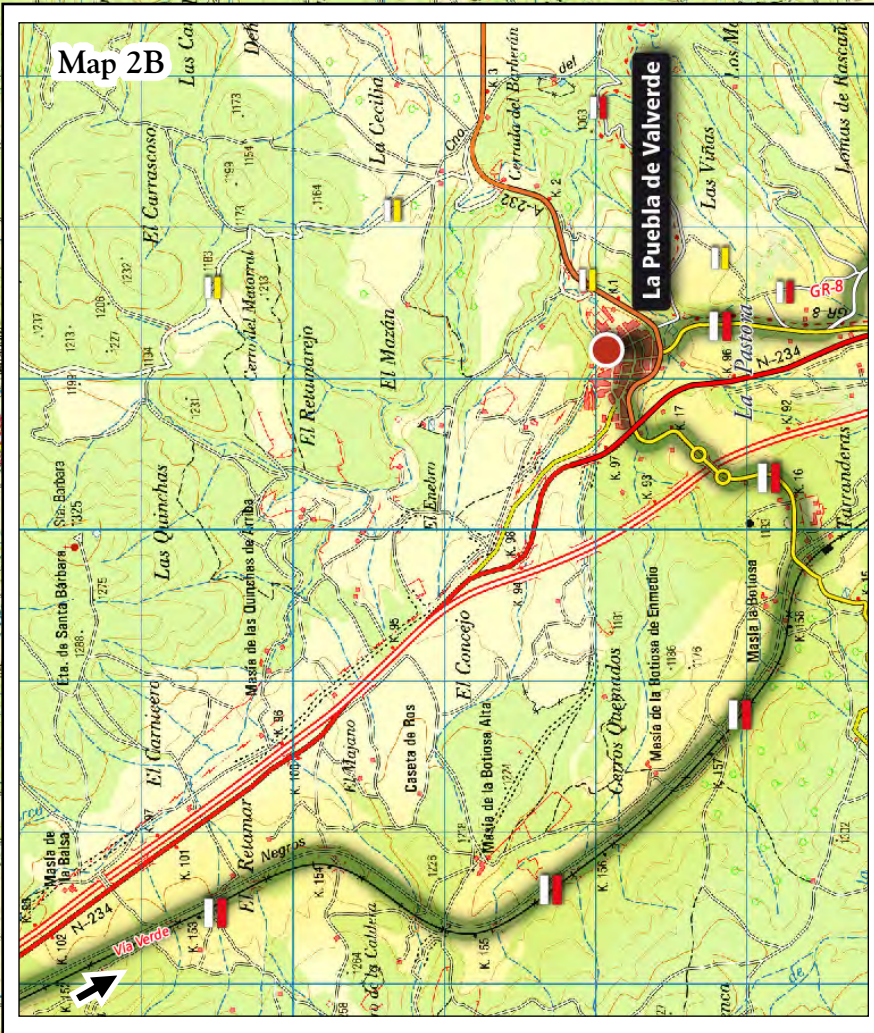
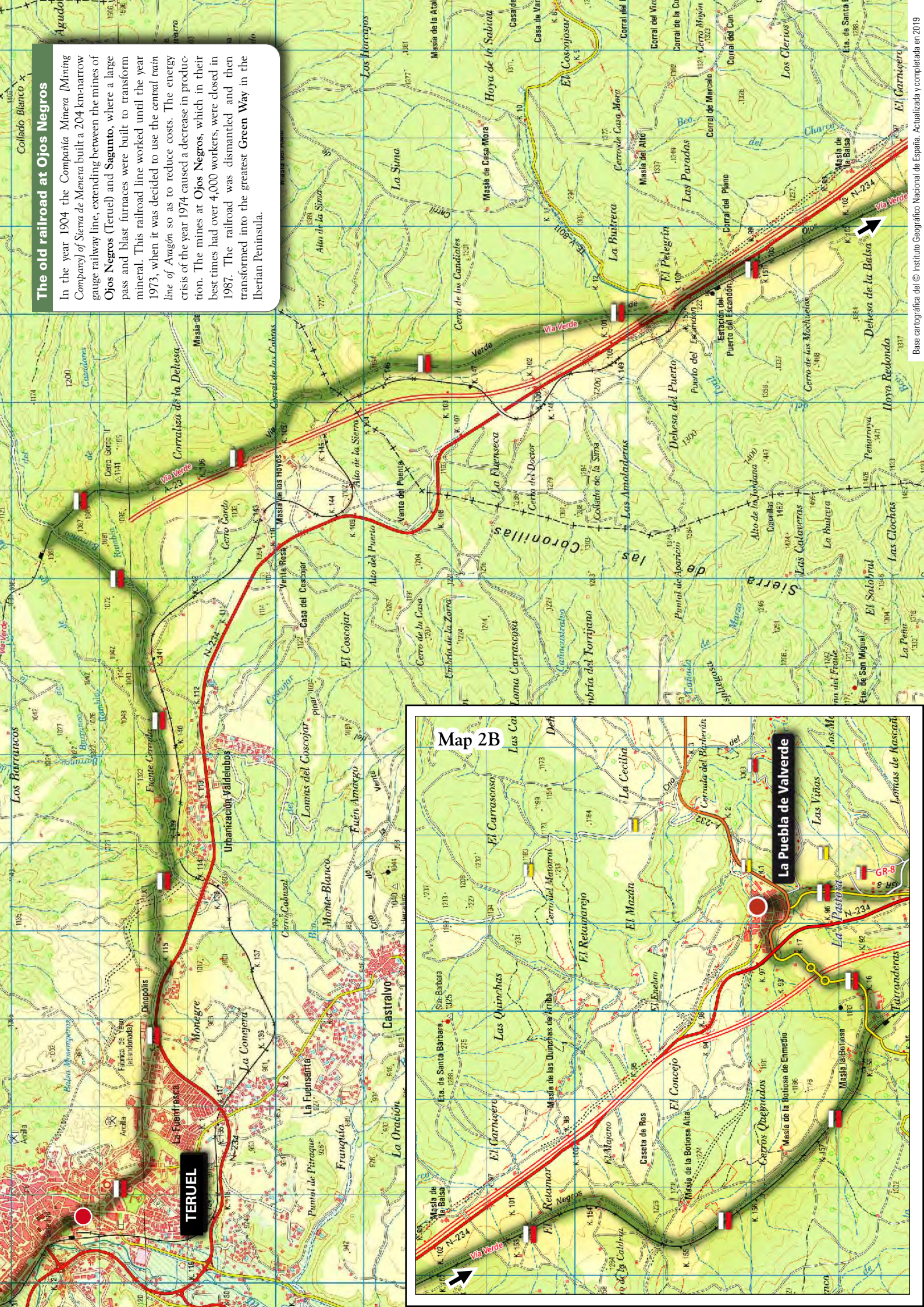


Viaduct over Valdelobos gully, where you will join **Vía Verde de Ojos Negros**

	E	F	M	A	M	J <sub>N</sub>	J <sub>L</sub>	A	S	O	N	D
Average temperature Max/Min	9° -2°	12° -1°	14° 0°	16° 3°	20° 6°	26° 10°	30° 13°	30° 13°	25° 10°	19° 6°	13° 1°	10° -1°
Amount of daylight hours/day	09:36	10:39	11:56	13:18	14:25	15:02	14:46	13:46	12:28	11:09	09:56	09:19
Average rainfall	17	14	19	36	56	43	30	40	36	42	22	20

### The old railroad at Ojos Negros

In the year 1904 the *Compañía Minera* (Mining Company) of Sierra de Menera built a 204 km-narrow gauge railway line, extending between the mines of Ojos Negros (Teruel) and Sagunto, where a large pass and blast furnaces were built to transform mineral. This railroad line worked until the year 1973, when it was decided to use the central main line of Avagón so as to reduce costs. The energy crisis of the year 1974 caused a decrease in production. The mines at Ojos Negros, which in their best times had over 4,000 workers, were closed in 1987. The railroad was dismantled and then transformed into the greatest Green Way in the Iberian Peninsula.





Distance: 25,7 km  
Maximum grade: 250 m

Cumulative ascent: 220 m  
Cumulative descent: 320 m

Estimated time: 5h 40m  
Physical difficulty: Medium



### LA PUEBLA DE VALVERDE (population: 391)



GR-160 y GR-8

Resume The Way starting at *Joaquín Ros square*, which is situated at the rear of the church. Descend along *Calle del Campanar* and *Bajada de los Santos* until reaching the low part of the town and continue until walking into road A-232 (km 0.2). Go past the PR-TE 92 and the GR-8 that being opposite and turn right, following the road for a few metres until you come to a crossroads (km 0.4). Turn left (bridge) and take the local road that crosses that ravine. Before coming to Ventorrillo (a service area close to the former main road), turn off onto the path you will see on your left-hand side (km 1.5) that heads southeast. This brings us to a crossroads (km 2.3) where you should join a PR and the GR-8 (for 200 m), before carrying straight on. Pass by a kermes oak grove and to the right of a farmyard called *Estancos*. You will shortly after reach a crossroads (km 3). Turn left and continue walking along *camino de los Estancos*, walking off the PR route, which follows straight. The path descends slowly, running alongside cereal fields and kermes oaks. It connects old scattered buildings: *Molinerio farmyard* (km 5.9), *Gordo house* (km 7.3) and *Gálvez country house* (km 8.3). Immediately after walking past the latter, there is a crossroads. Take the path to your right and cross through a gully (km 8.5) and a small kermes oak grove. Two paths to the right join the main path (km 8.9 and 9.5). Continue along *Mas del Paso* path down to the bottom of Cubillo ravine. Here you should turn off the path (that crosses the ravine, taking the right-hand footpath (km 9.9.) along the dry riverbed (take care during periods when the water levels rise). This footpath, which runs parallel to the gully amidst a thick kermes oak grove, crosses its stony riverbed several times until reaching the *windmill of Puebla*, situated next to *Mijares river* (km 12.3). At this point the path crosses the *rivers Mijares and Valbona* and climbs until reaching a trail (*camino de los Molinos*) (km 12.4). Turn left and walk northwards. The trail curves several times and gradually climbs higher, after which you should take a footpath (km 13.7). This footpath joins the trail shortly after (km 13.9). At this point, ignore the turn to the right. The path is flat and in good condition. Walk past a crossroads, where there is a turn to the right (km 14.5). A little bit further on, walk to the left of the path to the cemetery. You will soon reach **Valbona**, situated close to road A-232 (km 15).

### VALBONA (population: 168)



GR-160 y GR-8

Leave from the park with a fountain that is placed next to the road and then continue along the street set in front of you, walking along *Calle José Ibáñez Martín*, which crosses through the town. When reaching the church, continue straight until coming out to *Loreto chapel* (km 15.3). At this point, turn left into a small road, which leads northwards. Keep walking until reaching the *reservoir of Valbona*. Before descending to the dam, take a path to your right (km 18.2). The path runs along scrubland, moving away from the reservoir until reaching a trail (km 19.1). Cross the trail and continue on a footpath in front of you, which shortly after joins again the *path to Cava* (km 19.3). Cross through an area of cultivated fields (km 20.7) and start walking again on the scrubland (km 21.6). The path traces a large curve so as to avoid *gully Ciego* (km 22.9), close to an industrial area. When coming out to road A-232 (km 23.9), cross and continue on a paved path in front of you. The path eventually comes out to road A-228 (km 24.3), which runs alongside houses. Continue walking along the road until reaching the entrance to **Mora de Rubielos**, placed next to *Soledad chapel* (km 24.8). Turn into a street to the right which leads to the bridge over the *river Mora* (km 25.4), placed next to *Avenida de Ibáñez Martín*.

### MORA DE RUBIELOS (population: 1.525)



Fields used for agricultural purposes and forests of junipers, kermes oaks and pines in the southern foothills of Sierra de Gúdar



Gothic-Renaissance church of Santa Emerenciana, walls and covered walkways with arches



Road, rural paths and footpath



The stretch of footpath along Cubillo gully forces ramblers to wade across the gully and the river in the area close to Molino de la Puebla. Proceed with extreme care when the river is high, for no crossing has been set up for the purpose.



Fields used for agricultural purposes and forests of junipers, kermes oaks and pines in the southern foothills of Sierra de Gúdar



San Antonio church and reservoir of Valbona



Road and rural paths



Pay attention so as to remember to join the GR-8 route in the area surrounding the reservoir, for it may be confusing

*Juniper and pine groves fill the area surrounding the reservoir of Valbona*

Average temperature  
Max/Min

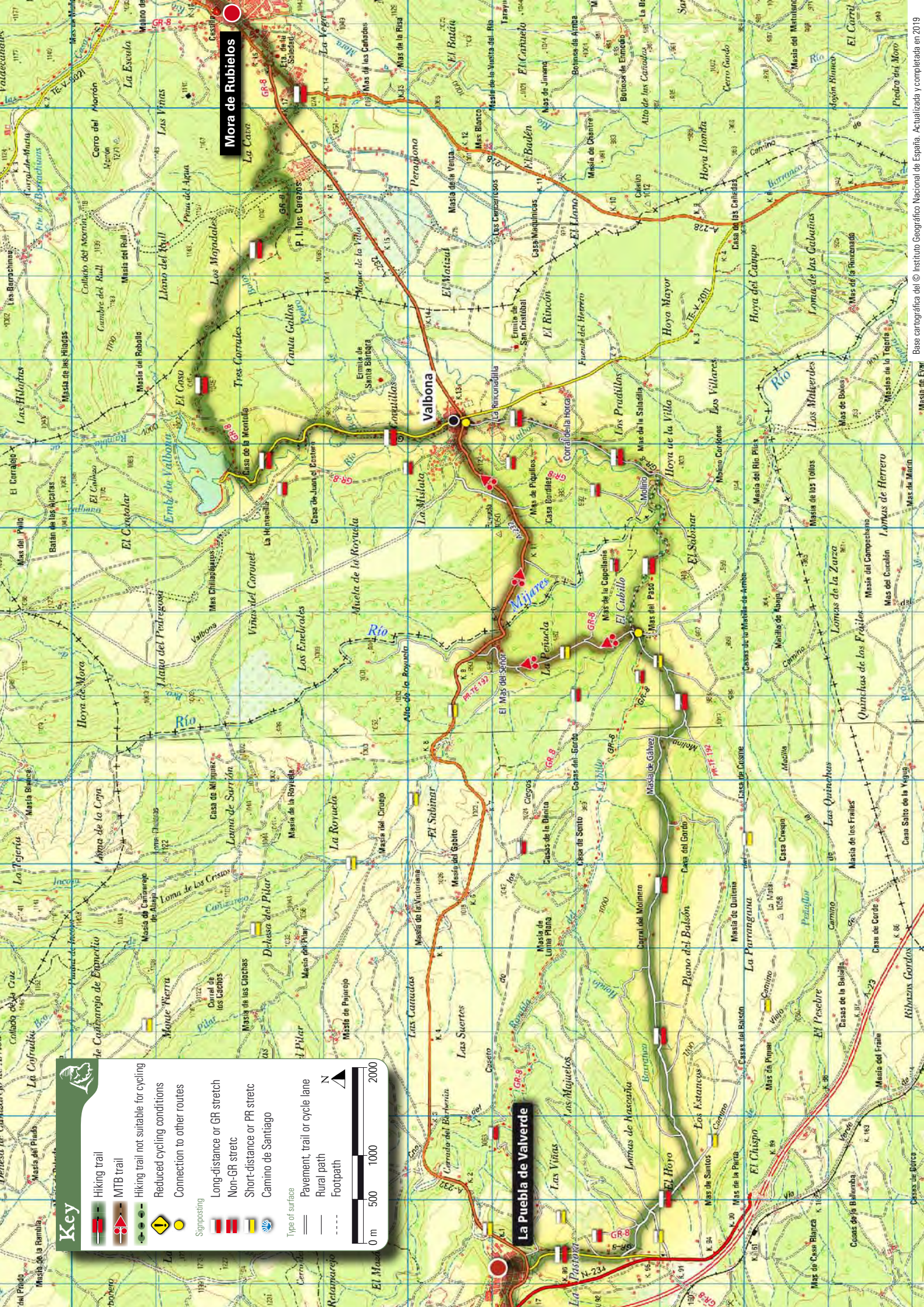
Amount of daylight hours/day

Average rainfall

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Amount of daylight hours/day	09:37	10:40	11:55	13:17	14:25	15:02	14:45	13:46	12:28	11:10	09:57	09:20
Average rainfall	27	30	29	44	54	53	32	39	48	50	45	40

Synthesized data for La Puebla de Valverde obtained using data interpolation





**Mora de Rubielos**

**La Puebla de Valverde**

**Valbona**

**Key**

- Hiking trail
- MTB trail
- Hiking trail not suitable for cycling
- Reduced cycling conditions
- Connection to other routes

**Signposting**

- Long-distance or GR stretch
- Non-GR stretch
- Short-distance or PR stretch
- Camino de Santiago

**Type of surface**

- Pavement, trail or cycle lane
- Rural path
- Footpath

**Scale**

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**Compass**

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Distance: 16,7 km

Maximum grade: 300 m

Cumulative ascent: 270 m

Cumulative descent: 370 m

Estimated time: 4h 00m

Physical difficulty: Medium

**MORA DE RUBIELOS** (population: 1.525) 

Leave from *Plaza de la Villa* walking along *Calles J. A. Belloch* and *Regajo* and passing to the right of the ascent to the Stations of the Cross. Walk towards the northern part of the town and take a small exit path (km 0.4), which coincides with paths PR-TE 7 and PR-TE 32 and climbs alongside the gully *Perales*. At this point you reach the area surrounding *Mas de Perales*, where there is a left-hand turn (km 1.4). Ignore it and continue walking along the gully. The condition of the path gets gradually worse until turning into a climbing stony bridle path. Pass to the right of *Mas del Royo* (km 1.9) and a little further on turn right into a trail in better condition (km 2.3). 100m further, turn right into a footpath that leads to *Mas del Pozo* (km 3.6). Continue comfortably along a path in good condition that crosses the head of the gully *Perales* and then reaches a crossroads (km 5). At this point, turn right and walk off the PR-TE 7 route (this route heads towards *Mas de Villar*). Shortly after, you reach another crossroads (km 5.5), at which the path turns sharply to the left and reaches the door of a fence, which you should close after you. After passing to the right of *Mas de Villar de Abajo*, you will encounter another fence (km 6.4) when walking past *Mas del Barranco*. The trail continues southwards until disappearing (km 7). At this point it turns into a small descending path, which reaches the gully *Cubillo*, in close proximity to the pleasant recreational area of *Fuente del Hocino* (km 7.5), where you may rest for a while and refresh yourself.

7,4 km

**FUENTE DEL HOCINO** (recreational area with no facilities) 

Turn left into the old road and continue until coming out to the new road (km 8) (the road comes sharply to an end). Cross road A-232 and then continue walking along a trail that runs along an overgrown pine and on the same path than the PR-TE 32 route. The trail, which is in good condition, descends along a narrow pass. Pay attention, for you will have to turn left into a trail in worse condition (km 9). At this point, walk off the route along the PR route. Climb some metres until reaching the top of *Hoya Marín hillock*, where there is a crossroads (km 9.1). Turn left and continue until reaching the area surrounding the country house of *Masía Hoya Marín*. The trail continues descending until reaching a crossroads, where you will continue along a path with a better sub-base (km 10.2). At this point, the MBT route continues on a signposted MBT trail. Ramblers should follow straight, walking to the right of the gully. Pay attention. The path turns to the left (km 10.8) though you should continue along a blurry footpath set out in front of you, which runs amidst pines. This footpath runs into a trail (km 11.6). This point of the route is close to a small grassland (join again the MBT trail), where you will come across herds of grazing cattle, which you should not bother. The path descends some more metres. Ignore a right-hand turn (km 12.4) and follow until reaching the bottom of the gully. Cross through it, in the area close to the country house *Masía de la Tejería* (km 12.5). At this point, the path turns left and climbs along the hillside until reaching the countryside house of *Balagueras* (km 13.5), which is situated next to road A-232. Continue along a path to the right that descends and crosses *Palomarejos stream* (km 13.9). Follow further, walking amidst cultivated fields. Shortly after walking past *Mártires chapel* (km 14.8), the path comes out to the road. At this point you have already walked past the gully of *Traver* (km 15.4). The final stretch, until reaching **Rubielos de Mora**, runs along the road, which is why you should take extreme care. Access the town walking close to *San Antonio chapel* and head towards the gate of *San Antonio* (km 16.8), which is located in *Calle Muro*.

9,3 km

**RUBIELOS DE MORA** (population: 618) 

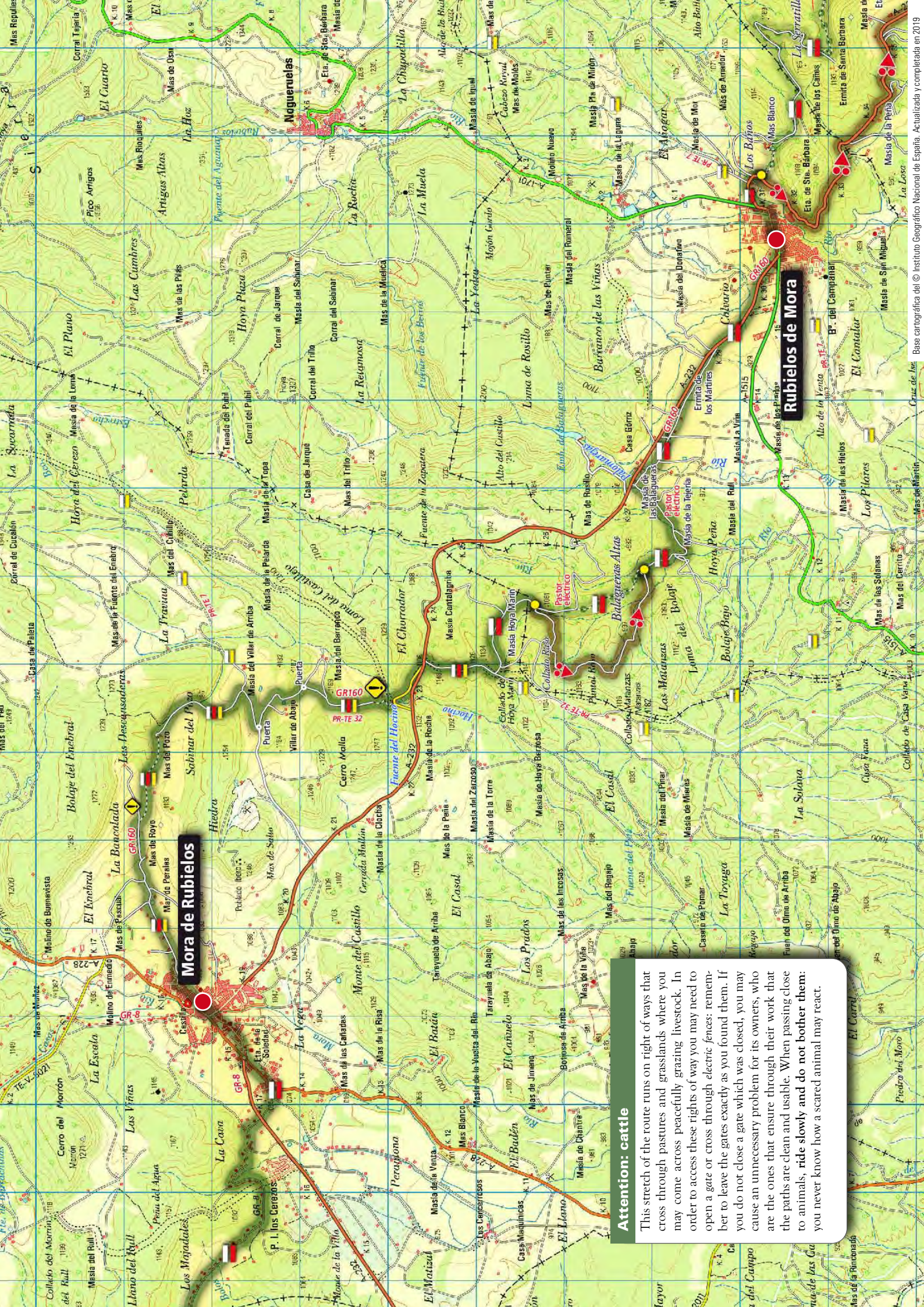
- Fields with mycorrhizal kermes oaks (truffle), hills covered with scrubland and barren fields
- Historic-Artistic Complex: Gothic church of Santa María, castle, towers and city walls
- Agricultural paths and footpath
- Along the route you may come across the gate of a fence enclosing an area, which you should close after you

- Pine grove, meadows and crop fields
- Fuente del Hocino, pine grove...
- Forestry trails, rural paths, footpath through a pine grove and road
- The stretch of route along the footpath may pose orientation problems because it runs through a pine grove and the outline of the path becomes blurry at some points
- Along the route you may come across the gate of a fence or barbed wire (electric sheperd) enclosing an area, which you should close after you
- Cattle grazing (harmless)
- Be careful when walking on the stretch of route along the road
- Signposted MBT stretch



Inner courtyard of the castle of Mora de Rubielos

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Average temperature Max/Min	8° -1°	10° -1°	13° 1°	15° 3°	19° 6°	24° 10°	29° 13°	29° 13°	24° 10°	18° 6°	12° 2°	9° 0°
Amount of daylight hours/day	09:36	10:40	11:55	13:17	14:25	15:01	14:45	13:46	12:28	11:09	09:57	09:19
Average rainfall	29	27	26	41	57	51	29	46	50	55	44	39



## Mora de Rubielos

## Rubielos de Mora

### Attention: cattle

This stretch of the route runs on right of ways that cross through pastures and grasslands where you may come across peacefully grazing livestock. In order to access these rights of way you may need to open a gate or cross through electric fences: remember to leave the gates exactly as you found them. If you do not close a gate which was closed, you may cause an unnecessary problem for its owners, who are the ones that ensure through their work that the paths are clean and usable. When passing close to animals, **ride slowly and do not bother them:** you never know how a scared animal may react.



## 5 Rubielos de Mora – Puebla de Arenoso

Ramblers route



Distance: 20,8 km  
 Maximum grade: 610 m  
 Cumulative ascent: 730 m  
 Cumulative descent: 1020 m  
 Estimated time: 5h 50m  
 Physical difficulty: High

**RUBIELOS DE MORA** (population: 618) GR-160

Start at *Portal del Carmen*. Leave **Rubielos** walking along a promenade and continue until reaching a crossroads (km 0.36). Turn right but make sure you do not walk on road A-232. Walk instead on a path that runs to the right of a wall. The path comes out to the road's bridge (km 0.7) over *river Rubielos*. Cross the river and then continue along the pavement, ignoring a left-hand trail. Some metres further walk off the road. When reaching an area close to a bridge over the old road, turn left (km 0.8). Walk into a footpath that climbs alongside the gully, until reaching *Mas Blanco* (km 1.3). At this point, take a beautiful trail that runs amidst pine groves and climbs higher and higher. Before reaching *Santa Isabel chapel*, walk off the trail. Turn left into a footpath (PR-TE 21) (km 4.2) that climbs along the crest of *Peñaroy* mountain. The footpath descends towards *Santos hillock* (km 6.1), where it joins the path for the PR-TE 30 route. The road descends dizzily, running to the left of the *gully Magdalena*. At the bottom, *chapel Santa Magdalena* is to your right. The trail runs into a pine grove and then runs over road A-232. At the entrance to **Fuentes**, which you access through the town's highest part, the trail runs into the road (km 7.7). Descend along the road and continue until reaching a fountain with a *pillar*, just after walking past the gully (km 8.1).



Forests of pines, junipers and kermes oaks, geological formations of the rock mass of *Peñarroya*. Views of the region



Historic-Artistic complex: Gothic portico of the nunnery *Madres Agustinas*, city walls and covered walkways



Rural path, forestry trails and footpaths



Be careful when walking along the stretch of footpath, for it may be confusing at some points

8,4 km

**FUENTES DE RUBIELOS** (population: 91) GR-160

Walk along the street and continue until coming out to the road to **Olba**. In front of the swimming-pool of **Fuentes**, there is an arrow signalling the start of a footpath (km 8.4). This path, which moves away from the road when reaching the other side, follows the same path than the PR-TE 30 route and the *Ecosenda del Río Rubielos* [Eco-Path alongside the river Rubielos] route. The footpath descends towards the southwest, running through terraced fields until running into a pine grove. When reaching a trail (km 9.6), turn right. Continue walking on the hills' higher parts. The route then runs out of the trail. Turn right into a footpath (km 10.7), which joins the trail again after 400m. Before reaching a farmyard (km 11.3), walk off the trail. Turn right into a footpath and walk alongside a stone wall. This path runs through the pine groves at *Alto de la Jipe* and the straits of the river Rubielos, which has carved impressive limestone walls (*Peñas de Santa María*). Start descending, walking through the pine grove. You will encounter some stretches of sharp gradient which may hamper walking. You will finally reach the road (km 13.7) in the area in front of the cemetery. Turn left and continue some more metres. Then descend along *Calle Terreros*.



Forests of pines, views of the Mijares watershed and of the region



Urban setting and *La Magdalena chapel*



Footpath and forestry trail



Pay attention: the final stretch of the route, which extends from *Peñas de Santa María* to the road on a footpath, runs along gradients

6 km

**OLBA** (population: 67) GR-160

Leave **Olba** walking along the low part of the town. Walk on an asphalt driveway, which leads to the *river Mijares* (km 14.4). Cross over the river through *Carlos IV bridge*. Climb a gradient and after walking past *Los Moyas country house*, you will see the start of a footpath that runs along the same path than the PR-VT 126 route. This footpath runs into a pine grove and then climbs towards a *hillock*. Descend until reaching *Peiros windmill* (km 16.4), which is situated in the province of **Castellón**. Then continue along the trail, walking close to the water pipes (km 17.2) of a small central hydroelectric power station. You will finally reach the town of **Los Cantos** (km 17.4).



Pine groves and meadow at the river Mijares



Urban setting



Footpath



Vegetation growth may cause some problems on the initial stretch of the footpath

3,2 km

**LOS CANTOS** (population: 3) GR-160

Climb towards the town's higher part. From the porch of a house walk into a footpath (PR-CV 126) which crosses the gully. This footpath reaches a pine grove, where a climb starts. Cross through a fire lane (km 18.2) and, further on, start a descent along a vertical escarp (km 19.1). You will walk past *Almajal fountain* and then descend amidst terraced fields. Turn right into the road (km 19.8) and after walking for 70m turn left into a descending trail. Follow straight until reaching the town, which you access through *Calle Santa Bárbara* (km 20.1).



Pine groves and meadow at the river Mijares



Traditional windmills, fountains and pools on the river



Footpath and path



Pay attention to vegetation growth and stretches amidst rocks

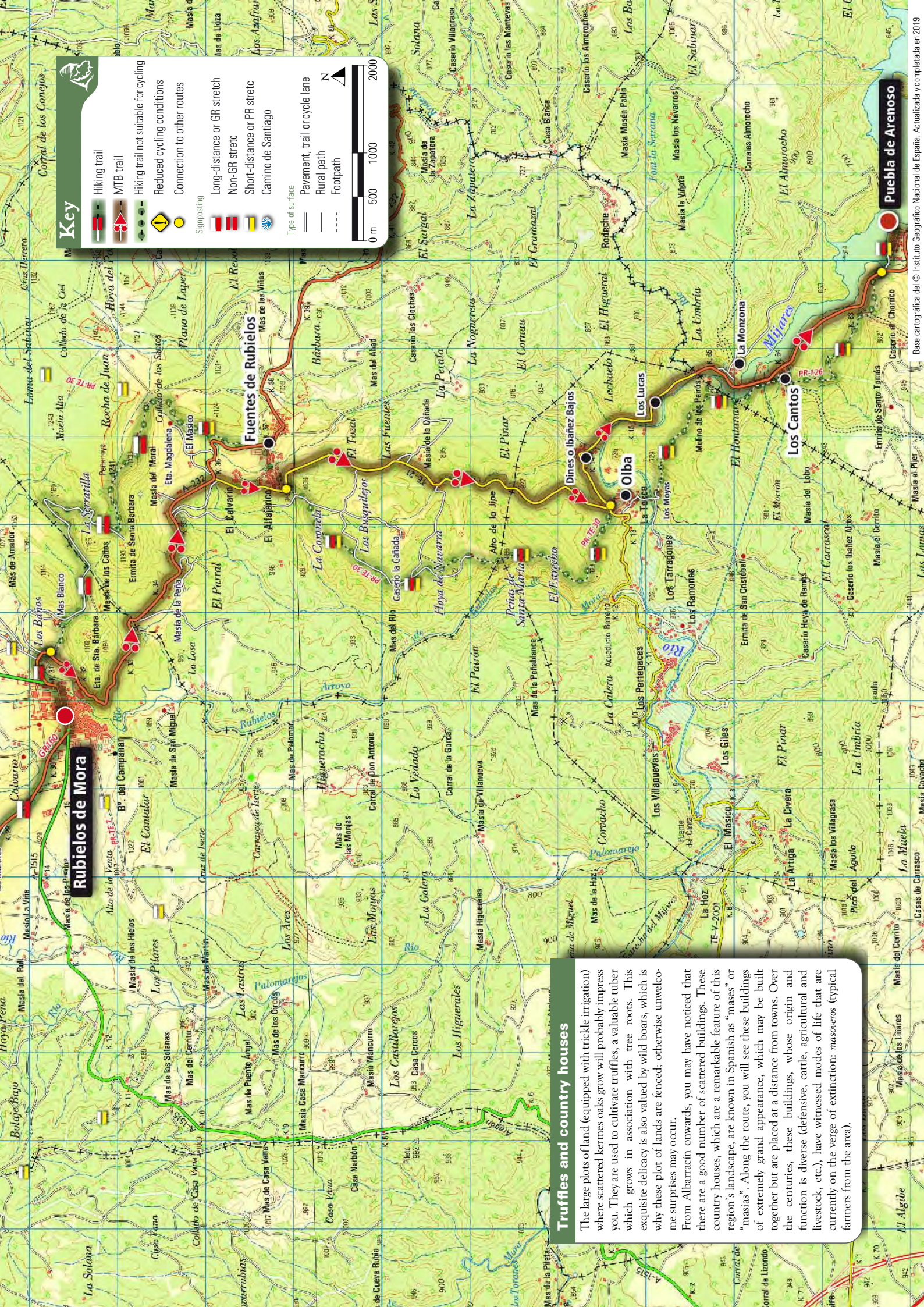
3 km

**PUEBLA DE ARENOSO** (population: 75) GR-160

*Santa Isabel chapel (Fuentes de Rubielos)*

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Average temperature Max/Min	10° 0°	11° 1°	14° 2°	16° 4°	20° 8°	25° 12°	30° 15°	29° 15°	25° 12°	19° 7°	14° 3°	10° 1°
Amount of daylight hours/day	09:37	10:40	11:55	13:17	14:25	15:02	14:45	13:46	12:28	11:10	09:57	09:20
Average rainfall	27	30	25	45	62	51	31	50	48	54	50	41

Synthesized data for Rubielos de Mora obtained using data interpolation



**Key**

- Hiking trail
- MTB trail
- Hiking trail not suitable for cycling
- Reduced cycling conditions
- Connection to other routes
- Stoppings
- Long-distance or GR stretch
- Non-GR stretc
- Short-distance or PR stretc
- Camino de Santiago
- Type of surface
- Pavement, trail or cycle lane
- Rural path
- Footpath

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### Truffles and country houses

The large plots of land (equipped with trickle irrigation) where scattered kermes oaks grow will probably impress you. They are used to cultivate truffles, a valuable tuber which grows in association with tree roots. This exquisite delicacy is also valued by wild boars, which is why these plot of lands are fenced; otherwise unwelcome surprises may occur.

From Albarracín onwards, you may have noticed that there are a good number of scattered buildings. These country houses, which are a remarkable feature of this region's landscape, are known in Spanish as "masas" or "masías". Along the route, you will see these buildings of extremely grand appearance, which may be built together but are placed at a distance from towns. Over the centuries, these buildings, whose origin and function is diverse (defensive, cattle, agricultural and livestock, etc.), have witnessed modes of life that are currently on the verge of extinction: *masoveros* (typical farmers from the area).



Distance: 14,5 km  
 Maximum grade: 455 m  
 Cumulative ascent: 750 m  
 Cumulative descent: 860 m  
 Estimated time: 4h 40m  
 Physical difficulty: High



### PUEBLA DE ARENOSO (population: 75) GR-160

Leave **Puebla de Arenoso** walking along road CV-20, which is in the town's higher part. After a curve, there is a cement trail on your right (km 0.1), placed next to a flight of stairs that climb along the Stations of the Cross, heading towards the cemetery (km 0.3). After walking past the cemetery, you will reach a crossroads (km 0.36). Some metres further on, there is a footpath to your right. Turn left and walk into it (PR-CV 126), walking along a lane. The footpath climbs through a pine grove, running to the left of *gully Jara*. When reaching a small farmyard (km 1.3) walk into a trail and, some metres further, cross through a fire lane (km 1.5). You will walk out to a forest opening, where there are building remains and some cultivated fields (*country house of Montico*) (km 1.7). Continue along the trail that heads again towards the forest. After a dizzyingly short ascent, turn left and walk into a trail (km 2.1). A little bit further on, you will reach a crossroads (km 2.2). Turn sharply into the right and walk along another trail. On a curve, walk off the trail and into a footpath to your left (km 2.4), which descends towards road CV-208 (km 2.7). Continue on a path on the other side of the road (electric shepherd for cattle) that runs again into a pine grove. After walking past a small dam, ignore a right-hand turn (km 3.2) and 50 metres further on, turn left. Walk off the trail and turn right into a footpath (km 3.5), which descends through the hills. At this point you reach a series of buildings (km 4.9), in the area close to **Los Calpes**. Continue along a path until coming out to the road (km 5.1). At this point you have almost reached the town. Descend along a street that crosses through a gully and head towards the church (km 5.3).

▶ 5,4 km ▶



### LOS CALPES (population: 47) GR-160 y GR-7

Leave from the church. Walk down a street and continue until reaching the fountain (km 5.4), placed in the *gully Juncarejo*. Continue southwards along a footpath, following the markers for the PR-CV 126 route. You will come close to a trail. Cross (km 5.9) and then continue walking straight, going into an overgrown pine grove. The footpath then starts descending. After walking past a building (km 6.7), the path heads eastwards, until reaching a trail (km 7.4). Turn right. You will soon walk past the remains of a group of buildings, close to the gully bed. Shortly after, turn left (km 7.7). The trail crosses through the *gully Maimona* (km 7.9) and then runs on its right side, though it gradually twists and turns away and climbs through a pine grove. Walk to the left of a marked path (SL) (km 9.3). When reaching a sharp curve, walk off the trail. Turn left into a footpath (km 10.6) that runs along the same path than the GR-7 route. The footpath climbs halfway through the hillside, from where you can enjoy an amazing view of the cuttings of *La Maimona*. Walk along the edge of a hill and then descend through a pine grove, until reaching an antenna that is situated next to the water tanks (km 13.6) of **Montanejos**. Continue on a paved driveway, which runs along the high part of the town and then descends until reaching the main avenue (*road to Valencia*) (km 14).

▶ 9,2 km ▶

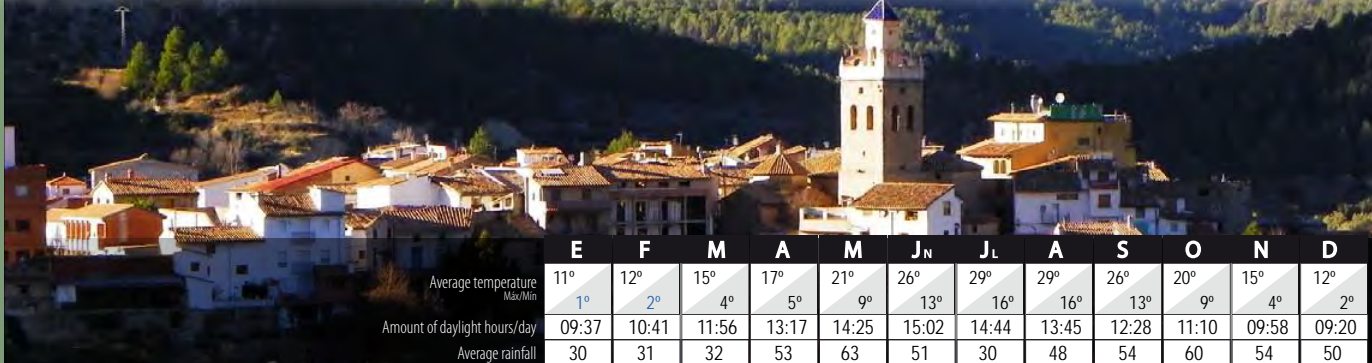


### MONTANEJOS (population: 503) GR-160 y GR-7

- Pine forests and orchards. Views of the rear part of the reservoir of Arenoso
- Urban setting, Arenós castle, old hanging bridge, pools on the river
- Forestry footpaths and trails
- You may come across some electric shepherds along the route. Remember to close doors behind you

- Pine forests and Mediterranean scrubland, gorge of La Maimona and views of the river Mijares
- Canyon walls of La Maimona
- Forestry footpaths and trails
- Pay attention when walking along the stretches of footpaths, which may pose orientation problems due to blurry markers
- Cattle grazing (harmless)
- Proceed with extreme care when walking along the stretch in between the canyon walls of La Maimona

*Overgrown pine groves cover the hills in the area surrounding Puebla de Arenoso*





**Puebla de Arenoso**

**Montanejos**

**Los Calpes**

**Montán**

### Key

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- Non-GR stretch
- Short-distance or PR stretch
- Camino de Santiago

Type of surface

- Pavement, trail or cycle lane
- Rural path
- Footpath

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Distance: 27 km

Maximum grade: 650 m

Cumulative ascent: 1.135 m

Cumulative descent: 970 m

Estimated time: 7h 55m

Physical difficulty: High

**MONTANEJOS** (population: 503)

After visiting the town, head towards the *aqueduct-bridge of San José* over the *river Montán*. Cross and continue along a path which runs on the same path than the GR-36 route. Climb (km 0.35) until reaching a crossroads (km 0.5). Turn sharply to the right and follow along a trail, which a little bit further on turns left and heads towards the southwest. The trail climbs halfway through a hillock, to the right of the *river Montán*. A path to the left joins the route (km 2.3), though you should continue straight. On a curve, you will reach again another crossroads (km 3.2). At this point, the GR-36 route turns left and runs along a different path. The path gets gradually into a pine grove, in the area surrounding the *gully Juan Roya*. The sub-base of the path, which runs on the edge of *peak of Cinglo* and then descends towards an area close to *river Montán*, turns stony. At this point, join a path that descends towards another path (km 5.6). Some metres further on, a path to the left joins the route (km 5.7). Ignore this turn and follow straight. The path continues parallel to the valley, running halfway through the hillside. When getting close to a right-hand turn, which is placed next to a dumping site and a waste recycling site (km 6.7), follow straight. You will soon see the country house of **Montán**. Pay attention, for you will have to walk off the path and turn right into a short footpath (km 7). Cross over the river Montán through a cement ford and then climb along a path towards the road (km 7.2). Cross the road and continue along a paved driveway, until reaching *Bajo el Castillo fountain* (km 7.5). You will then reach *Avenida Antonio Fornás*.



Hillsides covered with pines and aromatic plants



Muslim fortified tower, spas, natural thermal springs of Los Baños



Well-preserved rural path with some stony stretches



Pay attention: remember to turn into the small trail at the entrance to Montán

7,5 km

**MONTÁN** (population: 357)

RWe resume our route in the area around the *Convent of the Servite Fathers* (km 7.7). We then leave the town along *Calle Tejería*, which gradually turns into a minor road. We take a left-hand turning off the road (km 8.3) which leads to *La Tejería fountain*. From there we continue along an earthen track leading up to *El Pinar ravine*. On a bend where the Benanza ravine crosses, we take a left turning onto a footpath (km 9.7) which makes its way up through a dense wood on the left-hand side of the ravine. We eventually come to a track situated on *Pachón hill* (km 10.8), which we should follow as far as a cemented track (km 11). From here we turn left, making our way up the steep slope before shortly coming to an earthen path (11.5 km). Passing a turning on our left (km 11.7), we come to *El Zurdo hill*, where the route turns, going past a couple of right-hand turnings (km 12.6 and km 12.8). This brings us to a magnificent hill (*Alto de Pino Rey*) (km 13.3) in the upper regions of *La Espina mountain* range. The GR-7 cuts across several footpaths overgrown with rockrose and thicket. At a sharp bend we go past a turning to the right, making our way down to the *Masía del Tío Guerrillo* country house (km 16.6). Crossing the *Mas del Moro* ravine we take a right turn (km 16.8) that brings us to a fenced enclosure (the drive to the *Masía del Tamborero* country house (km 17.5)). From there we take a sharp left turn and make our way up to the junction with the PR-CV 62 (km 18.2). We turn left along a path that runs along a ravine. Leaving the path to *Mas del Baile* on our left (km 18.9), we will shortly come to *Mas de Noguera* (km 19.3).



Forest of pines and holm oaks, restocked forests and hillsides covered with heather and rockroses



Castle, fountains and amazing views of Sierra de La Espina



Rural paths, footpaths and trails



Pay attention to signposting for the GR-7 route, for there are stretches which do not run on the same path than The Way of El Cid route and this may cause confusion

11,8 km

**MAS DE NOGUERA** (country house; book in advance)

Continue along a paved driveway. Some metres further on, walk off the driveway (km 19.8). Turn right and walk into a path that leads towards *Mas del Bravo* (km 20.3). Walk past the country house *Mas* and follow along a path that heads southwards (*path to Molinera*). The path turns gradually into a footpath that runs alongside the path. The initial stretch of the path runs alongside the straits of a gully. The GR-7 route moves away from your route, turning right into a footpath (km 21.1). The footpath crosses through a trail (km 21.9). Continue, until reaching a series of crop fields. Then join an agricultural path (km 22.7). When reaching a forest opening, which is situated next to a *pillar* (km 24.5), continue walking straight. You will reach a crossroads (km 25.3), but continue straight, heading towards the southeast. The path turns into pavement, in the area surrounding the recreational area of *balsa del molino* (km 26.3). You will soon reach **Caudiel**, which you access through the northern part of the town (km 26.9).



Mas de Noguera is fitted with facilities and accommodation though you must book in advance

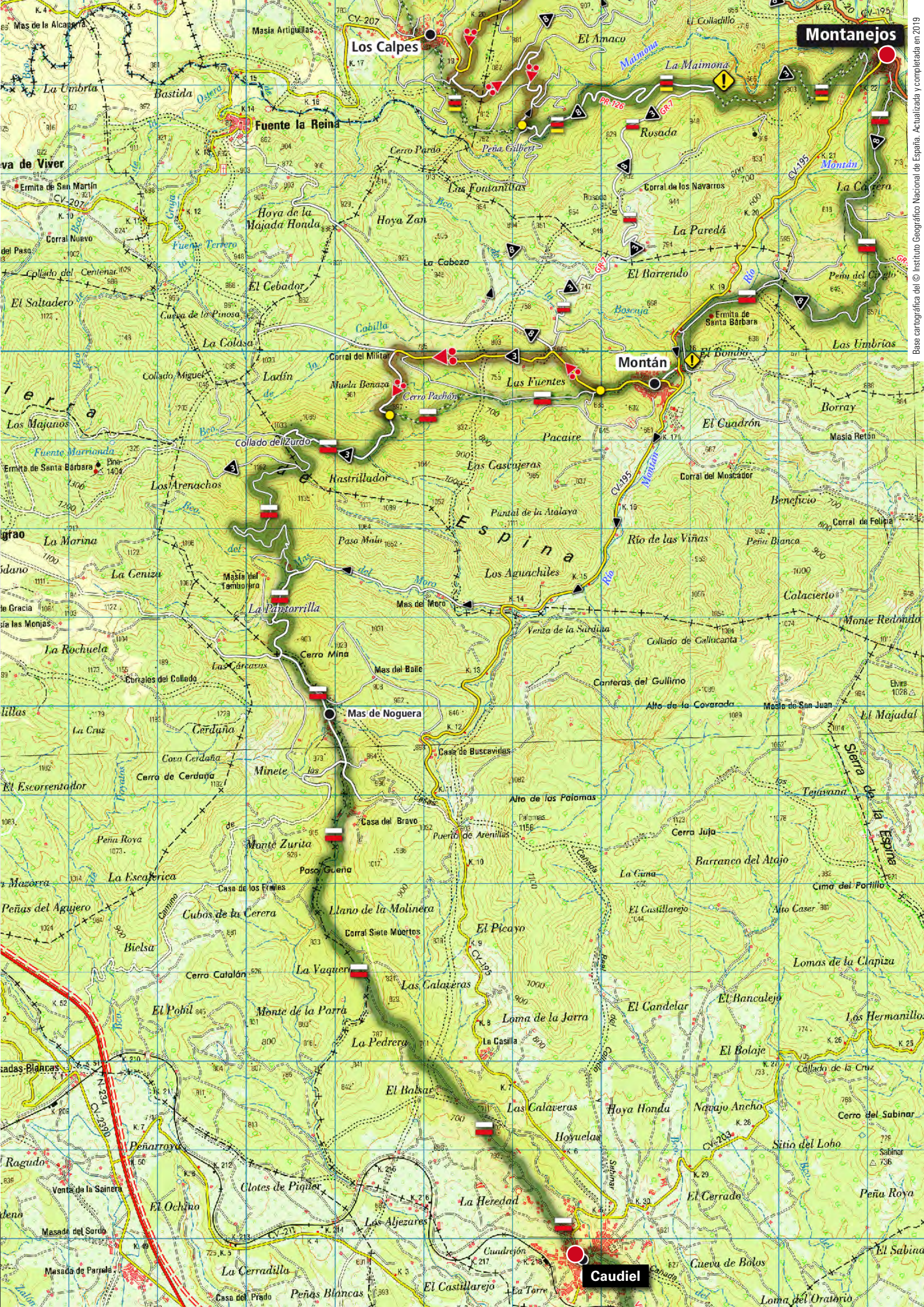
7,7 km

**CAUDIEL** (population: 621)

View from the hillock in the high part of Sierra de la Espina

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Amount of daylight hours/day	09:38	10:40	11:56	13:17	14:24	15:01	14:45	13:45	12:28	11:09	09:58	09:20
Average rainfall	15	14	17	40	48	39	20	33	40	36	36	30°





Montanejos

Montán

Caudiel



Distance: 18,2 km  
Maximum grade: 215 m

Cumulative ascent: 100 m  
Cumulative descent: 305 m

Estimated time: 3h 55m  
Physical difficulty: Medium



### CAUDIEL (population: 621)

VÍA VERDE [GREEN ROUTE] | GR-160

Resume the route starting at the *Carmelitas monastery*, located in *Avenida Valencia*. Walk down *Calle Benilde Perce*, passing to the left of a religious building. At the end of the street, turn left and continue walking until running into the bridge over the stream. Cross and follow until reaching a fountain and the old washing place. At this point, walk again along a stretch of *Vía Verde de Ojos Negros* (km 0). This stretch of route runs through Castellón. The route is easy to follow, for it runs entirely along *Vía Verde*. Half-way through the route there is a *recreational area, called Novales* (km 4.5). Walk through a viaduct over *gully Cascajar* (km 4.7). A little bit further on, after walking past the tunnel under the road to *Jérica*, you will see that the road has carved an impressive trench on the land, after which it penetrates into the *tunnel of Jérica* (km 5). This tunnel is 520 metres long, but it is safe because it has good lighting. At the other side of the tunnel, you will see another trench and a small tunnel under the railroad (km 5.7). At the entrance to *Jérica*, walk off *Vía Verde*, turning right to a tunnel that crosses under the national road (km 6.3) and go straight until reaching the centre of the town.



Agricultural landscape and pine groves



Gothic chapel of Socos, tower of the windmill pond of Molino, remains of the city walls



Vía Verde [Green Route]

6,8 km



### JÉRICA (population: 1.390)

VÍA VERDE [GREEN ROUTE] | GR-160

Cross through the town, following the signposts for *Vía Verde*, and continue until reaching the cemetery (km 7). Starting at the cemetery, walk away from *Jérica*, using the road's shoulder (old national road). After passing by the sewage treatment plant, walk again into *Vía Verde*, which is to your right; i.e. next to the old hut of the crossing keeper (km 8). Descend along a long trench and continue until reaching the bridge over the *river Palancia* (km 9.5). Some metres further on, you will reach a recreational area, situated next to the *old station of Jérica* (km 10.2). Cross under the highway (km 10.7) and the national road (km 11.7). At the other side of the tunnel (km 12.6), there is a nice view of Regajo reservoir. The quarry of Navajas and a recreational area (km 13.2) are placed at the other side of the tunnel. *Campsite Navajas* is situated to your left (km 14.6). The route does not lead into *Navajas*; it runs along an area close to the residential area of Altomira, where there is a crossroads that joins road CV-216 (km 15.3). From there, you may head to the town.



Agricultural meadow at the valley of Palancia



Urban setting, Mudejar tower of Campanas, castle and walls, turret



Vía Verde [Green Route]



The MBT centre of Alta Palancia (campsite) is situated in Navajas, not far away from the route of The Way

8,1 km



### NAVAJAS (population: 696)

VÍA VERDE [GREEN ROUTE] | GR-160

Walk past the turn to *Navajas*, continuing along a path that runs under the road (km 15.7) and a highway (km 16.1). You will shortly after reach *Altura* (km 17.1), where you may choose between two options: 1) turn left and wander around the streets of the city centre; 2) turn right and walk along *Vía Verde*, which is used also by motor vehicles. Both options are signposted and meet at the town's exit, at a park situated next to the campsite (km 17.8).



Agricultural meadow at the valley of Palancia



Urban setting with ancient and noble mansions and Muslim tower, fountains and swimming ponds



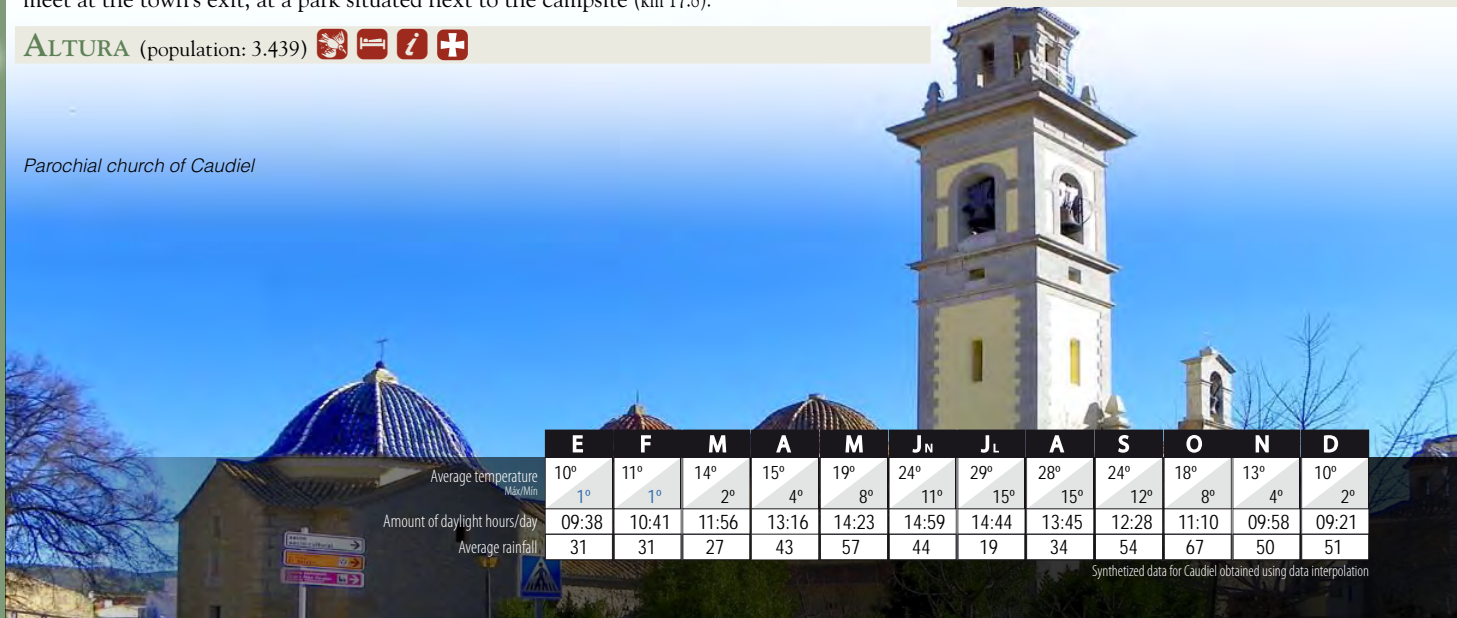
Vía Verde [Green Route]

3,3 km



### ALTURA (population: 3.439)

Parochial church of Caudiel



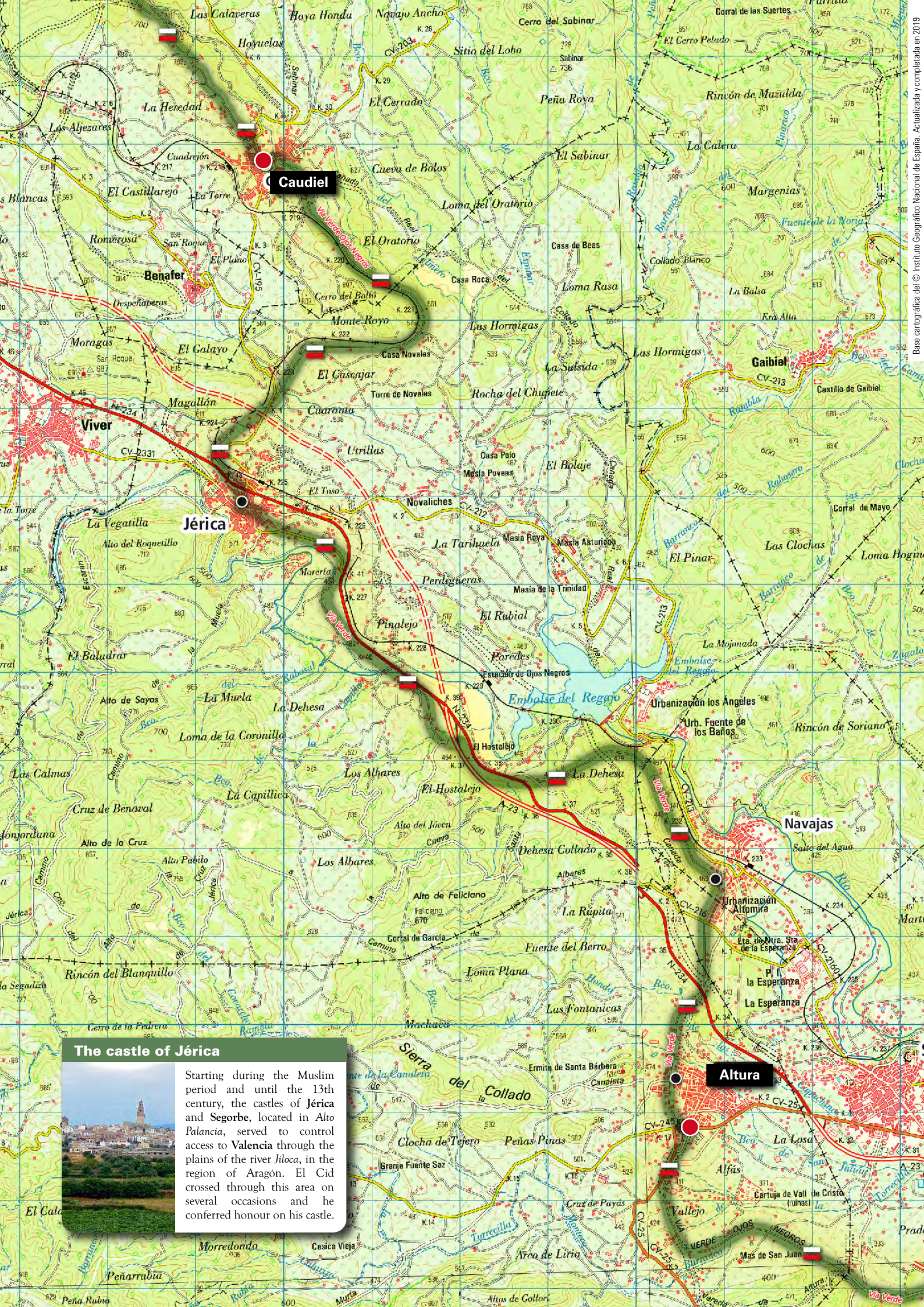
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Amount of daylight hours/day	09:38	10:41	11:56	13:16	14:23	14:59	14:44	13:45	12:28	11:10	09:58	09:21
Average rainfall	31	31	27	43	57	44	19	34	54	67	50	51

Synthesized data for Caudiel obtained using data interpolation



**The castle of Jérica**



Starting during the Muslim period and until the 13th century, the castles of Jérica and Segorbe, located in Alto Palancia, served to control access to Valencia through the plains of the river Jiloca, in the region of Aragón. El Cid crossed through this area on several occasions and he conferred honour on his castle.



Distance: 22 km  
Maximum grade: 240 m

Cumulative ascent: 120 m  
Cumulative descent: 370 m

Estimated time: 4h 50m  
Physical difficulty: Medium



▶ 9,5 km ▶

### ALTURA (population: 3.439) VÍA VERDE [GREEN ROUTE] | GR-160

Start this stage at the park that is situated next to the campsite, in an area close to the exit of **Altura**. Resume the route, walking again along **Vía Verde de Ojos Negros**. You will soon reach the *riverbed of Monteros* (km 2.1), which is next to a recreational area. Some metres after crossing over the bridge, you will see a signpost on the riverbed that points to *the old Cartuja de Vall de Crist*, which is to your left (km 10.5). You reach a pine grove, which is located close to *Valero country house* (km 3.6). Further on you come close to highway A-23 and then you reach *the old station of Segorbe*, which is in close proximity to another recreational area (km 5.7). Cross a bridge over *the riverbed of Rovira* (km 8) and then walk close to the railroad line. Continue walking parallel to the train lines until reaching a signposted turn (km 9.5), which leads to **Soneja**. If you are interested in visiting the town, walk along the path, which runs under the highway and shortly after crosses a small bridge over the railroad line.



Agricultural meadow with fruit trees



Gothic Carthusian order of Vall de Crist, sanctuary of Cueva, fortified houses



Vía Verde [Green Route]



▶ 7,3 km ▶

### SONEJA (population: 1.439) VÍA VERDE [GREEN ROUTE] | GR-160

Starting at the turn to **Soneja** (km 9.5), continue along **Vía Verde**. The highway has caused the route of the Vía Verde to disappear, which is why you should continue along a signposted service path. The path reaches the railroad line (km 10.5) and then ends at a *plaster quarry*, where the original traces of the *railroad of Ojos Negros* have also disappeared. Continue along a different path, which runs parallel to the railroad line and is free of motor vehicles. Walk past the quarry and then walk into the original traces of the railroad line (km 11.6). You will soon reach a recreational area with a viewpoint to Sot de Ferrer. The **Vía Verde** route comes to an end again when reaching the highway (km 14.4). Cross the road using a path under the highway. After walking through the road junction, resume the route along **Vía Verde** (km 14.7), walking on a paved stretch. Walk under one of the bridges of the road to **Algar de Palancia** (km 16.1), from where you can visit Algar de Palancia (it is only 400m away).



Agricultural meadow with fruit trees



Aqueduct, cistern



Vía Verde [Green Route] and shared stretches



The town of Algar de Palancia is only 400 metres away from the route



3,6 km

### ALGAR DE PALANCIA (population: 340) VÍA VERDE [GREEN ROUTE] | GR-160

The path crosses under the road (km 16.8) and then continues along **Vía Verde**. Cross over *Arginas gully* through a bridge (km 17.7). At this point, orange trees take control of the landscape. In the area surrounding **Algimia de Alfara**, walk off **Vía Verde** and turn to a path to your left (km 20), which crosses under the railroad lines and then leads you into the town (km 20.3).



Agricultural meadow with fruit trees



Paved driveway



▶ 1,6 km ▶

### ALGIMIA DE ALFARA (population: 946) VÍA VERDE [GREEN ROUTE] | GR-160

Leave from the *station of Algimia* (km 20.3), walking along *Calle Muntanya*, which crosses through *Calle de Futur* (old road) and then descends amidst fields of citric trees. It eventually runs into a rural path (km 20.6), which runs along the meadow at the *river Palancia*. 20 metres before reaching the exit, take the first turning to the right and walk into a path that heads southwards. The path curves several times and then reaches an irrigation canal (km 21.3). Walk to its left, until the channel disappears in an area close to **Torres Torres**. Walk into the town (km 21.7), turning left into *calle Mayor*. Continue until reaching a small square, placed next to a fountain (km 22).



Agricultural meadow with fruit trees



Church of San Vicente Ferrer



Paved driveway



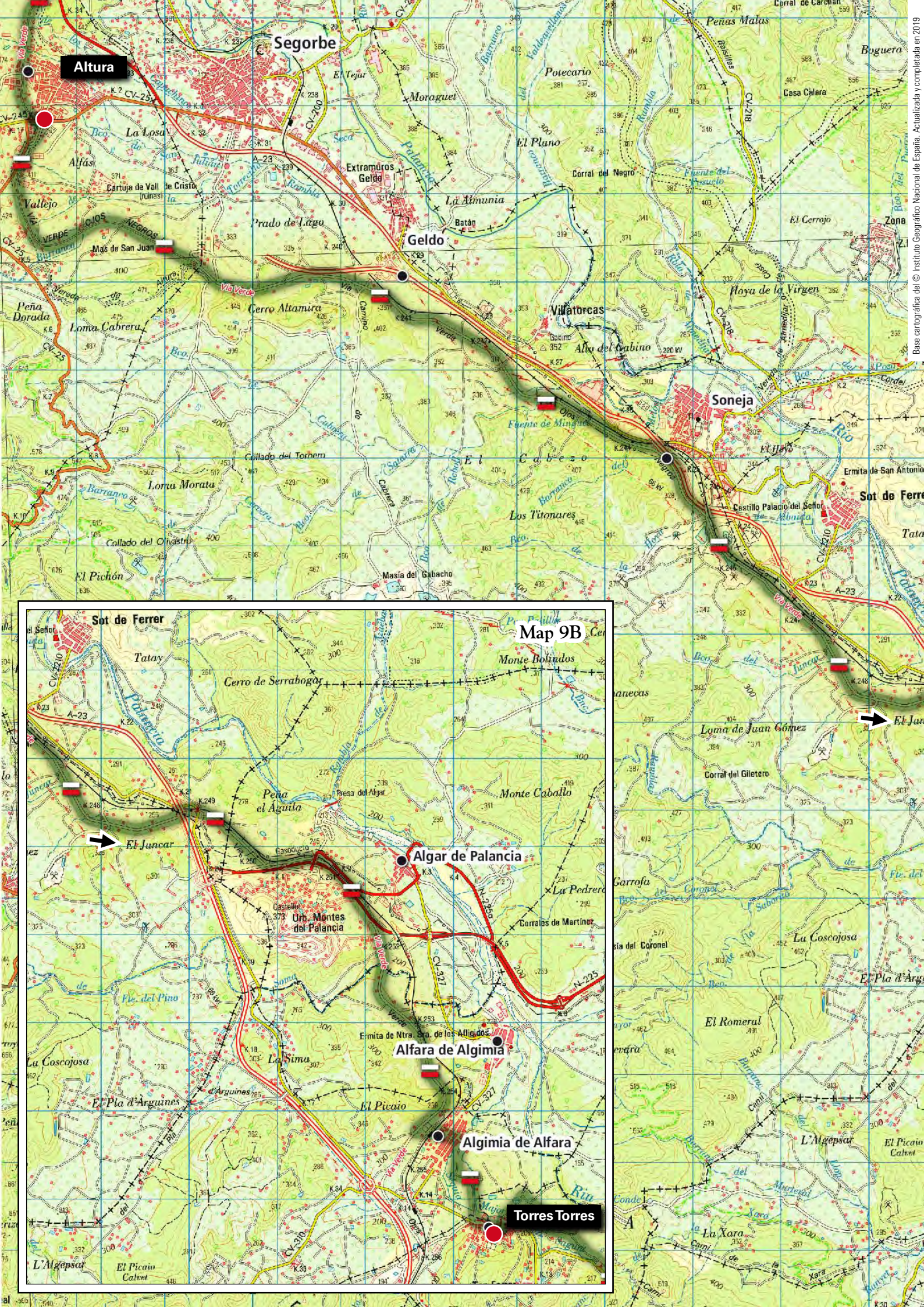
### TORRES TORRES (population: 381)

Panoramic view of Altura  
(Photography: Town Hall of Altura)

Average temperature  
Max/Min  
Amount of daylight hours/day  
Average rainfall

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Max/Min	2°	2°	4°	6°	10°	14°	16°	16°	14°	9°	5°	3°
Amount of daylight hours/day	09:38	10:41	11:56	13:17	14:23	14:59	14:43	13:45	12:28	11:10	09:59	09:21
Average rainfall	33	35	29	44	47	35	13	27	57	80	62	57°

Synthesized data for Altura obtained using data interpolation





Distance: 20 km

Maximum grade: 185 m

Cumulative ascent: 140 m

Cumulative descent: 250 m

Estimated time: 4h 00m

Physical difficulty: Medium



### TORRES TORRES (population: 381) GR-160

Leave the town walking along *Calle de la Iglesia* and then follow straight along a paved path, passing to the right of the road. Cross an irrigation canal and go past the left-hand turning next to the ruins of the Arab baths (km 0.24). At a crossroads (km 0.44), turn right. Go straight until reaching another crossroads (km 0.8), where you should take the path to the right. When reaching another crossroads (km 0.9), turn left. There is one more crossroads (km 1.3); this time turn right. Once you reach the road (km 2.1), turn left. The road crosses the river Palancia (km 3.2). After passing a pine grove, turn off the road and take the tarmacked track on your right (km 4.2). The path runs to the left of the pine grove, but does not turn into it. After passing by the pine grove, you reach a crossroads (km 4.8). Turn right. Cross through a residential area and you will then walk into another pine grove. Some metres further, turn right into a wide trail (km 5.5) (*path to Povitxol*). The trail, which climbs slightly, crosses through the pine grove. At a crossroads placed on the top of a hillock (km 6.3), turn left and walk along a path that coincides with the path for the PR-CV 319 route. The route follows in descent along the pine grove, to the right of *Codoval gully*. The path runs out of the pine grove (km 7.9) and then runs alongside fields of citric trees. You can see the sea in the distance. Continue straight along the path, until coming out to road CV-320. Cross the road through a subterranean level crossing (km 8.8). A pedestrian path leads to the entrance of **Quart**, where there is a fountain and a winery (km 8.9).



Fields of citric trees and pine groves



Arab baths, castle



Rural paths with a good sub-base (paved stretches of route) and road



Pay attention to the crossroads, for there are many different paths in the area surrounding the plots of land where orange trees grow



Proceed with extreme care on the stretches of route along the road



9 km

### QUART DE LES VALLS (population: 957) GR-160

Cross through the town, walking away along *Avenida de los Valles*. At the exit (km 9.2), it is already possible to see the houses of **Quartell**, for the two towns are only 300m away. The avenue connects with a roundabout, situated at the entrance to **Quartell** (km 9.6) which is accessed through *Calle del General Abriat*.



Built-up area



Quart de les Valls: old church (cultural centre)

Quartell: Ecce Homo in the parochial church, new windmill



Stretches along urban settings



0.9 km

### QUARTELL (population: 1.561) GR-160

Leave **Quartell** walking along *Avenida de Benavites*. Continue until reaching a bridge over the stream. After crossing through the bridge (km 10.2), follow straight through a small industrial area that belongs to **Benavites**. What is more, it is part of the urban setting of Quartell. You will immediately after reach *Avenida de Benicalaf* (km 10.4).



Fields of citric trees and built-up area



Tower of Señoría



Rural paved paths and road



Pay attention to the crossroads, for there are many different paths in the area surrounding the plots of land where orange trees grow



Stretch of route that runs along paved driveways and local roads where there is heavy traffic; proceed with extreme care



0.7 km

### BENAVITES (population: 594) VIA AUGUSTA | GR-160

Leave **Benavites** walking from *Plaza del Bibe Vila* and heading towards the church of Benicalaf. Walk along a small road until reaching the church and then turn right, following the signposts for *Via Augusta*. Shortly after, you will come out to road CV-321. At this point, follow straight, walking along the path set out in front of you, *Camí d' Uixó*. You will walk past the cemetery (km 11.6) and you will eventually reach a crossroads that connects with road CV-323 (km 12). Turn left into this road and walk for around 50 metres. Then turn right and walk into a paved path (km 12.1). At the morgue (km 12.7), go straight. Follow until reaching a roundabout. Cross so as to continue on the other side of *camí d' Uixó*. Turn left to take another paved path (km 13.9). Continue walking straight until reaching a small road (km 14.7), where you should turn left. At this point, you reach a roundabout (km 15.3) that crosses under highway A-7. Some metres further cross through a tunnel (km 15.7) under highway AP-7, which comes out to another roundabout. Take the first turn on your right and walk along *camí de les Valls*. Ignore the first turning to the right (km 15.9) and then continue directly to Sagunto. Cross through three roundabouts and then cross through the bridge over the *river Palancia* (km 18.3), which leads to the city centre.

The castle of Torres Torres alongside the meadow at the river Palancia



8.5 km

### SAGUNTO / SAGUNT (population: 19.188) GR-160

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Max/Min	4°	5°	6°	8°	12°	15°	18°	19°	16°	12°	8°	5°
Amount of daylight hours/day	09:39	10:41	11:56	13:16	14:23	14:58	14:42	13:44	12:27	11:10	10:00	09:22
Average rainfall	32	33	27	41	40	27	9	27	60	98	54	54



### Key

- Hiking trail
- MTB trail
- Hiking trail not suitable for cycling
- Reduced cycling conditions
- Connection to other routes

Signposting

- Long-distance or GR stretch
- Non-GR stretch
- Short-distance or PR stretch
- Camino de Santiago

Type of surface

- Pavement, trail or cycle lane
- Rural path
- Footpath

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### Fields of orange trees



The landscape of Valencia is tightly linked to the scent and the colour of the evergreen leaves of orange trees. Orange trees were initially nothing more than a decorative tree, for the bitter taste of their fruit was not appetizing. It was not until the 18th century that Spain started to commercialize oranges as a sweet fruit, which was when experiments with Carcaixent varieties were firstly made.



Distance: 12,3 km  
Maximum grade: 55 m

Cumulative ascent: 0 m  
Cumulative descent: 50 m

Estimated time: 2h 40m  
Physical difficulty: Low



### SAGUNTO / SAGUNT (population: 19.188) Vía Augusta |

Start this stage at the tourist information office of **Sagunto**, which is located in *Plaza Cronista Chabret*. The route through the town runs along *Calle Real*, *Calle Valencia* and, finally, *Calle de la Paz*, heading towards the cemetery. In an area close to a stone cross (km 1.1), walk into a pedestrian path that leads to the cemetery. Note that the path is the same than for the initial stretch of the SL-CV 108 route and that you will join again *Vía Augusta*. Continue on the road, which runs alongside the cemetery's wall (*camí de Lliria*), ignoring a left hand turn at the end of the cemetery (km 1.7). After 40 metres, you reach a right-hand turn (the SL-CV 108 route takes this turn). However, follow straight and, shortly after, walk under the railroad line (km 1.8). Cross again under another railroad line (km 2.1). Some metres further, cross highway A-23 through a bridge (km 2.3). You will reach a crossroads (km 2.5). Go straight along the road (*camí de Lliria*). The road runs alongside the orchards in the large plains, to the right of a fenced wall. Pass by a right-hand turn to *Racó de Gausa* (km 3.5) and continue straight at all other left and right hand turns. Cross highway AP-7 through a bridge (km 5.6). Further on, there is a left-hand turn (km 6.5). Turn and cross through the tunnel under highway AP-7 and road V-23. Shortly after, after walking past *Arenal gully* (km 7.1), you will reach a newly built residential area. Continue walking along a wide promenade, which leads straight, into *Calle Picaio* (km 7.9). From there you will reach the centre of **Puçol**.

▶ 8,6 km ▶



### PUÇOL (population: 15.866 hab.) Vía Verde XURRA (CYCLING PATH) |

Leave **Puçol** walking along *Avenida Vicente Ros*, at the end of which there is an area of cultivated fields. *Vía Churra*, a cycling path that connects with Valencia and crosses through all the orchards placed to the north of the city, starts at this point (km 9.2). The cycling path is perfectly equipped and is easy to follow. Pass to the right of an elevated water deposit (km 9.5). Cross gully Puig through a bridge (km 10.2) and then cross a road (km 10.4). Continue walking along *Vía Churra* for one kilometre until coming out to the road that gives access to El Puig, which is situated next to Cartuja. At this point, walk out of *Vía Churra* and turn left. Continue walking close to the road, which crosses the train lines through a footbridge and leads to a roundabout at the town's entrance (km 12.5).

▶ 3,7 km ▶



### EL PUIG (population: 7.280)



Fields of citric trees



Historic-Artistic complex, house of Mestre Penya – Historical museum, city wall and museum, Roman theatre, Jewish quarter and beaches



Cycling path, paved rural roads and road



Stretch of route that runs along local roads where there is heavy traffic; proceed with extreme care



Agricultural meadow with fruit trees and urban landscape



Turret and beach



Cycling path (Vía Verde Xurra)

Castle and walls of Sagunto / Sagunt

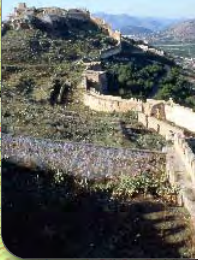


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Amount of daylight hours/day	09:40	10:42	11:56	13:16	14:22	14:57	14:42	13:44	12:28	11:11	10:00	09:23
Average rainfall	30	27	33	40	37	23	8	25	59	92	54	47°



### The one thousand stories of Sagunto

Sagunto has a valuable artistic heritage, largely made of its impressive walls. The fact that the city has been peopled over the last 2,000 years can be explained on the grounds of its importance as a port city in commercial operations in the Mediterranean. In the Middle Ages it was called "Murviadro". El Cid conquered the city in the year 1098.





Distance: 20,2 km  
Maximum grade: 25 m

Cumulative ascent: 40 m  
Cumulative descent: 20 m

Estimated time: 4h 10m  
Physical difficulty: Medium



### EL PUIG (population: 7.280) VIA VERDE XURRA (CYCLING PATH) | GR-160

Resume The Way of El Cid starting at the roundabout situated at the entrance of the town. Walk through the walkway over the railroad line and then head towards the cemetery and the Carthusian monastery, where you will join again **Vía Verde Xurra** (km 0.9). This is the point where you walked off the route in the previous stage. **Vía Verde** continues until coming out to road CV-300. The Way crosses through a subterranean crossing (km 1.4) and then runs parallel to the road. Note that the route runs parallel to the route for a very long stretch (it runs along a large developed area, where industrial regions mingle with towns). You will reach an industrial area. Walk past the roundabout that connects with the CV-300 route and **El Puig** and **Rafelbunyol** (km 1.8). Some metres further, the cycling path comes to an end, so that you will have to walk on the hard shoulder until reaching the next roundabout (access to Rafelbunyol). At this point, a new cycling path starts (km 2.4). Walk through a newly built residential area until reaching another roundabout, giving access to **La Pobla de Farnals** (km 2.8).

2,8 km



### LA POBLA DE FARNALS (population: 4.998) VIA VERDE XURRA (CYCLING PATH) | GR-160

The route continues running parallel to road CV-300. At the town's exit, you will walk again into an industrial area, leaving behind another roundabout (access to Massamagrell) (km 3.3). To your right you can see a group of little houses while to the left you can see Valencia's green orchards and the sea at the background. You will reach another roundabout, where there is a signpost pointing to the access to **Massamagrell** (km 3.9).

1,2 km



### MASSAMAGRELL (population: 15.749) VIA VERDE XURRA (CYCLING PATH) | GR-160

Continue walking on **Vía Verde Xurra** (cycling path), which runs along *Calle de la Vía Augusta*. Note that you should walk to the left of road CV-300. Walk away from the town. Shortly after you will reach a roundabout (access to **Musseros** and **Massalfassar**), following which (km 4.6) you will walk again into an industrial area. Cross through two roundabouts (km 4.9 and 5.5): the orchard landscape becomes again the dominant feature until reaching the roundabout leading to the entrance to **Albalat de Sorells**, which you access along *Calle del Mar* (km 7.2).

2,2 km



### ALBALAT DELS SORELLS (population: 3.940) VIA VERDE XURRA (CYCLING PATH) | GR-160

Resume the route walking along **Vía Verde Xurra** (cycling path). After 600m, you reach the last roundabout of this stretch (km 7.8). At this point, walk off road CV-300. From this point onwards, **Vía Verde** runs on a compact surface. After crossing through a road, the path then runs into **Meliana** along *Calle Blasco Ibáñez* (km 8.5).

1,7 km



### MELIANA (population: 10.304) VIA VERDE XURRA (CYCLING PATH) | GR-160

Cross through **Meliana** walking along *Calle Aragón*. At the exit to **Meliana**, join again the cycling path of **Vía Churra**, which runs on the same path than the *Vía Augusta* route. Take the lane and walk along it until reaching **Alboraya**. The path crosses through a bridge (km 10.9) and then through two roads (kms 11.3 and 12). It eventually reaches the *Gulley of Carraixet*. Cross over the gulley, walking along the bridge of road CV-311 (km 12.9). The cycling path runs into **Alboraya**, which is accessed through *Calle dels Fusters* (km 13.3). This street gets into the built-up section of the town.

3,5 km



### ALBORAYA (population: 17.236) VIA VERDE XURRA (CYCLING PATH) | GR-160

Continue on the cycling path, which runs along *Calle Ronda Este* and crosses the town from north to south. At the end of the street, you will reach an extensive orchard area. At this point, join again the **Vía Churra** path, which is set out in front of you (km 14.4). After a short walk amidst the orchards in **Valencia**, you will walk into the city. Cross through a roundabout, which is placed in *Avenida Cataluña* and in close proximity to *Universidad Politécnica*, where **Vía Churra** comes to an end. The city route around Valencia runs mostly along the city's network of cycling paths: it runs along *Avenida de Cataluña* and *Avenida de Aragón* and then alongside the old riverbed of the river Turia. When reaching *Torres de Serranos*, head to Valencia's city centre, passing close to the Cathedral and to the central market. Finish this stage at *Plaza España*, where there is an equestrian statue of El Cid. This is a landmark signalling the final stretch of the Conquest of Valencia route.

6,7 km



### VALENCIA (population: 754.891) VIA VERDE XURRA (CYCLING PATH) | GR-160

Fields of fruit trees and the northern part of the orchards in Valencia, situated in a built up area

**El Puig:** Late Romanesque northern gate and Gothic church of the monastery, remains of the castle, fortified Carthusian monastery of Ara Christi, Guaita tower and beach.

**Meliana:** Santos Juanes church

**Alboraya:** Moro bridge, tiger nut fields and beaches

**Valencia:** Historical city centre, Gothic heritage: Lonja de los Mercaderes o de la Seda (World Heritage Site), cathedral, towers and bridge of Serranos, palaces of Almirantes de Aragón and of Escrivá, etc. Atarazanas del Grao, Arab baths of Almirante, towers and remains of the Muslim wall, Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias, beaches...

Paved driveways, roads and green route / cycling path (**Vía Churra**)

Royal monastery of El Puig



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Average temperature	16°	17°	19°	21°	23°	27°	30°	30°	28°	24°	19°	16°
Max/Min	5°	5°	6°	8°	12°	16°	19°	20°	17°	13°	8°	6°
Amount of daylight hours/day	09:40	10:42	11:56	13:15	14:21	14:57	14:42	13:43	12:28	11:11	10:00	09:23
Average rainfall	27	24	32	33	30	20	8	20	52	86	52	42



**Key**

- Hiking trail
- MTB trail
- Hiking trail not suitable for cycling
- Reduced cycling conditions
- Connection to other routes

Signposting

- Long-distance or GR stretch
- Non-GR stretch
- Short-distance or PR stretch
- Camino de Santiago

Type of surface

- Pavement, trail or cycle lane
- Rural path
- Footpath



**Valencia: the dreamt city**

Valencia was the reward to the efforts made by El Cid and it is a reward too for cyclists riding along The Way of El Cid. Starting at Sagunto, the route runs parallel to the coast along paved paths and residential areas: you may go and rest for a while at any of these beaches, some of which remain quite all year through, by turning to your left and diverting 2 or 3 km.