

Route 20 - Quesada to Elche

This is a beautiful moderate route with some really good views of the hills and surrounding area. Leave Quesada and head for Benijofar, turn right at the traffic lights (cobble area) and follow the road to the next roundabout follow it round to the left as if heading for Rojas, at the next roundabout turn left and over the bridge, straight on at the next roundabout and then just follow the signs for San Fulgencio / Elche. At San Fulgencio stay on the road and keep heading for Elche. Follow this road until you come to the next roundabout go straight on and you will pass a petrol station on your left just before the next roundabout. Turn left at this roundabout and you will see the cycle track on your right which runs along the side of the road (CV855) follow this track all the way to Elche. On the way you will pass numerous roundabouts and on every one Ilicrc is a restaurant if you require any refreshments. At Elche you come to traffic lights where you have various options to choose from. You can follow the signs for the centre of town or follow any of the other destinations that you care to go to. We cycled into the town and found a lovely square with a great restaurant where we all stopped for coffee and magdelanas. After our refreshing break we backtracked to the ring road where we turned right and cycled until we saw the signs for Matola and Pare Natural del Hondo (CV875) we followed these signs through the lovely little Spanish village of Matola which seems to be just a village of restaurants and pubs but looked great. We continued on this road for a further few kms until we saw the signs for Pare Natural where we turned left and cycled down through an avenue of beautiful palm trees. At the end of this road we turned right and headed for San Felip Neri which we cycled through and headed for Catral where we picked up the cycle track to Dolores. At Dolores we followed a road we all knew well the road back to Los Martinez (CV859) where we turned right and picked up the canal roads back to Formentera. Through Formentera then over the river by the orange groves and up into Benijofar, then the long slow drag of a cycle from Benijofar to Quesada.

Total Distance: Approx. 58 Kms

Time: 4 hours

Summary: Beautiful flat route with great views. Mostly quiet side roads with the occasional main road and loads of roundabouts. Ideal for intermediates.

