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ANTEQUERA – VALLE DE ABDALAJÍS GR 249.4 Stage. 2



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LINEAL ROUTE

GR 249.4 Et.2

22,4 km

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Distance: 22.4 Km.

Start: Parque Atalaya (park). Antequera. **End**: C/ La Viñuela street. Valle de

bdalaiís.

Kind of trail: Lineal. It is recommended to leave a car at the end of the route. **Outward walking time:** 7 h 20 m.

Difficulty: Average. Net gradient: 1697 m. Slope upward: 727 m. Slope downward: 970 m.

Ground: Road, forest trail and path **Surface:** Earthy trails and paths and rocky

paths.

Season: All year.

Linked or coincident trails:

GR 245. Stage 3: Villanueva de la Concepción - Antequera (Camino Mozárabe de Santiago) (Mozarabic Way of Saint James); GR 7 Stage 4 Sendero

The name of the place is due to the twisting and rocky route, with some steps to compensate for the high slope, sometimes with more than one branch. Despite this first impression, the landscape up there is less rough than what we could expect, with farming wide flatlands and slopes between the Sierra de Chimenea mountain range to the west and El Torcal to the east, both with much counterpoising reliefs.

The trail runs along the Cerros del Aguila and Gordo hills which act as a revolving door halfway of the route to, then, give way to a much softer field where the typical Andalusia houses and some population centres start appearing one after the other.

Andaluz (Andalusia Path); Stage 8 Villanueva de Abdalajís – Antequera and SL-A 22 *La Escaleruela*.

Description:

Antequera enjoys a strategic location within the province, with the mountain range backing its vocation of border fortress, the fertile lowland *Llanos* reaching the horizon 500 m over the sea level, and the *Nacimiento de la Villa* river source which supplies really good water.

From this point, the stage starts south by, firstly, going into the clay hillocks filled with dry farming to, afterwards, climb up one of the wildest landscapes of the whole *Gran Senda* (large trail), the *Escaleruela*, which goes to the port with the same name.

Los Nogales, La Higuera and La Joya are the three hamlets closer to the trail. They depend on the Antequera borough. La Joya is the largest and more urbanized one. The reason for finding three hamlets in the area is due to the meeting of two significant roadways: the Malaga to Bobadilla (from north to south) one and that of Antequera, which is the most used during the Stage.

The last part of the route goes between grain fields and olive trees through the water border of a long hillock up to the easternmost quarter of the Valle de Abdalajís and it finishes nearby the iron bridge over *Arroyo de las Piedras* stream.



