



RIDE EUROPE

ROUTE 1. STAGE 1. DAY 2.

BRAGANÇA TO POTES PORTUGAL AND SPAIN

APPROXIMATELY 200 MILES (320KM)

The road unfolds as a scenic, flowing ride, with sweeping curves and panoramic views. Puebla de Sanabria is a delightful medieval town, with cobblestone streets and a magnificent castle (while nearby you will discover the largest glacial lake in the Iberian Peninsula). This historic town offers a variety of culinary venues and bars, making it a perfect stop to soak in the local atmosphere.

The journey continues on the N-525 towards Palacios de Sanabria, an area boasting a few charming, sleepy villages; stop off at Bar Mirador for coffee and tapas. Near La Bañeza, you'll find La Hacienda, a complex with a large restaurant and fuel stop, conveniently located just off the motorway.

Next up is Riaño, high in the foothills of the Cantabrian mountains, earning it the nickname "Little Switzerland." This new town is lively, with bars, cafés and restaurants, many boasting terraces with views across the extensive reservoir to the surrounding peaks. It's a lovely location for a break and a useful fuel stop.

After Riaño, comes the mountain pass of San Glorio, which climbs to 1,609m. The N-621 highway is narrow, tight and twisty, with blind bends that demand your full attention, so take it slow, watch for oncoming traffic and keep an eye out for the occasional cow or goat wandering across the road.

Finally, once you've reached Potes, the 14-mile (23km) ride on the CA-185, takes you from approximately 290m to over 1,000m, to the bottom of the cliffs at Fuente Dé. A perfect way to end this unforgettable day of riding.

WHERE TO STAY

Potes has a good selection of hotels to suit every budget. There are several camp sites on the outskirts of Potes:

Camping La Viorna Picos de Europa
– 1 mile (2km) from Potes on the CA185.

Camping La Isla Picos Europe –
2 miles (3km) from Potes on the CA185.

Recommended hotels:

Hotel Oso

Barrio Areños, 2,
39582 Cosgaya,
Camaleño, Cantabria
hoteldeloso.es



Parador de Fuente Dé

Fuente Dé, s/n, 39588
Fuente Dé, Camaleño,
Cantabria
paradores.es



HIGHLIGHTS

- Castle of Puebla de Sanabria
- Sanabria Natural Park
- Riaño Reservoir
- Picos de Europa National Park
- San Glorio mountain pass
- Potes
- Cable car at Fuente Dé



ROUTE MAP



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DEPART FROM BRAGANÇA

	Road	Direction
Pick up and follow	N103	Portelo and Puebla de Sanabria
Cross the border into Spain and follow	ZA925	Puebla de Sanabria
From Puebla de Sanabria follow	N-525	Benavente and Palacios de Sanabria
In Palacios de Sanabria follow	ZA-125 & LE125	Muelas de Los Caballeros and La Bañeza
In La Bañeza follow	CL622	Sta. Maria del Páramo
In Sta. Maria del Páramo follow	CL621	Valencia de Don Juan
In Valencia de Don Juan follow	LE512	Villanueva de las Manzanas
In Villanueva de las Manzanas follow	LE512	Mansillas de las Mulas
Then follow	N625 & N621	Cistierna/Riaño
Then follow	N621	Llanaves de la Reina, Santander, San Glorio pass
Viewpoint at San Glorio mountain pass on	N621	
Continue and follow	N621	Potes

Disclaimer: These are suggested routes only and we cannot be held responsible for the condition of the roads, the weight of traffic or any detours. Fuel stations can be few and far between in some rural areas of Portugal and Spain. Make sure you start each day with a full tank and top up when you can.

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