

Iglesia de Santa Lucía Santa Lucía church



I.8

vejer de la frontera  
Cantarranas

ruta del interior 8  
inland route 8

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Este itinerario une las poblaciones de Vejer de La Frontera y Cantarranas, pedanía de Vejer, recorriendo una amalgama de paisajes muy representativos de esta zona de interior, como son las vegas, campiñas cerealistas, los montes de vegetación iberoafricana y el siempre curioso emplazamiento de los históricos poblados de colonización andaluces.

La excursión se inicia en Vejer, una villa que, en tiempos de paz, vivió un importante desarrollo económico, siendo sus principales fuentes de ingresos la explotación agrícola y la alfarería. Descendiendo de esta histórica fortaleza por una estrecha senda que coincide con la llegada de la ruta interior 2 desde Conil de la Frontera, conocida como Camino de los Molinos, se desemboca en la aldea de Santa Lucía. La ruta continúa recorriendo tramos de vías pecuarias y cañadas, adentrándose a lo largo de un territorio de interior dominado por un complejo parcelario donde coexisten minifundios y latifundios, resultado de múltiples procesos de desamortización llevados a cabo entre 1836 y 1855.

La ruta enlaza con la carretera A-393 y, sin llegar a cruzarla, gira hacia el norte atravesando antiguas veredas en paralelo a la carretera. A continuación llega nuevamente a otra carretera por la que se alcanza al paraje de El Parralejo y demás lugares de interés como El Donadio, Pedro Cano o El Cabrito, hasta arribar al poblado disperso de El Zumajo, siempre siguiendo la Cañada Ancha.

El tramo del Ventosano es quizás uno de los más agradables de la ruta, al transitar por un pasillo de acebuches, adelfas, chumberas y tarays, que hacen a su



This excursion connects Vejer de la Frontera and Cantarranas (a municipal district of Vejer), going through a variety of countryside very representative of this inland area, such as the river plains, cereal fields, hills with Iberian-African vegetation and the ever-curious settlements of the historical villages of the Andalusian colonisation.

The route starts in Vejer, a town which, in times of peace, has had strong economic development. Its main sources of income are agricultural production and pottery. It descends from the historic fortifications on a narrow path known as the Camino de los Molinos, the same one to which route 2 from Conil de la Frontera arrives at. This opens up into the small village of Santa Lucía. Then it continues following droving routes and paths, penetrating into a large inland area dominated by the partition of land into small plots (*minifundios*) and plots of large extension (*latifundios*), the result of processes of seizure that took place between 1836 and 1855.

The route runs along the A-393 road without crossing it, and then turns to the north through the old droving routes that run parallel to the mentioned A-393. Soon it comes to another road along which it reaches El Parralejo area and various other places of interest like El Donadio, Pedro Cano or El Cabrito, continuing

through the Cañada Ancha droving track until it comes to the dispersed hamlet of El Zumajo.

The Ventosano section is perhaps the most pleasant of the whole journey. It goes through 'lines' of olives, oleanders, prickly pears and tamarisks, which also serve to indicate the boundaries between plots. After passing through a tunnel under the road and climbing the slight rise, one arrives to Nájara, another botanically rich rural area, where small dispersed farms and estates appear sited on the boundaries of the uplands. The view from this spot is very extensive, including the Nájara hills to the north and Los Trances depression, and covering an area that is principally dedicated to cereal crops with touches of Mediterranean woodlands.

The route ends in the little hamlet of Cantarranas, a quiet village of colonisation origin where one can enjoy a good rest. The walk can be done in the reverse direction following the indications on the map. It is also possible to connect to the inland route 13 in order to visit San José de Malcocinado and Los Badalejos (municipal districts of Medina Sidonia), places through which the Corredor Verde Dos Bahías also passes with its signs of 'cruce de vereda'.



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## Vejer de la frontera Cantarranas

Longitud de la Ruta I.8: 16,8 km aprox.  
Inicio: Vejer de la Frontera  
Final: Cantarranas  
Grado de dificultad: medio  
Desnivel: medio

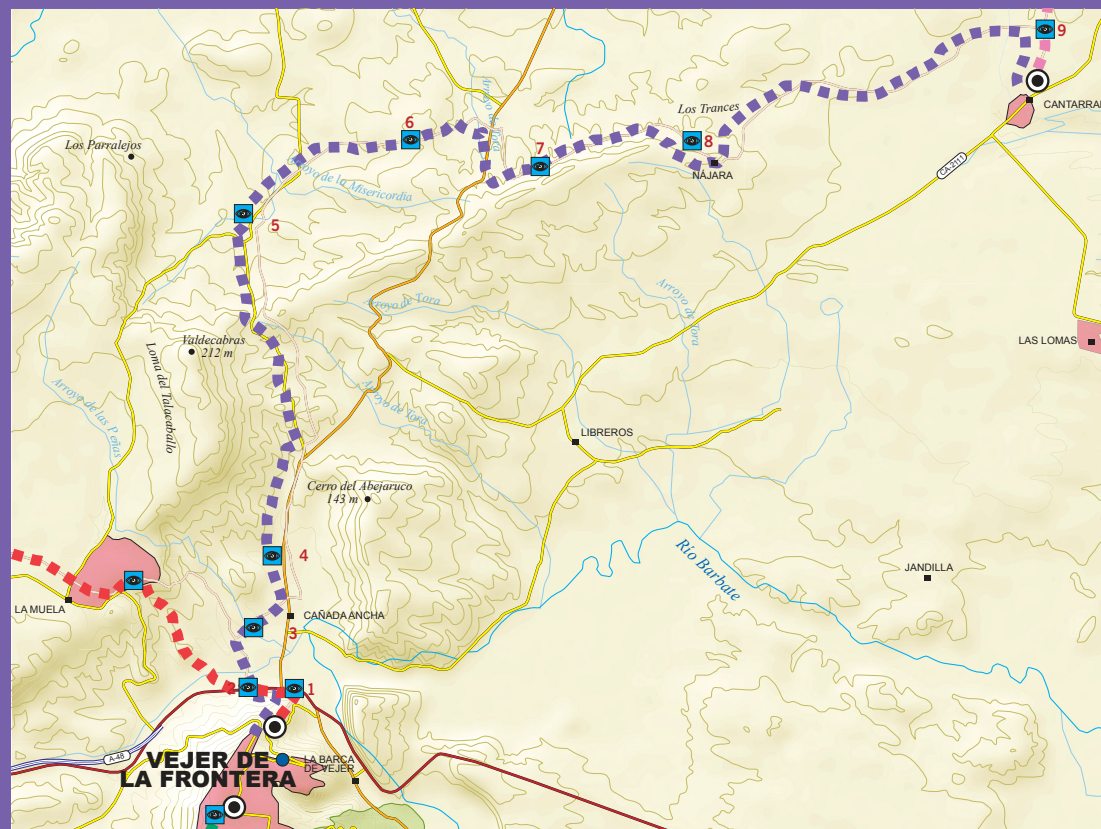
Length of the Route I.8: 16,8 km approx.  
Start: Vejer de la Frontera  
End: Cantarranas  
Difficulty level: intermediate  
Slope grade: intermediate

### PUNTOS DE INTERÉS:

- 1 Vejer de la Frontera
- 2 Cruce de rutas RI-2 y RI-8
- 3 Barriada de Santa Lucía
- 4 Los caminos históricos y las cañadas
- 5 Vegetación iberoafricana
- 6 Fuentes y abrevaderos, lavaderos y pozos
- 7 El paisaje en la ruta I-8
- 8 Las Hazas de Suerte en Vejer de la Frontera
- 9 Cantarranas, cruce de las rutas RI-8 y RI-13

### POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 1 Vejer de la Frontera
- 2 RI-2 and RI-8 routes junction
- 3 Santa Lucía neighbourhood
- 4 Historical paths and droving tracks
- 5 Iberian-african vegetation
- 6 Fountains and troughs, communal washing places and wells
- 7 View in the I-8 route
- 8 'Hazas de Suerte' in Vejer de la Frontera
- 9 Cantarranas, RI-8 and RI-13 routes junction



Points of Interest