

The Driver's Roadbook, Spain and Portugal sample (DRAFT)

5 ROADS · 111 KM · SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

Tolls, gate times and closures researched for the 2026 season.
Every road carries the source it came from.

Five roads from the 2026 book, complete and unabridged, including one that is closed to cars for five months of the year. One page each: what it is like, what it costs, when the gates open, and a button that opens the route in Google Maps. Nothing here needs an app, an account or a mobile signal.

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The full 2026 book has 44. The last page of this one tells you where to find them.

DISTANCE

Distance is the road as the text describes it on 3 of these 5 roads, where a published figure for the same stretch exists. On the other 2 it is measured from the GPX file we ship, because no published figure was found. The GPX file we ship can measure differently — it may add the run-up to a locked gate, or draw one line through a road we describe as a network. Where the two differ by more than 10%, we print the file's own length too, marked track.

THE BOOK ON ONE PAGE

WHERE THE ROADS ARE



READING THE MAP

Every road in the book, drawn from the same map data as its own page. The number beside each one is the page it is on. Cities are here so you can place yourself. No road in the book runs through one.

The 5 roads in this sample are numbered. The other 39 are drawn in grey: this is the shape of the whole book, not of the sample.

8 of the 44 roads sit in one cluster 195 km across, each within 80 km of the next. The other 36 are spread over everything else. That is why the numbers crowd in one corner of this map and stand alone in the rest of it.

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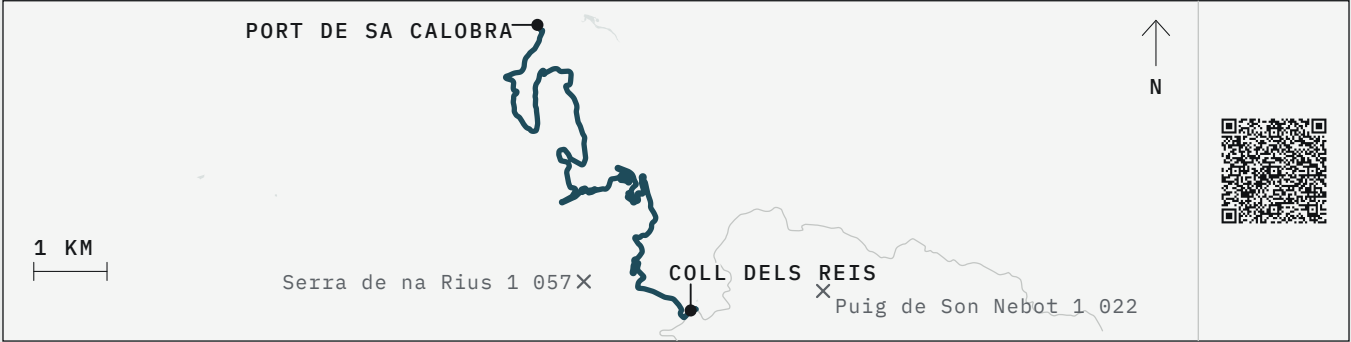
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SA CALOBRA

Carretera de Sa Calobra

SCORE

8.7



COLL DELS REIS → PORT DE SA CALOBRA · OPENSTREETMAP

SCAN → PHONE

DISTANCE	HIGH POINT	ACCESS	SCENERY	CORNERS	SEASON
12.2 km	682 m	10 t limit coaches must book	5/5 ■■■■■	5/5 ■■■■■	Open all year

The drive

26 hairpins and a 270 degree spiral bridge where the road passes under itself. Antonio Parietti built it in 1933 with no tunnels and almost no cutting, following the contour instead.

Before you go

A 10 tonne limit since a retaining wall collapsed in 2023. Coaches and anything over nine seats must book: 35 slots a day, entry between 11:00 and 13:30 only, 200 euros without a reservation.

DRIVE THE ROUTE
whole road, Google Maps →

↓ GPX FILE
komoot, Kurviger, OsmAnd

📍 THE START
39.81601, 2.82360

- Worth stopping for
- TAP ANY ONE TO OPEN ITS LISTING
- 01 🏠 Béns d'Avall

Eat well

10.3 km off
- 02 🍴 Ca'n Boqueta

Eat cheap

10.3 km off
- 03 🛏 Hotel Corazón

Sleep

16.0 km off

NEAREST, KM

Cap de Formentor 25

Tramuntana Coast Road 43

Costa Brava Corniche 212

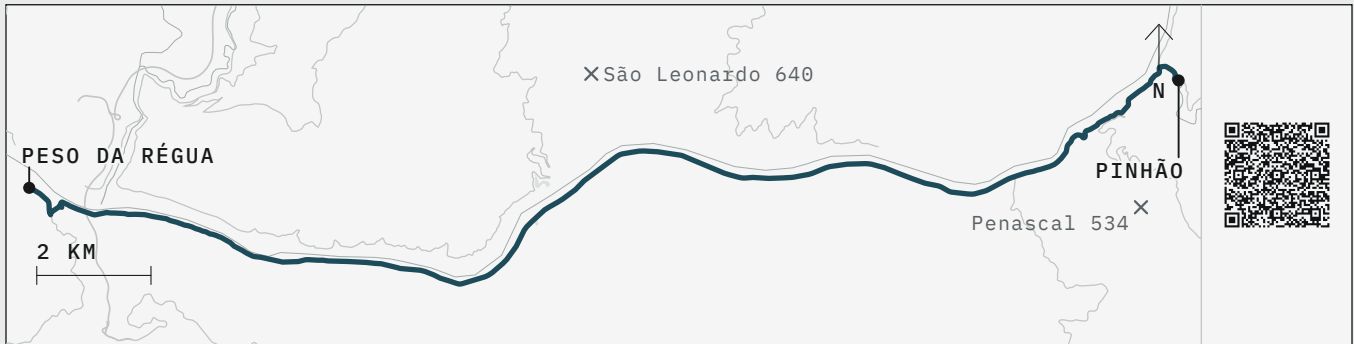
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DOURO RIVER ROAD

Estrada Nacional 222

SCORE

8.2

PESO DA RÉGUA → PINHÃO • OPENSTREETMAP

SCAN → PHONE

DISTANCE	HIGH POINT	ACCESS	SCENERY	CORNERS	SEASON
23.4 km	Not measured	Free no toll, no gate	5/5 ■■■■■	4/5 ■■■■□	Open all year

The drive

93 bends along the Douro under terraced vineyards that are a UNESCO site. Avis called it the best driving road in the world in 2015 and the surface has been good ever since.

Before you go

Harvest, from late September, puts tractors and grape lorries on it, which is the wrong week to be in a hurry and the right week to be there.

DRIVE THE ROUTE

whole road, Google Maps



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📍 THE START

41.15560, -7.78889

Worth stopping for

TAP ANY ONE TO OPEN ITS LISTING

01	🏠	Quinta do Bomfim	1.9 km off
		Eat well	
02	🍴	Tasca da Quinta	0.9 km off
		Eat cheap	
03	🛏	The Vintage House Douro	1.9 km off
		Sleep	
04	🔗	Quinta da Pacheca	6.3 km off
		Worth a look	

NEAREST, KM **Marão 28** Alvão Mountain Road 31 The Minho Crossing 65

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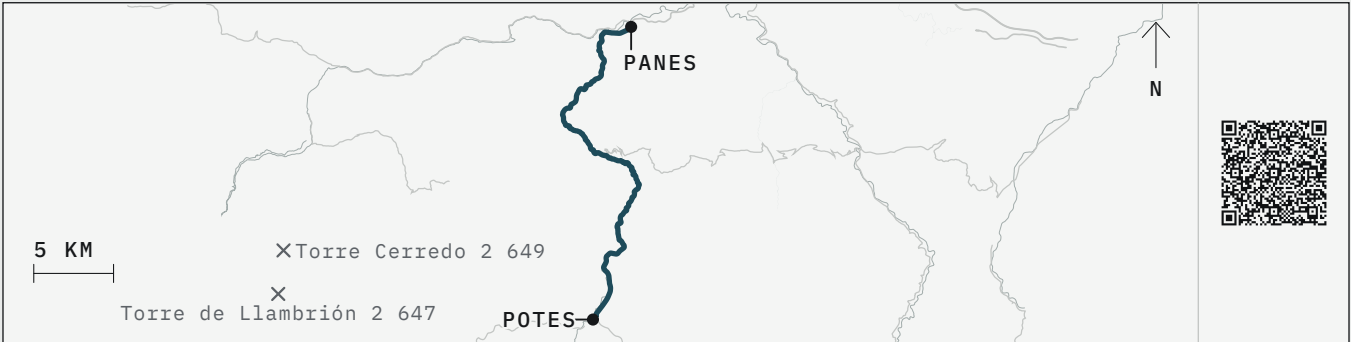
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HERMIDA GORGE

Desfiladero de La Hermida

SCORE

8.2



PANES → POTES · OPENSTREETMAP

SCAN → PHONE

DISTANCE	HIGH POINT	ACCESS	SCENERY	CORNERS	SEASON
27.7 km	Not measured	Roadworks single-lane, since 2022	5/5 ■■■■■	4/5 ■■■■□	Open all year

The drive

Road wedged for its whole length between limestone walls over 600 m high, with about 175 turns and almost no straight. Sunlight rarely reaches the floor, which is the point and also why it is cold.

Before you go

The longest gorge in Spain and it has been a roadworks site since 2022. The ministry says the object is safer driving rather than higher speed, so expect single-lane control rather than a closure.

DRIVE THE ROUTE
whole road, Google Maps

↓ GPX FILE
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📍 THE START
43.32360, -4.58419

Worth stopping for

TAP ANY ONE TO OPEN ITS LISTING

- 01

🏠

Restaurante Parador de Fuente Dé

Eat well

16.1 km off
- 02

🍴

Mesón del Oso

Eat cheap

10.7 km off
- 03

🚡

Teleférico de Fuente Dé

Worth a look

16.1 km off

NEAREST , KM

Cares Gorge to Sotres 19

San Glorio Pass 19

Lakes of Covadonga 38

ES · 18 · GRANADA · POINT TO POINT

■ OPEN NOW

LA RAGUA PASS

Puerto de la Ragua

SCORE

8.0

LA CALAHORRA → LAROLES · OPENSTREETMAP

SCAN → PHONE

DISTANCE	HIGH POINT	ACCESS	SCENERY	CORNERS	SEASON
29.1 km	2 000 m	Free the only park crossing	4/5 ■■■■■□	4/5 ■■■■■□	Open all year

The drive

Paved and in poor condition, often under five metres wide, with many drops and no barrier. 9.1 per cent at its steepest, which is not the difficulty; the width is.

Before you go

It is the only vehicle crossing of the Sierra Nevada park, so when it shuts the detour is the whole massif.

DRIVE THE ROUTE

whole road, Google Maps

↓ GPX FILE

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📍 THE START

37.18275, -3.05998

Worth stopping for

TAP ANY ONE TO OPEN ITS LISTING

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|----|---|----------------------------|------------|
| 01 | 📍 | Labella Hostal Restaurante | 0.4 km off |
| | | Eat cheap | |
| 02 | 🏠 | Hospedería del Zenete | 0.4 km off |
| | | Sleep | |
| 03 | 🏰 | Castillo de La Calahorra | 0.4 km off |
| | | Worth a look | |

NEAREST, KM The Alpujarras 45 Sierra Nevada Road 47 Velefique 58

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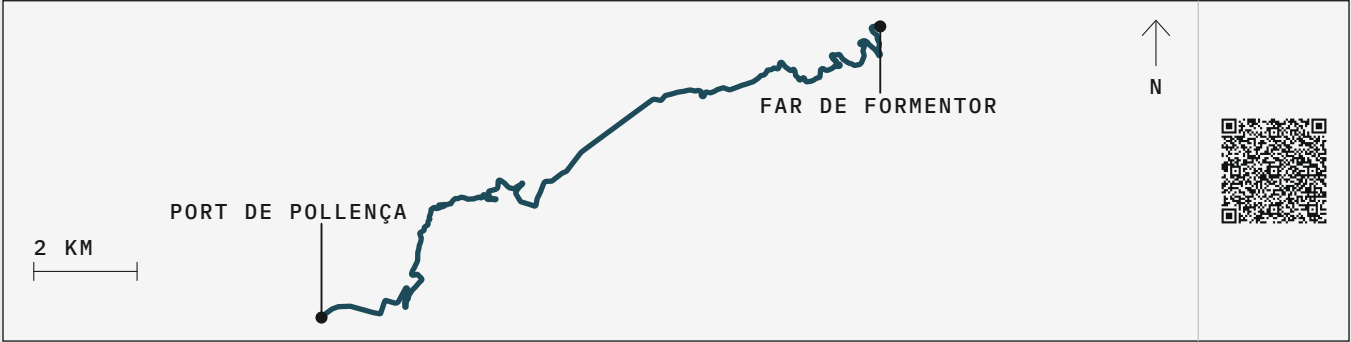
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CARS BANNED NOW

CAP DE FORMENTOR

SCORE

7.6



PORT DE POLLENÇA → FAR DE FORMENTOR · OPENSTREETMAP

SCAN → PHONE

DISTANCE	HIGH POINT	ACCESS	SCENERY	CORNERS	SEASON
18.8 km	119 m	No cars fines 100 to 200 euros	5/5 ■■■■■	4/5 ■■■■□	Oct to May before 10:00 in summer

The drive

Parietti's other Mallorcan road, along the spine of the cape to the lighthouse, with the sea on both sides at the Mirador des Colomer.

Before you go

Closed to private cars 15 May to 18 October 2026, every day 10:00 to 22:00, with fines of 100 to 200 euros; the DGT issued 2,300 in 2025.

DRIVE THE ROUTE
whole road, Google Maps

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39.90974, 3.08519

Worth stopping for

TAP ANY ONE TO OPEN ITS LISTING

- 01 🏠 Son Brull
- Sleep
- 6.8 km off

NEAREST, KM

Sa Calobra 25

Tramuntana Coast Road 67

Costa Brava Corniche 202

SCORE

HOW THE DRIVE SCORE WORKS

The drive score is not a feeling. It is three separate judgements, combined by one formula, applied the same way to all 44 roads.

I rate each road's corners from 0 to 5 and its scenery from 0 to 5, then subtract a traffic penalty from 0, near empty, to 2, crowded. The published score is corners, plus four fifths of scenery, minus three fifths of the traffic penalty, rescaled to a mark out of ten. Corners count for more than scenery, on purpose: this is a driving book, not a viewpoint list.

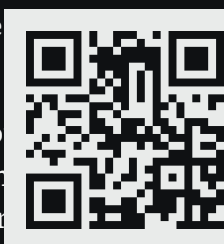
Those three ratings are judgement, not measurement. They come from maps, elevation profiles, curve counts and other drivers' published accounts rather than from a road test, which is exactly what the score is for: comparing the roads in this book against each other on one consistent scale. It cannot know the surface, the weather, or the traffic on the day you actually go.

Use it to compare roads against each other, not as a promise.

The gate on this one is a date, and the fine arrives at home.

The road to Cap de Formentor is closed to private cars from 15 May to 18 October 2026, every day from 10:00 to 22:00, with fines of 100 to 200 euros. Most lists of the Mallorca do not mention it.

Iberia is not the Alps: hardly any of these roads has a toll, and what stops you park permit, a landslide that has been shut for months, or a barrier below the full book has 44 roads across Spain, Portugal and Andorra, each drawn again OpenStreetMap and each carrying its own source line, so you can see which rules came from the authority that issues them and which are my own reading.



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THE OTHER 39 ROADS

Ronda Road	9.3	Velefique	9.1
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Palomas Pass	8.2	Torre Road	8.2
Arrábida Escarpment	8.2	Cares Gorge to Sotres	8.2
The Alpujarras	8.2	Gerês Park Road	8.2
The Dream Road	8.0	Canto Pass	8.0
Peña de Francia	8.0	Las Hurdes	8.0
Sierra de Gata	8.0	Marão	8.0
The N2 over the Lousã	8.0	Costa Brava Corniche	7.8
Lakes of Covadonga	7.6	Sintra Coast	7.6
Pico Pass	7.3	Monchique and Fóia	7.3
Envalira Pass	7.3	Guadalest Road	7.3
Sierra Nevada Road	7.1	Irati Forest Road	7.1
Pajares Pass	6.7	Ibañeta Pass	6.2
Navacerrada Pass	5.6		

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