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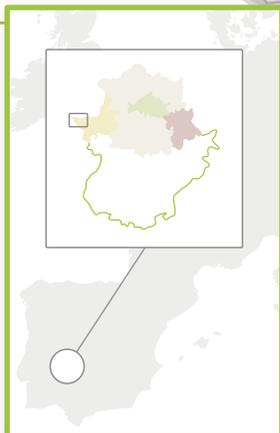
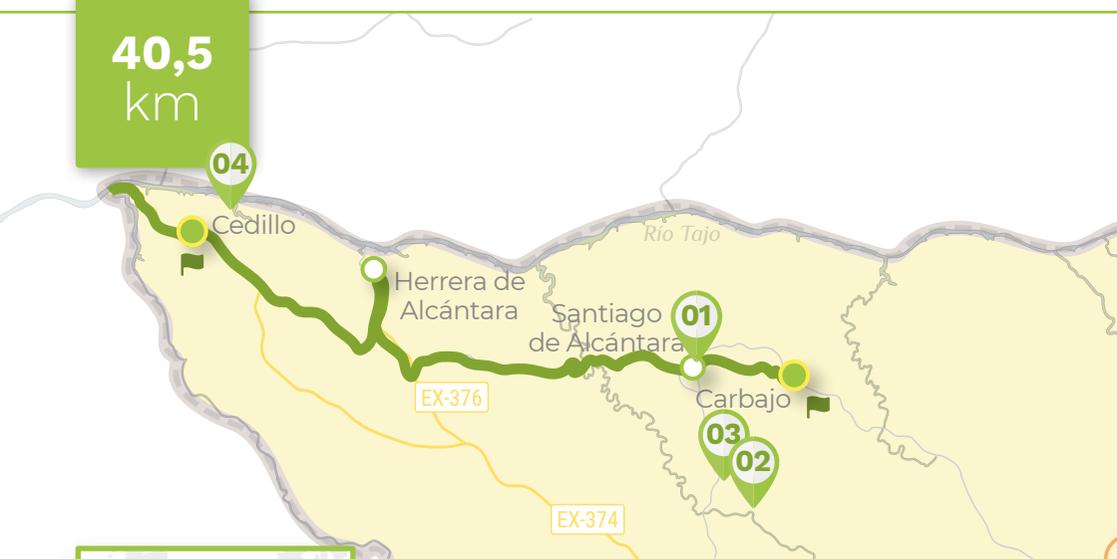
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🕒 Estimated time: 3h 20min	Route type: Linear
⚡ Minimum altitude: 128 m	⚡ Maximum altitude: 443 m
⬆️ Elevation gain: 773 m	⬆️ Elevation loss: -936 m
📈 Average gradient: 3,4 %	Difficulty: Easy

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01. Centro visitantes El Péndere 02. Cueva El Buraco

03. C.I. Cultura Dolménica 04. Balcón del Tajo



The last stage of the *Ciclosenda del Tajo* (Tajo Cycle Route) runs through the Tajo International Transboundary Biosphere Reserve, so the vegetation will be considerably abundant, especially scented by rockroses. On our way we will find anthropomorphic tombs and dolmens which make up part of the area's precious heritage. After leaving behind Cedillo, the last town of the route, a beautiful scenic road will take us to the Cedillo Reservoir Dam, where the Tagus continues its descent through Portugal and which will put an end to our adventure.

What will you find on this route?

Leaving Carbajo we set off on the ninth stage of the *Ciclosenda del Tajo* (Tajo Cycle Route) at the foot of the Sierra de San Pedro mountain range. Along the way there are several caves with cave paintings among which El Buraco, El Borrigo and El Agujero Caves stand out. In the area we will also find small dolmens whose origins date back to circa 4,000 years BC.

In Santiago de Alcántara further information can be obtained about this region abounding with particularly valuable megalithic sites in the Megalithic Monuments Interpretation Centre and stroll through its narrow streets of white houses.

To get to Herrera de Alcántara there are two options available, either by road or by the somewhat more demanding River Tajo Nature Trail. Both options cross the Rivera Aurela, where the river meanders surrounded by rugged mountains and trails on which grow holm oaks, cork oaks and rockroses which permeate the route with aroma.

Several roads will take us to Cedillo, where we can rest and enter the San Antonio Church, built in 1894. The "El Casón" Visitor's Centre has various exhibition and educational resources, as well as containing an ethnography exhibition and a viewpoint from which you can see the village itself, the Tagus River and Portugal.



Tajo International Transboundary Biosphere Reserve



This natural park of more than 25,000 hectares runs across eleven municipalities, between the Roman bridge of Alcántara and the Cedillo Reservoir Dam, forming a solitary extraordinary nature route.

An area of great significance thanks to the diversity of its flora and fauna. It is easy to spot the black vulture or the imperial eagle, which is why it is classified as a *Special Protection Areas for Birds, SPA* and Site of Community Interest. The valuable historical heritage of the area is added to its imposing landscapes to make this reserve a unique natural park on the border with Portugal, a country where it will continue to stretch across with the same characteristics but different management.