

Caminito Del Rey (The King's Walk)

Tickets should be booked in advance, but are also sometimes available from 'Hola Travel' on Calle Carmona (top of the steps from the car park on the opposite side of the road)

Logistics and travel times



El Caminito del Rey is located in a complex natural environment, surrounded by swamps, mountains, gorges and valleys that have difficult access. The Caminito route is linear, not circular, in a single direction and descending from North to South, depending where you park you will need to take the shuttle bus either at the start or end of the visit.

TRAVEL BY ROAD OR RAILWAY

By Road

From Álora you should go through town to the roundabout with the Moorish Arch in the centre, then take the second exit **straight over** sign posted 'El Chorro' (do not take the right turn immediately off the second exit to Serena Motors). This journey takes about 20 minutes.

Once you arrive at El Chorro you can:

a.) Leave the vehicle parked in El Chorro (Álora), which is where the walk ends (South Zone)

In this case you should allow between an hour, and an hour and a half until the official El Caminito tour begins. You may need to wait up to 30 minutes for the shuttle bus which is located at the railway station and connects El Chorro with the area of the dam of the Guadalhorce in Ardales; the journey may take up to 25 minutes. Then allow between 15 and 30 minutes for the groups to be organised at the walk entrance.

b) Park in the area of the dam of the Guadalhorce (Ardales), North Zone

In this case you will need to allow less time as you will already be in the area of the start, but as the tour is linear you will need extra time at the end of the tour, as you will have to return to the South Zone to collect your car.

By rail

From Álora railway station to El Chorro (South Zone) the train takes just 12 minutes. Currently the train leaves Álora at 10.34 am and 16.45 pm; returning at 10.16 am, 15.50 pm and 19.54 pm (correct as of Aug 2019, please check RENFE website to ensure no changes). You will need to take the shuttle bus back to the North Zone and start of the walk (see a) above)

The total route of El Caminito del Rey is 7.7 km, of which 4.8 km is forest trails and tracks, and 2.9 km of walkways. As regards the walkways (the best known part), the distance from the entrance to the exit is 2.9 km, distributed between 1.5 km. of walkways and 1.4 km of trail or forest track.

The estimated time to complete the route including getting from / to the car park at the start /finish of the walk is about 3 to 4 hours.



For more information visit: <http://www.caminitodelrey.info/en/#1>