



## Landscape itineraries



Local importance

### Traditional landscapes

Farming systems in Sierra de Espadán:  
Terraces of Algimia de Almonacid



#### Technical Characteristics:

Modality: walking  
Departure time: 08:30  
Arrival time: 18:00

Departure place: Bus stop opposite to "Joaquin Sorolla" AVE rail way station

Time duration: 5 hours  
Support: A support vehicle will be available  
Cost: Members, 20€; Non-members, 25€

DIFICULTY

low medium high

## Itinerary Contents



When land has been needed to cultivate in steep places, when societies have been growing and have been forced to produce more food, when those lands that were needed were in mountainous and very steep areas, then terraces were built, occupying even the most unsuspected and inhospitable places.



The landscape of the terraces is everywhere: in the Far East, in South America, throughout Europe, but it is characteristic and sign of identity of all the lands of the Mediterranean. Associated with terraces it is a rich cultural heritage whose main expression are the dry stone constructions, which go from the same walls that allow the raising of the terrace to the construction of accesses between fields and the huts and shelters scattered among the properties.



In the Sierra de Espadán are unique examples of such agricultural systems whose origins date back several centuries, being one of the most characteristic areas of the Sierra the systems found in the vicinity of Algimia de Almonacid, namely the terraces located in the slopes draining to the Rambla del Baladrar.



The proposed itinerary goes through all that system raised in the vicinity of Algimia. Along the approximately 10 kilometres of route (mostly of easy difficulty with some small steep section) it is possible to see the characteristics and shapes of the terraces, the dominant crops, the associated buildings necessary for their cultivation and maintenance and the threats that nowadays endanger its conservation.