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# Feel the speed at Trackdays Spain

**TRACKDAYS SPAIN** is one year old! They are celebrating with a special trackday on Friday, July 4 at Guadix race circuit, near Granada.

This birthday event includes lots of special offers and extras for just 249 euros:

- A whole day of intense, fast and

fun driving round a first class race track

- Free second driver
- Free helmet and glove hire
- Free lunch and birthday cake
- Free passenger rides in a Porsche GT3, a Ginetta and a Radical (subject to availability)
- Free driving instruction to improve driving skills and speed (subject to availability)

Over the past year, Trackdays Spain have organised six quality trackdays and built up a loyal following. The days attract a mix of men and women aged from 20 to 60, who love to push their cars to the limit and it's a friendly, social occasion. The regulars have seen a real improvement to their speed, driving ability and car handling. Trackdays Spain events have seen a beautiful selection of cars including a Ferrari Enzo, Porsche GT3, Lamborghini Gallardo, Radical SR3 and regular attendance from the Ginetta Spain race team. The trackday concept took off in the UK eight years ago. A few car enthusiasts started organising days at race tracks and disused airfields for people who enjoyed driving fast, but didn't want the danger and expense of racing. From these humble beginnings, there are now over 600 trackdays a year in the UK and trackday companies have flourished. Mike Knivett, founder and owner of Trackdays Spain decided to bring the concept of

affordable, safe trackdays over to Spain.

"I loved trackdays in the UK, and really missed my fix when I moved to Spain. When I looked into what was available here, I was really surprised; there were either manic days full of boy racers and a crash a minute, or seriously expensive options. I was looking for a fun day where I could take a sports car without worrying that it would be damaged. I couldn't find it, so I decided to set up my own trackday company." The days are run every two months in Guadix, a three kilometre circuit, an hour outside Granada and under two hours from Marbella. There is a good mix of fast and slow corners with varying cambers and a main straight of 750 metres. The circuit is used by many companies including Renault Motorsport, Aston Martin's British GT Championship Team, Mitsubishi, Porsche and 95 per cent of all British Superbike factory teams.

Trackdays Spain exclusively hires out the circuit for their days so any car-lover can drive it and burn rubber like the race drivers!

Trackdays Spain offer driving tuition, helmets and gloves and even hire out a Lotus Elise and five Ginetta race cars, so any driver can enjoy the trackday experience even if they don't have a fast car, or have never done a trackday before.

Places are limited to ensure maximum safety.



To book for the July 4 event call 0034 952 838 693 or 0034 667 204 629 or email [info@trackdaysspain.com](mailto:info@trackdaysspain.com). For more information visit the website [www.trackdaysspain.com](http://www.trackdaysspain.com)



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## Top tips for driving well on track

ANDY TURNBULL, instructor and seasoned trackday organiser, gives his top tips for driving well on track:

1. Instruction, instruction, instruction - Forget what you know from driving on the road, swallow your pride and get an instructor in the car with you. This alone will increase your speed, confidence and ability around the track.

2. Forget 'go-faster' expensive

performance modifications to your car - Engine power increases can often reduce your speed around a circuit, increase tyre wear and significantly decrease engine life.

3. Use the whole track - The first mistake most people make is staying on 'their side of the road' as per driving day-to-day. When on track ensure you use the whole circuit to minimise the amount of steering input. When the wheels are pointing straight you can accelerate more, more acceleration means quicker laps!

4. Smoothness - Aggressive use of throttle, brakes and steering loses you speed and unsettles the car leaving you with unpredictability and a good chance of spinning off the track.

5. Slow in, fast out - Driving into a slow corner too fast will mean you compromise your exit speed and puts unnecessary wear on brakes, tyres and suspension.

6. Have fun and leave your ego at the door - This is all about having a great time, not having the best lap time, proving what a great driver you are or how

much faster your car is compared to everyone else. Relax and enjoy it and you will make the most of the day. Trackdays Spain offer free advice and tuition so you can see a real improvement in your driving over the day. Andy will take students round the track for a few laps showing them the layout of the track, the difficult corners and talking them through all his actions. They will then get instruction through at least five laps so Andy can tell them what they are doing wrong and help

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