Visiting 15M Locales across Spain

Start: Les Planes d’Hostoles
Marinaleda
Jerez
Cádiz
Sevilla
Córdoba
Jaén
Granada
Málaga
San Pedro (Cabo de Gata)
Melilla
Valencia
Madrid
Santiago de Compostela
A Coruña
Oviedo
Gijón
Bilbao
San Sebastián
Vitoria
Barcelona
Sabadell
Terrassa
Sant Cugat
Girona
Olot

End: Les Planes d’Hostoles
In May of 2013, two years after participating in my first general assembly at the 15M encampment in Barcelona’s Plaça Catalunya, I set out on a road trip around Spain with La Pasionaria (the VW Westfalia van in which I travelled). The objective of the trip was to learn about what 15M meant to different actors seeing themselves as being 15M and working from within different autonomous communities in the country. The accompanying map shows the route I took and the places I visited.*

* My choice of places to visit was determined along the way, based on recommendations from different interviewees. Interviewees often suggested particular cities to visit, based on the exemplary work of 15Ms in those localities. At the same time, I consciously selected the interviewees to be representative of the general geographic and demographic diversity of 15M. Unfortunately, the map replicates the “España vacía” (empty Spain) dynamic that refers to the fact that large areas of Spain are suffering from depopulation and are often absent from the political conversation regarding the present and future of the country.