

PORTUGAL - MONTE VELHO

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We can arrange transfers from/to Lisbon airport or from/to Lisbon City for €160 per vehicle one way. If there are other guests arriving / leaving at similar times, then these costs are shared between all those travelling (max 4 people per vehicle), but you will be charged the full amount if you are the only passenger.

Alternatively, you may prefer to hire a car and drive to Monte Velho, which is recommended if you wish to explore more widely. The journey time from Lisbon is approximately one and a half hours.

Check-in to your room is possible from 16:00, although you may arrive earlier and make use of the main facilities until your room is ready. The recommended latest arrival time is 18:00 so that you can settle into your room in time for dinner. If your flight is arriving in Lisbon after 16:00 you must use the transfer service rather than self-driving so that the transfer driver can show you to your room.

On your departure day you may book to ride and have lunch, but you will need to vacate your room by noon so that it can be made ready for arriving guests.

You may check-in to your room from 4pm. If you arrive earlier you are welcome to relax in the public areas and / or watch lessons. You will need to vacate your room at noon.

There are a number of instructors at Monte Velho and you may find that you ride with a few different ones during your stay. We recommend that at the start of each lesson you discuss with your instructor your dressage experience to date and what you wish to achieve from your session.



The precise timing of your riding sessions will be confirmed to you locally.

Lessons are normally from 09:00 to 12:00 and from 14:30 to 16:30. There is usually one trail ride in the morning at around 10:00 and another in the afternoon. In the hot summer months of July/August all lessons and trail rides may be in the mornings between 08:00 and 12:00.

The 'Monte' or main building of the farm dates back to the Roman era with several additions over the years to create a traditional Alentejo farmhouse; the latest extensions adding stunning contemporary aspects to the building.

The owner of Monte Velho is an architect and the accommodation has been designed to a high standard. Some of the guest rooms are in the original farmhouse, others are accessed via a walkway from the central courtyard.

The guest lounge area is spacious and comfortable with views over the swimming pool and the farm. The dining room and veranda look out to the big outdoor arena and the paddocks beyond.

There is a beautifully situated wellness centre, with exercise area, sauna and rooftop hot tub with views over the lake.



View of the farmhouse.