

Alpujarra Short Break, Spain

Itinerary

The perfect ride for those who do not have the time at their disposal for a full week.

Explore the ancient bridle paths while moving nightly from place to place. Discover the charms of the small white-washed mountain villages with their typical Berber architecture.

Day 1

Arrive into Bubion in the late afternoon.

Please note that there are often slight changes to the itinerary depending on the weather and the group. Sometimes paths are closed because of repairs, sometimes a higher route is used because it is cooler or a lower one because it is warmer. During the winter months the peaks are under snow and the spring melts and rains can cause damage to paths, riverbeds and tracks. As such the paths and itineraries may be changed in places or it may be necessary to dismount and lead on different sections.

Overnight at Casa La Sevillana, dinner with your guide.

Day 2

After breakfast you will be driven the 5 kilometres up to the stables, where you will meet the horses.

Today, head east to the village of Trevelez, at 1,486m the highest town in Spain that is not a ski resort.

During the morning you gradually descend (approx. 350m) on forestry tracks and bridle paths. The path passes through orchards and small terraces as it skirts the villages of Capilerilla, Pitres and Portugos.



There are a few sections where it is necessary to lead the horses on some of the steeper descents.

Leaving the village of Portugos below, start the 600m climb to your picnic spot in the shade of the pine woods.

After lunch join the main forestry track to Trevelez. There are some good opportunities for nice canters. At the end of the day there is a 15 minute walk down an old stone path into the village.

Over night and dinner at the comfortable Hotel Fragua situated in the old Berber quarter of Trevelez (use of pool June to September).

Approximately 6 hours riding.

Day 3

The route continues east to the village of Berchules. After a 10 minute walk through the streets of Trevelez, you water the horses at one of the many springs, mount up and head down to the river.

Once across the river the many centuries old bridle path follows first the Moorish irrigation channel and then works its way up through evergreen Holm oak and pine forests to the open pasture lands of the Sierra of Juviles.



Descending across the open hillside you will have great views towards the coast of Almeria and the Contraviesa mountains. Climb again before stopping for a picnic in the oak woods. After lunch join a dirt track leading us to the village of Berchules.

The final descent into the village is on foot, followed by a 15 minute walk through the streets to the stables and our hotel.

Overnight and diner at Hotel Berchules (use of pool June to end September).

Approximately 6 hours riding.

Day 4

Leaving the village of Berchules below you climb for approximately 600m to the main forestry track leading to the head of the valley. Some good canters before leaving this track to continue the climb to the ridge "Loma de Piedra Ventana" 2,600m. Once you reach the summit you will join the old bridle path running south along the spine of the ridge, dropping in sections to follow the tree line and rising again to follow the ancient Moorish waterways. Truly spectacular views in every direction, from the snowy peaks to the north, south to the Mediterranean and on a clear day Africa.



After a picnic lunch the path gradually starts to descend along the side of the ridge, continuing to offer fantastic views. Turning west the path leaves the open ridge to head down through pine and oak woods to the village of Trevelez. On the final descent there are sections one must lead the horses.

Overnight and dinner at Hotel La Fragua.

Approximately 8 hours riding.

Day 5

A much shorter day taking the main forestry track directly back to the stables. Some good canters on the way home. Enjoy a late lunch in the village of Bubion and the afternoon at luxury for a well-deserved siesta, or some shopping.

Approximately 3 hours riding.

Farewell dinner and overnight at Casa La Sevillana.

Day 6

Breakfast and depart for Malaga airport.