

SPAIN - SIERRA NEVADA - POQUEIRA RIDE

ITINERARY

Day 1

Transfers from Malaga airport are included in the price for trails of 5 or more nights. Airport transfers for short breaks are payable locally.

The collection time at Malaga is scheduled for 17:00 so you should book a flight with an arrival time before 16:00 to allow for luggage collection. Your return flight should depart from Malaga after 12:00.

The drive from Malaga to Bubion takes about two and a half hours. Private transfers from Malaga and Granada airports may be arranged on request.



The meeting point at Malaga Airport

Arrive at Bubion and settle into your accommodation. Later meet your guide, have dinner and learn about the ride ahead.

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 maybe changed in places or it may be necessary to dismount and lead on different sections.

Casa La Sevillana is a 19th Century town house, it has seven bedrooms with private shower-rooms, a large patio, a sitting room and a breakfast room. It is located in the heart of the village within a few minutes walk from the local restaurants and cafes.



Day 2

After a relaxed breakfast, you will be driven up to the stables (5 kilometres from the village) to meet the horses.

Once everyone has been introduced to their horse, you start the ride on a small bridle path climbing steeply up through evergreen Holm oaks and pasture lands to join the main forestry track into the National Park. This track allows for some steady trots and canters as it climbs high above the valley Poqueira to join one of the old bridle paths winding through the pine woods and summer pastures to an altitude of c.2,300 metres.

Picnic lunch at the tree line c.2,400 metres, spectacular views down the Barranco Habali, across the Contraviesa mountains to the Mediterranean and on a clear day Morocco.

After lunch descending on one of the firebreaks you pass the remains of trenches and gun placements from the Civil War (1936-1939), and down through oak woods to the main forestry track leading back to the stables.



Dinner is not included this night but the team will be happy to recommend and make reservations in the local restaurants or cafes.

(Approximately 5 hours riding)

Day 3

Riding at a lower elevation (between 1,300 and 1,800 meters) today you will follow a combination of forestry tracks and bridle paths through pine, oak and chestnut woods.

During the course of the morning in addition to the woodlands, you pass through pretty terraced farms and orchards above the villages of Pitres and Portugos.

After lunch, return to the stables on one of the main forestry tracks offering opportunities for some good canters.

(Approximately 5 hours riding)



Day 4

Today, the highest ride of your stay takes you to the base of the Mulhacen (at 3,486 m the highest mountain on the mainland). During the morning a steep ascent on old Moorish bridle paths and sheep tracks over rough and steep terrain, crossing Moorish irrigation channels and snow fed streams. There may be places you will have to dismount and lead your horse.

After a picnic lunch by one of the mountain streams, you have a much gentler descent on dirt roads down through pine woods to the control point of the National Park. Here you join a small path leading through the woods and down to the stables.

Because today is largely climbing there are no canters. The scenery and the paths are quite breathtaking.

Farewell drink with your guides.

(Approximately 5 hours riding)



Day 5

You will be transferred to Malaga airport.