

# SPAIN - SIERRA NEVADA - SULAYR 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.



Arrive 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.

Overnight Casa La Sevillana. 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 breakfast you will be driven the 5 kilometres up to the stables, where you will meet the horses. Today's ride will vary slightly depending on the weather and the time of year.

During the morning the trail takes you along an old bridlepath through pine woods to open hillside high above the valley Poqueira. The path winds it's way past old terraced farms and follows the acequias (ancient Moorish irrigation channels) up through the high snow-fed summer pastures to the base of the Mulhacen. At 3,486m the highest mountain on the Spanish mainland.

Picnic lunch (at c. 2,400m) by a small snow fed stream with spectacular views of the high peaks to the north and the Mediterranean to the south. After lunch the trail follows the open ridge of the Mulhacen for about an hour. Enjoy some stunning views - on a clear day all the way across to Africa. The final two hours

of the ride the path takes you down through the welcome shade of the pine woods to the stables.

Return to Bubion for your second night.

Dinner on this night is not included, however, we are happy to make any reservations on your behalf with the local restaurants.

(Approximately 5 hours riding)



Overnight Casa La Sevillana.

### **Day 3**

Today you ride through totally different terrain, to the whitewashed village of Trevelez, the highest village in Spain and famous for it's air cured hams.



During the morning the old bridle paths and tracks take you through chestnut woods, orchards and terraces to the villages of Pitres and Portugos.

After leading the horses on foot through the narrow village streets, mount up and ride a further hour through small terraced farms and oak woods to your picnic spot in the shade of the pine woods. After lunch join the main forestry track leading to Trevez. During the afternoon there are opportunities for some nice canters as you ride through the pine and oak trees.

The final descent into the village is on a narrow path and it is necessary to dismount and lead the horses for 15 minutes.

Trevez has a long tradition of animal husbandry, the cattlemen and their horses heading out to the hills is a common sight in the early morning and late evening.

You will have dinner in a local restaurant tonight.

(Approximately 5 hours riding)

Overnight La Fragua. Simply decorated, country hotel situated in the old Berber quarter of Trevez. Amenities include an outdoor pool with views of the mountains (use of pool June to late September).



The pool at La Fragua



A typical bedroom at La Fragua

## Day 4

Returning to Bubion by an alternative route that takes you high into the mountains above Trevelez. The dirt road out of the village lends itself to some good canters before joining the path leading into the high Sierras. This path climbs steeply through oak woods and open pasture lands to approximately 2,400m.

Picnic at 2.400m with stunning views over the Mediterranean, the valley of Trevelez and the foothills of the Contraviesa.

During the afternoon leave the open pasture lands behind and follow the path descending through pine woods to the stables.

Overnight and farewell dinner in the village of Bubion.

(Approximately 6 hours riding)



Overnight Casa La Sevillana.

## **Day 5**

You will be transferred to Malaga airport.