

SPAIN - SIERRA DE GREDOS - CASTLES OF THE GREDOS MOUNTAINS

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Day 1

The meeting point is in Madrid Airport at 15:00 and so your flight should be scheduled to arrive before 14:00.

You will be transferred to your first night's accommodation.

The transfer back to the airport will arrive at Madrid Airport at about 12:00 so flights should depart after 14:00.

Overnight El Milano Real Hotel. A comfortable hotel, with 21 rooms. There are views of the Gredos Mountains with spa facilities.



Day 2

This morning, meet your horse for the week. Today will be a short and comfortable day to get to know your horse. Ride through the Tormes valley and pine forest, open fields with views of Gredos Mountains.

Lunch at a fisherman's hut with paella, freshly cooked beside the river Tormes. In the warmer months, it may be possible to swim here.

Short afternoon ride on to Navaceda de Tormes. You will be transferred back to your hotel from last night as there is no accommodation in this village.

Dinner at the hotel. Time on the saddle around four to five hours.

Overnight El Milano Real Hotel.

Day 3

Today will be the longest day and is considered to have the most beautiful views of the Gredos Mountains. Ride down into the valley through remote medieval villages.

Lunch at Aliseda de Tormes.

In the afternoon, ride down into a more open valley with a different landscape providing opportunities for trots and canters towards El Barco de Ávila.

El Barco de Avila is a 12th century village with a castle from that time.

Have dinner and stay at a 4* hotel. Time on the saddle around six to seven hours.

Overnight El Barco de Avila. This town is where your guide, Emilio, grew up. Emilio has nice childhood memories riding with his brother moving his grandfather's herd of cows.

Day 4

Today you will ride to the Salamanca province. This is a flat and dry area, with granite formations. It is a very rural region with stone walls, and farmers riding donkeys. The landscape today changes; the riding is through holm oaks woods and pastures. Cross Puente del Congosto (another medieval village with a 15th century bridge and Castle).

Picnic lunch near the river (in the warmer months it may be possible to swim here).

In the afternoon there are opportunities for canters on to Hoyorredondo.

Have dinner and stay at a rural Inn, La Trocha de Hoyorredondo. Here it is possible to see the horses resting from your bedrooms window. Time in the saddle around six to seven hours.

Day 5

Good trots and canters in the morning by the flat and open Corneja River Valley to Bonilla de la Sierra. This is an important Medieval town, with a beautiful church.

Lunch bbq in a private garden with swimming pool.

In the afternoon start climbing back to the mountains.

Have dinner and stay at a hotel in Navacedilla de Corneja. Time in the saddle around six hours.

Day 6

Today has a lot of mountain riding through three different valleys. In the morning ride up to the highest point of the ride; Puerto de Chía (1,800m). With a view of the Corneja river valley and the Alberche river valley.

Lunch at San Martin de la Vega with the views of the Gredos Mountains.

After lunch, cross the Alberche river and continue to Tormes River valley to get back to the stables.

Have your farewell dinner and stay at the hotel.

Overnight El Milano Real Hotel.