

Four Valleys, Spain

Itinerary

In the Gredos mountains you can ride through four different valleys; Tietar, Alberche, Corneja and Tormes and these beautiful gorges are full of pure crystalline water from the melted snow from the mountains above.

During your transfer from Madrid you will get the chance to look around the old city of Avila. Avila is surrounded by ancient city walls, gateways, watchtowers and turrets and is one of the best-preserved medieval bastions in Spain.



After a refreshing drink you continue onto your accommodation for the night.

Once you have settled into your room it is time for dinner. Over dinner you get to know your guide and chat about the week ahead.

You should be an intermediate rider fit enough for between 4 to 7 hours in the saddle each day.

The following is the proposed itinerary but please note that changes are possible due to weather and local conditions.

Please note that although this is not a faced paced ride, there should be some opportunities for trots and canters most days (terrain permitting).

Day 2

After breakfast there is a short drive to the stables to meet your horses, saddle up and set off for your first mornings ride.



This morning's ride is taken leisurely though the cordel path to join the cañadas until you reach San Martín del Pimpollar, along the way you will see some very beautiful views of the Tormes river Valley.

You will stop for a picnic lunch along the way, followed by a Spanish siesta.

Later you will ride down the mountains to San Martín del Pimpollar.

Day 3

This morning you will ride along the Valley of 5 Villas through gardens of fruits, cherry trees, fig trees, olive trees, grapes.

At the top of the valley, Puerto de Serranillos, you stop for lunch.



In the afternoon you carry on to the other side of the mountains to the Alberche river valley, finally reaching Burghondo, a town on the river Alberche.

Day 4

Today you will be following the Alberche river valley, along the way passing through old towns, with their traditional stony houses and very different landscapes (on the north side of the mountains).

In the afternoon after lunch you reach some of the highest villages in the mountains and you will stay in San Martin del Pimpollar for the night.



Day 5

Today you are still high in the mountains with its pine trees, broom, stone walls. It is in this area that is the summer pastures for your horses.

During this ride you will get very close to the source of the river Alberche .



After lunch the afternoon ride is towards Navaceda, through open landscapes with a beautiful views of the Gredos mountains.

Day 6

Today is shorter, easier and beautiful days riding following the Tormes river valley.

Lunch is beside the river, an excellent spot for swimming in the clean and cold water.



This afternoon you should enjoy some good canters along the way home.

Later you ride down the valley to finish the trail where you began.

After saying goodbye to your horse at the stables, you will be driven back to your guesthouse for the evening. This is usually the same guesthouse as the first night.

Later there will be a farewell supper at c. 9pm.

Day 7

After breakfast transfer back to Madrid.