

Gredos to Salamanca, Spain

Day 1

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.

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 you will be taken to the stable yard where you will get to meet your mount for the week.

This morning's ride will be following the Tormes River at the bottom of the valley to the Charco de las Paredes.



Stop for lunch on the way and weather permitting there might be the chance for a swim too.

This afternoon your ride is shorter and downhill towards the town of Navalperal.

Day 3

In the morning you will ride along the cattle trail to Barco de Avila and then stop for lunch by the Tormes River.

Later after your siesta, you will ride onto Sierra de Bejar and then to Becedas, the last village in Avila province where the horses spend the night.



After seeing to the horses you will be taken by the transfer vehicle to the beautiful towns of Candelario, where you will spend the night.

Day 4

Today you will ride just in the morning between Becedas to Candelario, passing through numerous and

interesting local villages.

You have a free afternoon to visit Candelario. You might like to visit the church, or wander around the town's steep streets spotting the channels that collect the water from the mountains.



You will spend a second night at the same inn as yesterday.

Day 5

Today you will ride northwards towards Salamanca through Puerto de la Hoya and Neila de San Miguel, stopping for lunch at the church on the way.

Later this afternoon the landscape you ride along becomes open and flat and eventually you reach the Cañada Soriana Occidental, one of the main pathways in Spain.



Tonight you spend the night at Guijo de Avila with nice views of the Tormes River.

Day 6

This morning you cross the river Tormes by Santa Teresa's dam, a huge water reservoir.



Most of today you will ride through the Dehesas of Salamanca passing its holm oaks, bulls, and black Iberian pigs.

Later you will have a picnic lunch by small river.

This afternoon hopefully enjoy some canters on the way to Horcajo Medianero.

Day 7

The day begins with a long morning's ride along the Easter lands of the province with beautiful and clear horizons bathed by the waters of the Tormes River.



The horses spend the night in Alba de Tormes and travel back home by truck the next morning. Alba de Tormes, upstream from the city of Salamanca has a strong history linked to Santa Teresa's life and death, and her body rests in one of the convents here.

You will be transferred by vehicle to Salamanca (c. 20 minute journey). Salamanca is a UNESCO heritage town of astoundingly architecture.

In the late afternoon you can walk along the streets of this historical town, and supper tonight is at a restaurant located at the Plaza Mayor (one of the most beautiful main squares in Spain).



Day 8

After breakfast there is time to visit Salamanca again and see her important monuments.

Later transfer to Madrid.