

Monfragüe National Park, Spain

Itinerary

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 fast paced ride, there should be some opportunities for trots and canters most days.

Day 1

Your transfer from Madrid will take you to the medieval town of Trujillo, where you will have time to explore.

The old town originally was settled on the granite batholith and dates back to Roman times. The town contains many medieval and renaissance buildings which were built by many of the conquistadors born in the city. The most important monuments are the castle, the church of Santa Maria (13th century) and the church of San Francisco.



Later over dinner you get to know your guide and chat about the week ahead.

Day 2

After breakfast, take a short transfer from your hotel in Trujillo to Herguijuela, where you will meet your horses. The start of this trail begins with riding through the “Dehesa”, a cultural landscape exclusive to southern and central Spain. You may even see wild bulls running freely when riding through the Monfragüe National Park, along the Cañada Real Puerto de Miravete.

Dehesa is a multifunctional agri-forestry system, used primarily for grazing. They produce a variety of

products (including non-timber) such as wild game, mushrooms, honey, cork, and firewood. The trees prevalent are oaks, holm and cork. This anthropogenic system provides not only a variety of foods, but also wildlife habitat for endangered species such as the Iberian lynx and the Spanish Imperial eagle.

After stopping for lunch, continue with a short afternoon of riding through flatter terrain to Torrecillas de la Tiesa, where you have dinner and stay overnight.



Day 3

After breakfast in your hotel, saddle up and set out again along the ancient cattle trail Cañada Real to the pretty medieval village of Jaraicejo, in the heart of National Park. There should be plenty of opportunities for good trots and canters in the morning through the Dehesa where you may see cattle, sheep, goats and iberic pigs.

Stop for a picnic style lunch in the countryside. Later in the afternoon, cross the Almonte river over its beautiful medieval bridge, as you head into Jaraicejo.

Dinner and night in Jaraicejo.

Day 4

After breakfast, start out your ride along the trail to Torrejón el Rubio. Again, hopefully plenty of long trots and pacey canters in the morning through the tracks of the National Park.

Dinner and overnight in a 4* hotel in Torrejon el Rubio.

Day 5

After breakfast, set out through the National Park to Salto del Gitano. Today's route crosses through a highly sensitive ecological zone. The ride has been

lucky enough to receive special authorisation to enter this 'maximum protection' area. The trail takes you to the highest point in the Sierra de las Corchuelas, surrounded by oaks and outstanding views looking out towards the Tajo river canyons.



Leisurely lunch beside the river Tajo and time after to visit the cliff "Salto del Gitano" to admire the black storks, vultures, Egyptian vultures and imperial eagles - just a few of the many birds that nest in the cliffs.

Return to your hotel in Torrejón el Rubio for the night.

Day 6

The final ride today from Torrejón el Rubio to Aldea del Obispo is truly beautiful!



Lunch is taken beside the Almonte River, by a quaint little medieval bridge.

After lunch, the horses are loaded and taken by truck back to the stables. You will be transferred back to Trujillo.

Final farewell dinner and overnight at a 4* hotel in Trujillo.

Day 7

After breakfast, transfer back to Madrid for your flight.