

# New Year Ride, Spain

## Itinerary

### Day 1

Your transfer from Madrid will take you to your accommodation in Trujillo.



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

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

### Day 2

After breakfast it is time to meet your horses, saddle up and set off for your first morning ride.

This morning's ride takes you through the 'Dehesa', which is a multifunctional agrosilvopastoral system. This is used primarily for grazing but also produces a variety of products such as honey, cork and firewood. It also provides a protected habitat for endangered species such as the Iberian lynx and Spanish Imperial eagle.

After a delicious lunch of paella cooked outside accompanied by red and white wine. you ride for a further two hours.



When you arrive at your overnight accommodation you will help to look after the horses, feeding them and helping to turn them out into their fields/paddock for the night. Later meet for supper at c.9pm. This will be the usual plan each evening when you reach your new accommodation for the night.

### Day 3 New Year's Eve

In the morning you help to catch your horse, groom and feed them (this is the same each morning during the trail). Then it is time to have breakfast before heading back outside to tack your horse up and set off.

Today you get to ride through ancient Mediterranean Forests.

Enjoy a relaxed lunch close to Garciaz. Continue riding in the afternoon. Back at the Finca, there is time to relax before a special New Year dinner. You will enjoy a typical Spanish New Year dinner with our tradition of welcoming the year with 12 grapes, one of each bell at 12.



Dinner and overnight at a guesthouse.

### Day 4 New Year's Day

During the day you will have chance to admire the impressive Villuercas landscape. It would be handy to have your camera easily accessible so you don't miss a photo opportunity. Sightings of vultures, eagles, azure-winged magpies, red-billed choughs, shrikes and ravens are often seen.



Villuercas has been declared Geopark (UNESCO, 2011) because of its Cultural and Natural Heritage and, of course, the great geological value of its relief. This is a very rural region containing fields with stone walls.

After lunch during the afternoon there is an opportunity to enjoy a canter.

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### **Day 5**

After breakfast transfer back to Madrid in time for your flight.