

Los Alamos – Christmas Ride 2021, Spain

Itinerary

The planned itinerary for your Christmas ride is as follows, however, please note that the weather might mean a change to these plans. The order of the days might also change.

Tuesday

Depart the UK on a morning flight to Gibraltar or Malaga, arriving by around midday. From the airport, you are transferred to Los Alamos.

Arrive at Los Alamos in the mid afternoon and enjoy a light Spanish style lunch. Later on, meet the horses and have dinner at the villa.

Below is an example of a typical week's riding holiday. The itinerary may vary depending on local conditions and the ability of the group, but always with your best interests in mind.

The normal pattern for the week (weather permitting) is to set off at about 10am and stop for lunch at a local village bar and then ride on again in the afternoon. However, the introductory ride is usually shorter in duration. The order of the days might also change.

Wednesday

After breakfast at the villa, meet at the stables (a short walk away from the villa) and be introduced to your horse, before setting off into the forest for your first ride. Today is a fairly quiet ride giving rider and horse the opportunity to get to know one another.



Wind along old drovers' tracks, through the heart of the National Park. Visit a local bar for lunch, then continue riding, arriving back at Los Alamos mid-afternoon. On arrival you untack and wash off your horse (your guide will be on hand should you require assistance with this).

The rest of the afternoon is for you to relax before meeting for dinner at around 19:30.

Thursday

This will usually be your first visit to the beach with your horse. Ride through the edge of the forest down on to the beaches of Cape Trafalgar and El Palmar. There will usually be the opportunity to experience some faster riding, but please note that a beach canter is not always possible as it is dependent on the tide conditions.



Heading away from the beach, you cross back into the forest, following drovers' trails that have been used for hundreds of years. Stop for lunch at a local village bar (or breakfast if riding in the summer), then twist and wind back through the forest, arriving back at the villa by mid-afternoon. After the horses have been cared for you have the rest of the day to relax before dinner.

Friday

Today you will enjoy a day riding through the forest. You may get the chance to experience some faster canter through the twisting forest tracks and enjoy an exhilarating gallop along the sandy firebreaks.



Have lunch out in the forest at an old Spanish taverna serving local cuisine. Arrive back at base and have the rest of the afternoon at leisure.

Saturday (Christmas Day)

Start the day with a champagne stirrup cup at the stables and then meander down through sweet smelling pine forest to the historic beaches of Cape Trafalgar. Stop for drinks at the thatched tavern of Las Dunas. Perhaps try one of their famous Wobbly Hot chocolates (made with Baileys) before heading back along the forest tracks towards Los Alamos. Return for a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings along with complimentary champagne and drinks.



Sunday

After a busy few days the ride will be a bit shorter than normal today but if you choose, you can simply relax at the villa, or take a walk in the Natural Park. Lunch will be in a local Taverna and dinner with bubbly will be served in the evening.



Monday

Today you will enjoy a day riding through the forest. You should be able to see all the flora and fauna that grows naturally from the forest floor. You may get the chance to experience some faster canters through the twisting forest tracks and enjoy an exhilarating gallop along the sandy fire tracks.



Tuesday

Say your fond farewells and leave Los Alamos for your airport.