

# SPAIN - LOS ALAMOS - CHRISTMAS WEEK

## ITINERARY

### Day 1

The closest airport is Gibraltar. Your flight should be scheduled to arrive to Gibraltar before 13:00 on the first day. On the last day, your flight should be scheduled to depart after 10.30.

Alternatively, transfers are also available from Malaga. If flying to Malaga, your flight should arrive before 12:00 on the first day. On the last day, your flight should depart after 11:00.

Please note that transfers are at pre-set times. If you choose to book flights outside of these times then an additional transfer fee of EUR 150 each way may be applicable, or you may wish to hire a car at the airport.

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

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

The normal pattern (weather permitting) is to set off at about 10:00 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 day might also change and beach riding is always subject to the tide conditions.

Los Alamos is set in the Hacienda "Jacaranda", named after the beautiful Jacaranda trees. The accommodation is in set in private gardens of palm, cactus and fruit trees.



There is plenty of space for relaxing with a good book or just sun-bathing. There is also a large swimming pool (not heated). Please note that the pool is currently closed for renovation, but Los Alamos are happy to take to you to the beaches so you can still swim in the sea.



The pool at Los Alamos

There is a spacious dining area and comfortable lounge with an open fire, television, DVD and music system.

Your hosts Andrew and Rhiannon also live in a villa in the grounds.

## Day 2

After breakfast at the villa, meet at the stables (a short walk away from the villa) where you will be introduced to your horse.

Set 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.



Riding through the Umbrella Pines

On arrival the guides will untack your horse and you can help washing the bit and bridle. The rest of the afternoon is for you to relax before meeting for dinner at around 19:30.

### **Day 3**

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, 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.



The beach at Cape Trafalgar

## Day 4

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.



## Day 5

Christmas Day

After a busy few days, today will be a day off from riding. You can simply relax at the villa, or take a walk in the Natural Park. You may head for drinks at the thatched tavern of Las Dunas. Perhaps try one of their famous Wobbly Hot chocolates (made with Baileys) before heading back to Los Alamos. Return for a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings along with complimentary champagne and drinks.



## Day 6

Boxing Day.

Ride through the edge of the forest down on to the beaches of Cape Trafalgar and El Palmar.

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## Day 7

Today's ride takes you through the forest. You may get the chance to experience some faster canters 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. After saying a final farewell to your horse you have the afternoon to relax. Meet again at around 19:30 for a farewell dinner with old and new found friends.



## Day 8

After an early breakfast say your goodbyes and transfer as a group back to the airport. Leaving times will depend on the timing of the first flight out and can be quite early.