

Short Break - Sunday to Thursday, Spain

Itinerary

Sunday

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 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 (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.



In the hot summer months particularly July and August, you set off earlier in the cool of the morning and return to Los Alamos around lunchtime. Lunch is usually at a local village bar. The location of the ride will depend on the heat, so if it is very hot then the ride is unlikely to go into the open countryside. The afternoons are by the pool or on the beach (Los Alamos will take you there by car and you would return by taxi).

Normally between mid-June and mid-September riding close to the ocean's edge is not allowed, but Los Alamos has been granted a licence to ride on the beach in the summer months providing they are on the beach early in the morning. So for the beach ride you will set out around 7:30am and have breakfast en-route. As always, beach riding is subject to the tide conditions.

Monday

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 c.7:30pm.

Tuesday

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.



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.

Thursday

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

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.

If visiting during the summer months you will be taken out to the local village bar for lunch.

Wednesday

Today you will enjoy a day riding through the forest. You should be able to see all of 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 firebreaks.

