

SPAIN - LOS ALAMOS - SHORT BREAK STARTING WEDNESDAY

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 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 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.

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 and 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 07:30 and have breakfast en-route. As always, beach riding is 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).



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) 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 19:30.

Day 3

This will usually be your visit to the beach. 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.

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

Day 4

Today you will have your final days 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.



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 before your farewell dinner.

Day 5

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.