

Short Breaks, Los Alamos – Andalucia, Spain

Wednesday

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.

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 pace of the ride will depend on the heat, so if it is very hot then the pace is likely to be a little slower. 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 license 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.

Thursday: 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.

Friday: Today's ride takes you to the beach. Ride along quiet tracks passing cattle farms and a hermitage first built in 700 A D. On reaching the beach, traverse your way through the sand dunes with views out over the ocean. Stop at a beach bar for lunch (or breakfast if riding in summer).



It is a pretty ride back through the umbrella pines, with the sounds of cowbells and the intoxicating scent of French lavender never far away.

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

Once again the rest of the afternoon is for you to siesta or just relax by the pool, before meeting up in the evening for dinner.

Saturday: Your last day's riding! A quieter riding day where you head off into the forest over to the Moorish look-out tower of "El Tajo" which incorporates the fantastic cliff views of Africa. Canter gently through the forest along the narrow windy forest paths before stopping to enjoy lunch at a local bar.



After lunch remount your horses and head off for one final burst of speed at the edge of the forest along a firebreak. After saying a final farewell to your horse you have the afternoon to relax. Meet again at around 8.00pm for a farewell dinner with new found friends.



Sunday

After an early breakfast say your goodbyes and transfer as a group back to the airport to catch your flight home.