

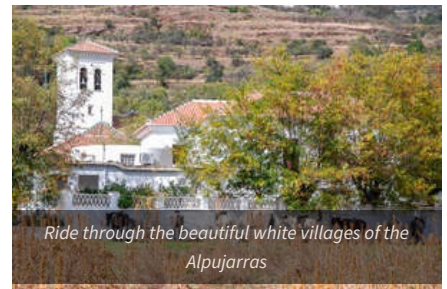


White Villages of Alpujarras

SPAIN

The mountains of Southern Spain offer some of the best **horse riding in Europe**. Between the snow-capped Sierra Nevada Mountains and the delights of Granada, this trail ride takes you through the valleys of the Alpujarras and landscapes of outstanding natural beauty. Ride through the authentic white Andalusian villages along winding lanes and recall the Moorish past. There are two itineraries with 4 or 3 days riding, for a short **riding break** or a full riding holiday.

Trail Riding	 6 or 5 days/ 4 or 3 days riding	 From £700	
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ITINERARY

Highlights

- Ride for 4 or 6 days in the Sierra Nevada Natural Park, see the amazing diversity of terrain, views and flora
- Ride through the beautiful villages of the Alpujarras and see the typical Andalusian architecture (Caipileria, Bubion Cadiar)
- Appreciate stunning views of the snowy peaks of the Sierra Nevada
- Stay in small family run hotels and guest houses, comfortable and full of charm
- Forget the pressures of daily life, ride your horse for hours and meet only the occasional shepherd or farmer
- No fences or tarmac roads as the ride generally follows old bridlepaths, a wonderful sense of freedom which is rarely found in Europe today.

Day 1 — 1: EUROPE - GRENADA - CAPILEIRA

 Hotel Finca Los Llanos

Fly to Granada (flight not included).

You will be met at 6.30pm at the airport and introduced to your guide. You will be transferred to Capileira (1436m), a typical white Andalusian village in the heart of the Sierra Nevada Natural Park.

Dinner and accommodation this evening at the Finca Los Llanos. You can relax by the pool, if you wish.

If your flight lands after 6:30 pm then a private transfer will be arranged at an extra cost. Please see "dates and prices".

Day 2 — 2: BUBIÓN - TREVÉLEZ - 5 hours riding

 Hotel La Fragua

Long route: You will be transferred (2km) to the equestrian centre in Bubión (1300 m) where you will meet your horses. Start your ride towards the village of Trevélez, the highest village in Spain (1700m) and famous for its cured hams and river trout. The ride follows a path to Ravin de la Sangre. There will be opportunities for some canters whilst taking in the panoramic views across to The Sierra Contraviesa. Follow an old bridle path as you descend down to Trevélez in time for lunch which will be taken in a local tapas bar. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Short route: After breakfast, introduction of the horses and departure for a morning ride enjoying the beautiful panorama of the Poqueira Valley. Back to Bubión, where we arrive for lunch. Free afternoon to sightseeing the villages of the Poqueira Valley. Dinner at a local restaurant and accommodation at the hotel Finca Los Llanos*** in Capileira. Four hours on horseback.


Day 3 — 3: TREVÉLEZ - LOS BÉRCHULES - 5 hours riding

 Hotel El Cercado

Long route: Ride across the bridge and follow a rocky and steep path that leads you to the top of the slope. You will have a wonderful panoramic view of the chain of the Alpujarras and mountain tops. Descend along a dirt track that leads to Los Berchules (1319m) from where you enjoy the diversity of landscapes. Once again you should experience the beauty of the Sierra Contraviesa and Sierra Gádor. On a clear day it is possible to look south across the sea to Morocco and north to the highest mountain peak in Spain. Picnic lunch en route. Dinner and overnight at El Cercado. Time to relax by the pool if you so wish.

Short route: After breakfast walk to the riding centre. Introduction of the horses. We will start by climbing up along bridle paths with views of the villages of the Poqueira through the Blood Ravine with views now of the villages of La Taha Valleys and Portugos. Along a bridle path through a forest of holm oaks we arrive to the track that leads us to Trevelez. Picnic en route. During the ride there are some opportunities for gallops with a magnificent panoramic view of the Sierra Contraviesa and Lújar opposite us. Descend to Trevélez by a bridle path where we will arrive in time for some beers with tapas. Trevélez, famous for its hams and considered the highest village in Spain at an altitude of 1,700m. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel La Fragua **. A five hour ride.

Day 4 — 4: LOS BÉRCHULES - CÁDIAR - 3,5 hours riding

 Hotel Alqueria de Morayma

Long route: From Los Berchules descend to Narila. You will visit a small Spanish stud, breeding P.R.E horses (Spanish Pure Breed). Continue your ride on horseback through the village of Cadiar (919m) and onto the beautiful Alqueria Morayama hotel, a small boutique hotel. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Short route: After breakfast, transfer to Granada airport at pre-arranged time.

Day 5 — 5: CADIAR - BUBIÓN - 6 hours riding

 Hotel Finca Los Llanos

Crossing the Guadalfeo river, you will join the path that will lead to Lobras, Niele and Càstaras. You will continue until we reach the impressive gorge of Las Carihuelas de Busquístar, where you will descend to cross the Trevélez river, and you will follow the path which leads to the village of Busquístar for lunch. After lunch there will two more hours riding to Bubión to your hotel.

For those on the 6 day itinerary:
Depart after breakfast to the airport.

Day 6 — 6: CAPILEIRA - GRENADA - EUROPE

After breakfast, transfer to the airport in time for your flight.

DATES & PRICES

DEPARTURE	RETURN	PRICE WITHOUT FLIGHTS	PRICE INCLUDING FLIGHTS	STATUS
25/04/2021	30/04/2021	£855		Open
12/05/2021	16/05/2021	£700		Open

12/06/2021	16/06/2021	£700	Open
04/09/2021	09/09/2021	£855	Open
16/10/2021	21/10/2021	£855	Guaranteed departure
24/10/2021	29/10/2021	£855	Open

Price details

IMPORTANT:

Some rides include 4 days riding, others only 3. Please be careful when booking your ride.

- Groups comprise 2-12 riders on the long trip and 4-12 riders on the short trip

- Transfers are included at set times from Granada (6:30 pm). It is possible to organise a transfer from Malaga at an extra cost, but please note there is an excellent bus service between Malaga and Granada: <http://www.alsa.es/compra-y-horarios>. There is also a good high speed train between Madrid and Malaga.

> If you arrive in Granada after 6:30 pm, a taxi will be pre-booked and will be payable locally

> Transfers from/to Malaga: €75/£66 per person, per journey, based on two riders sharing. Transfer for a single rider: €170/£150.

> Meeting points: at 18:30 in Granada, and 16h30 in Malaga.

- If you sign up as a solo rider and there is no one to share your room with, a single room supplement applies. This is 75% of the normal single supplement: 6-day programme: €120/£105 // 5-day programme: €100/£88.

- Children are welcome from 8 years of age provided they are competent riders and accompanied by their parents. Children from 15 years can come unaccompanied with parental consent, a good standard level and autonomy required.

Please Note

The itinerary may be modified at anytime for security reasons, meteorological or events beyond our control such as blocked roads, rivers in flood, drought, strikes and local holidays. Equus Journeys, our local partners and their local guides will always strive to find the best solution and will alter the itinerary as needed.

The names of the hotels and accommodation are given for information only and depending on availability, they may be modified without notice and replaced by another of a similar standard.

Price includes

SUPPORT TEAM

1 English-speaking horse guide

LOGISTIC

1 assistant from 8/10 riders

1 vehicle and driver

1 horse equipped with saddle and bridle

INLAND TRANSPORTS

Private bus

Airport transfers - from Granada arriving at 18:30

ACCOMMODATION

Double room in hotel standard 2/3*

MEALS

Full board from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on the final day

EXTRA EQUIPMENT

First aid kit

Price doesn't include

MEALS

Beverages and personal extras

Meals on day 1 and 6/8 may or may not be included depending on your flights

TRANSPORT

International flights

EXTRAS

Tips to the local team

Optional visit of a Hams Dryer

INSURANCE

Cancellation and travel insurance are not included in the above listed price. Please note that insurance is mandatory. We recommend taking out an insurance policy as soon as your trip is booked to cover you in case of cancellation

Optional

ACCOMMODATION

Single room supplement

TRANSPORT

Airport transfers from Malaga

Private airport transfers

EQUESTRIAN INFO

Horses

There are a selection of horses to suit different riding levels and great care is taken in the selection of horses according to the riding abilities and preferences of each individual. The horses are Andalucian and Andalucian cross Arabs, they are balanced, accustomed to the terrain, forward going and sure footed. Horses are ridden in comfortable English saddles.

Minimum riding ability

MINIMUM RIDING ABILITY

These rides are suitable for competent riders. You should be able to control a horse outside at all paces and over varied terrain. You should be able to mount and dismount without assistance.

There is a maximum rider weight of 90kg/ 14st/ 198 lbs.

PACE

There are plenty of opportunities to trot and canter, but the terrain in the heart of the mountains dictates when we can do this.

TACKING ABILITY AND PARTICIPATION

You will tack and untack your horse and assist with feeding and watering if you would like.

TRIP CONDITIONS AND REQUESTED EXPERIENCE

You will need to be reasonably fit as you will be required to lead your horse on some of the steep descents, and will need to be comfortable walking on rough ground.

Previous trail riding experience over several days is an advantage, but is not required.

EQUESTRIAN EQUIPMENT

Very comfortable trail riding saddles.

Helmets are compulsory. We recommend our riders to wear a helmet to the correct standard and you should bring your own to ensure a proper fit.

TRAVEL INFO

COMFORT

Stay in small, family-run hotels, in twin-bedded rooms with en-suite bathrooms. They are comfortable, clean, pleasant and friendly. Some hotels have a swimming pool.

MEALS

Local meals and beverages.

CLIMATE

Summers are dry and hot - around 30-35°C

Due to the altitude, winters can be cold (down to -4°C). Snow is not uncommon in this part of the country.

GUIDE AND LOCAL TEAM

Rafael, a local from Madrid, is a graduate in political sciences. At the age of 22, he decides to settle in a small village at the heart of the Sierra Nevada National Park, where he starts his equestrian venture. A way of life that allows him to combine his passions: horses, the great outdoors, good music and good food!

TIPS

It is customary to leave a tip, usually around 10% of the bill - although this is often already. You may wish to leave a tip with the guide who can split it amongst all members of the team - this is not obligatory and is entirely at your discretion.

PACKING LIST

Head

- A riding helmet is compulsory and we recommend that you take your own to ensure a correct fit. Helmet makers (GPA, HKM, LAS Helmets, Lamicell, Troxel, Equithème) now offer horse-riding helmets that are ventilated, strong, light and comfortable.
- Sunhat for when not riding
- Sunglasses - with a cord attached so they don't fly off when riding
- Buff or bandana for protecting your neck and face from the sun, wind or rain
- Warm hat for cold evenings/days

Upper body

- Thermals in case of cold weather
- Long sleeved shirts provide protection from the sun or extra warmth
- Down jacket or gilet for cold evenings
- T-shirts
- Swimsuit and towel - for swimming/bathing may come in useful!
- Lightweight fleece or jumper
- Warm polar fleece or equivalent (plus a spare in case one gets wet)
- Waterproof jacket - rain can be difficult to predict and it's better to be prepared. In the mountains the weather can change quickly

Legs

- 2 pairs of lightweight, comfortable riding trousers or jodhpurs - we recommend riding in them at home before taking them on holiday to ensure they don't rub
- Waterproof over trousers
- Casual clothes for the evenings (jeans or walking trousers)
- Thermal trousers for cold days or for sleeping in
- A swimming costume may be useful for impromptu dips in the lake and washing in the river

- Non-irritant cotton or synthetic underwear

Hands and Feet

- Comfortable riding boots. We recommend short boots with half chaps but you may wish to take long chaps. We don't recommend taking your favourite long leather boots in case they get damaged
- Lightweight shoes or trainers for the evenings
- Sandals/flipflops
- Several pairs of warm socks
- Gloves - your hands are particularly exposed to the sun, wind or rain whilst riding

Nightwear

- Pyjamas or tracksuits for sleeping in
- A sleeping bag for the nights in the mountain cabin

Our Recommendations

- Backpacks cannot be worn whilst riding. We recommend a small bum bag or a coat with pockets so that you can carry small items with you during the day (camera, sunscreen, lip balm etc)
- A soothing cream may be useful to treat areas irritated by long hours in the saddle
- We recommend travelling in your riding boots and carrying your hat and some riding clothes in your hand luggage - then if your luggage goes astray you are still able to ride!

Other useful items

- Water bottle (1.5 litres or 2 equivalent)
- Headtorch or small torch for moving around at night - bring spare batteries and bulbs
- Toiletries
- Protein or cereal bars for the longer stretches of riding
- Toilet paper and a lighter to burn it after use
- Swiss army knife or equivalent (in checking-in luggage!!)
- Small plastic bags for your rubbish
- Ear plugs (may be useful)
- Camera and high capacity memory card. Spare battery
- A pair of binoculars

Equipment provided

- Medical kit
- 1 pair of medium saddlebags
- Hard hat

Medical kit

Make sure any allergies (to medication or otherwise) and clearly stated in your medical kit

- Any medication you regularly take
- Painkillers
- Imodium or similar anti-diarrhea medication
- Vitamin C tablets
- Sunscreen and lip balm - should be high factor
- Insect repellent
- Eye drops
- Hydrating/soothing cream
- Plasters
- Blister plasters in case of any rubs
- Antiseptic cream, plasters, aspirin, anti-histamine, insect-bite salve etc..
- 10cm wide bandage
- Spare prescription glasses/contact lenses
- Re-hydration sachets
- Antiseptic wipes
- Handwash gel

General information

- The airline allows only one bag to be checked-in per passenger. Make sure it weighs no more than 20kg; if it exceeds this weight, you will have to pay excess luggage fees at check-in
- Hand luggage is limited to 7kg (measuring 56 cm x 45 cm x 25 cm), it mustn't contain any sharp objects (knives, scissors, nail file or nail scissors, etc.) and the quantity of liquid allowed per passenger is limited to 100ml per container.

In your hold luggage

- Any liquids, such as shampoo, moisturiser, deodorant over 100 ml and all bottles can be decanted into small, clear, plastic Ziplock bags. We recommend biodegradable washing products where possible.
- We recommend taking a copy of your passport and insurance documents with you in case you lose your originals
- In your hand luggage carry any valuables, such as your camera, ipod, ipad etc.
- Travelling in your riding boots and carrying your hat and some riding clothes is highly recommended - then if your luggage goes astray you are still able to ride

VISA & HEALTH

Formalities

British citizens: other nationalities, please contact us.

Visas

If you hold a British Citizen passport, you don't need a visa to enter Spain.

The rules on travel will stay the same until 31 December 2020.

Visas from 1 January 2021

The rules for travelling or working in Europe will change from 1 January 2021:

- you will be able to travel to countries in the Schengen area for up to 90 days in any 180-day period without a visa as a tourist, to visit family or friends, to attend business meetings, cultural or sports events, or for short-term studies or training.
- if you are travelling to Spain and other Schengen countries without a visa, make sure your whole visit is within the limit. Visits to Schengen countries within the previous 180 days before you travel would count towards the 90-day limit
- The 90-day limit for visa-free travel will begin on 1 January 2021. Any days you stay in Spain or other Schengen countries before 1 January 2021 will not count towards the 90-day limit.

At border control for Spain, you may need to:

- show a return or onward ticket
- show you have enough money for your stay, and
- use separate lanes from EU, EEA and Swiss citizens when queueing
- Your passport may be stamped on entry and exit.

Passport validity

The rules on travel will stay the same until 31 December 2020.

Your passport should be valid for the proposed duration of your stay; you do not need any additional period of validity on your passport beyond this. This applies to the whole of Spain, including the Canary Islands and the Balearic Islands (Majorca, Menorca, Ibiza and Formentera).

Passport validity from 1 January 2021

From 1 January 2021, you must have at least 6 months left on an adult or child passport to travel to most countries in Europe (not including Ireland).

If you renewed your current passport before the previous one expired, extra months may have been added to its expiry date. Any extra months on your passport over 10 years may not count towards the 6 months needed.

Check your passport is valid for travel before you book your trip. You will need to renew your passport before travelling if you do not have enough time left on your passport.

Please visit for the FCO website for up-to-date information - <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/spain/entry-requirements>

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Health

There are no vaccinations legally required to travel to Spain. Remember to take your EHC card with you. The health system in Spain is good. It's not exceptional, but certainly not bad. People who work in Spain are insured through a social security plan, which covers most of their needs. The only thing that is not included are dental treatments. There is also the possibility for a private insurance. Pharmacies can be found in every town, and in bigger cities almost every street has one. Even at night it should not take you a long time to find a pharmacy that is open. Remember that more drugs are prescribed in Spain than any other country.

Insurance

It is a condition of your booking with Equus Journeys that you have travel insurance which covers you for the riding activities to be undertaken. Your travel insurance should cover you for medical expenses and repatriation. Your guides will require your travel insurance details before they allow you to ride and may refuse to let you ride if you cannot provide them. You should take your insurance documents with you.

Voltage

230 volts AC, 50Hz. Round two-pin plugs are in use.

Budget and money

Spain has adopted the Euro (EUR, symbol: €) as its official currency. One Euro is divided into 100 (euro)cents, which are sometimes referred to as eurocents, especially when distinguishing them from the US cents.

Euro banknotes come in denominations of €5, €10, €20, €50, €100, €200 and €500. The highest three denominations are rarely used in everyday transactions. All Euro banknotes have a common design for each denomination on both sides throughout the Eurozone. The Euro coins are 1 cent, 2 cents, 5 cents, 10 cents, 20 cents, 50 cents, €1 and €2. Some countries in the Eurozone have laws which require cash transactions to be rounded to the nearest 5 cents. All Euro coins have a common design on the denomination (value) side, while the opposite side may have a different image from one country to another. Although the image side may be different, all Euro coins remain legal tender throughout the Eurozone.

Telephone and jetlag

The international access code for Spain is +34. The emergency number for police, ambulance and the fire brigade is 112.

Time zone GMT +1