



# Equus Journeys

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## Mallorca - Llevant Ride

### SPAIN

A shorter **trail ride** to discover the varied landscapes of the **Island of Mallorca**, off the Spanish coast in the Balears. You will start off your trail riding adventure at the Sa Cova Vella, a lovely traditional finca, and ride east towards the Via Verde. Enjoy the views along paths **off the beaten track**, while cantering through corn fields and Mediterranean forests. Discover Artá, an old picturesque town tucked in a valley, surrounded by the mountains of the **Llevant Natural Park**. This is a camping horse adventure, suited to semi-adventurous riders looking to discover the "wilder" side of Mallorca!

Trail Riding	 4 days - 4 days riding	 From £817	   
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### ITINERARY

## Highlights

- Explore the long railway line called Via Verde, and the mountains of the Llevant Natural Park;
- Ride through unspoilt areas away from the more touristic parts of Mallorca and enjoy some splashy canters along white sand beaches;
- Discover the local cuisine – either cooked by your guides or in small, local restaurants.

## Day 1 — 1: Sa Cova Vella to Sa Murtera - Approx. 3 hours riding

### Mallorca Camp

You are expected at the stables in Manacor in the late morning. You can take a taxi or self drive (please contact us for directions). Meet the horses and the team while enjoying a cool drink.

In the afternoon, start your adventure riding through ancient farmland and rural country lanes to the Finca Sa Murtera. Finish the day off with a simple dinner prepared out on an open fire under the stars.

Overnight in the cozy Tipi and in individual tents.

Note: Sa Murtera has dry toilets and basic water facilities.

## Day 2 — 2: Sa Murtera to Artá - Approx. 5 hours riding

### Mallorca Camp

After a good breakfast, ride along The Via Verde (Green Lane), which leads through the centre of the island towards the east coast. There will be multiple chances for active canters along fields of corn and Mediterranean forests. Lunch will be served in an old station house restaurant. In the

afternoon you will ride up to the old town of Artá.  
The camp will be set up in a forest just outside the old town. Enjoy your dinner, prepared by the guides and overnight in your tent.

Note: There is access to hot showers and toilet facilities.

### Day 3 — 3: Natural Park of the Península de Llevant - Approx. 5 hours riding

Today you will ride into the mountains of the Llevant.  
Stop for lunch at a beautiful mountain lodge with a lovely view of the sea. After lunch, continue your trail ride across Mallorca through wild unspoilt areas far from civilization, with the opportunity to canter along the beach while exploring the rocky coastline.  
Reach the eco finca, in the forest where camp will be set up. Enjoy a refreshing shower, followed by dinner.

### Day 4 — 4: Back to Artá - Approx. 3 hours riding

After breakfast, ride through the mountains and down to the coast to some very wild, unknown beaches and coves backed up by wild pine, juniper forests and protected sand dunes.  
You will stop for a picnic along the way and finish the ride in the town of Artá. From here you will be driven back to the Sa Cova Vella and before departure enjoy some drinks with the team before departure.

DATES & PRICES			
DEPARTURE	RETURN	PRICE WITHOUT FLIGHTS	STATUS
10/10/2024	13/10/2024	£817	Open

### Price details

- Flights or transportation to your destination are not included, but can be booked on request - please contact us for rates.
  - Airport transfers are not included. The best way to reach the stables is by taxi. This takes about 45 minutes and has an extra cost of around €70, each way (paid locally). You may prefer to rent a car and self-drive - please contact us for help/directions!
  - Rates are per person, based on two riders sharing a tent. Single tents can also be arranged at no extra cost.
  - Groups are composed of a minimum of 5 riders and a maximum of 8 international riders, plus guides.
  - IMPORTANT : Riders weighing more than 95 kg please indicate this at time of booking so we can ensure suitable horses are available.
- 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

**LOGISTICS**  
—  
1 cook

**ACCOMMODATION**  
—  
Accommodation in shared or single tents  
Sleeping bag

**MEALS**  
—  
Full board during the ride

## Price doesn't include

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### MEALS

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Beverages and personal extras

### TRANSPORT

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Transfer to the stables  
International flights

### EXTRAS

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Tips to the local team

### INSURANCE

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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

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### ACCOMMODATION

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Hotel in Palma

## EQUESTRIAN INFO

## Horses

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During this holiday, you will have the opportunity to ride horses of various breeds. Most of them were rescued so they have different backgrounds, from former polo starts, to race horses but the one thing that they all share is the love for their new life!

## Guide & local team

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Your guides are Lizzie or Xavier. Lizzie is a British lady who fell in love with the island of Mallorca many years ago and is very knowledgeable about the area. She is outgoing and friendly, and puts the welfare of her horses first. Xavier is local to the area and an extremely knowledgeable and professional guide.

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This ride is best suitable for experienced riders. You should be comfortable at all three paces and able to keep your balance over varied and uneven ground.

### PACE

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This is a multi-base riding holiday during which you will be spending an average of 5 hours in the saddle, enjoying a relatively active pace, keeping in mind that the terrain does not allow for flat out canters!

### TACKING ABILITY AND PARTICIPATION

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Each person is responsible for grooming, tacking and untacking their horse. You also have the option to assist with feeding and watering.

### TRIP CONDITIONS AND REQUESTED EXPERIENCE

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You must be physically fit, so you get on and off the horse easily and be able to walk your horse through steep terrain up and down.

### EQUESTRIAN EQUIPMENT

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English tack.

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

### COMFORT

The Tipi and the tents are equipped with comfortable mattresses and cushions – sleeping bags will be provided. Riders who do not wish to share will be given their individual tent. Please make sure to bring a headtorch and your own toiletries/towels.

Dry toilets and solar showers are available on the nights when there is no access to facilities.

### MEALS

Meals are varied and consist of local produce.

Dietary restrictions can be accommodated but make sure to let us know in advance.

### CLIMATE

The average annual temperature in Palma de Mallorca is 17.7 °C

August is the warmest month of the year with the an average temperature of 25.9 °C

The lowest average temperature is usually recorded in February, and is 10.8 °C.

This trail ride runs in the shoulder and winter months when the daytime and nighttime temperatures are cooler, but still pleasant.

### TIPS

Tips are welcome but not expected. You should tip what you feel the service is worth and what you feel comfortable with.

### PACKING LIST

#### Head

- Riding helmets are mandatory and we recommend that you take your own to ensure a correct fit
- 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 and dust

#### Upper body

- Long sleeved shirts to provide protection from the sun
- T-shirts
- Lightweight fleece or jumper
- Warm polar fleece or equivalent
- Waterproof jacket - rain can be difficult to predict, even in Mallorca, and it's better to be prepared.

#### Legs

- 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

#### Hands and Feet

- Comfortable riding boots. We recommend short boots with half chaps
- Lightweight shoes for the evenings
- Several pairs of socks
- Gloves - your hands are particularly exposed to the sun, wind or rain whilst riding

#### Nightwear

- Pyjamas etc
- Sleeping bag/liner are provided but you are welcome to bring your own

#### Other useful items

- Swimsuit - there are pools on some nights
- Camera and high capacity memory card. Spare battery
- Bumbag for carrying your camera and small items whilst riding
- Water bottle (2 litres or 2 x 1 litre)
- Ear plugs (for light sleepers)
- Towels
- Baby wipes for when showers are not available

#### In your luggage

- Any liquids, such as shampoo, moisturiser, deodorant unless they are less than 100ml and all bottles can fit in a small, clear, plastic ziplock bag.
- Swiss army knife or equivalent

#### In your hand luggage

- Any valuables, such as your camera, ipod, ipad etc.
- Your riding hat

#### Medical kit

- Sunscreen and lip balm - should be high factor
- Insect repellent
- Any medication you regularly take
- Blister plasters in case of any rubs
- Antiseptic cream, plasters, aspirin, anti-histamine, insect-bite salve etc...
- Spare prescription glasses/contact lenses
- Eye drops
- Imodium or similar anti-diarrhoea medication
- Re-hydration sachets
- Antiseptic wipes
- Handwash gel

#### 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 (passport, camera, sunscreen, lipbalm etc)
- 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!
- Any liquids in your hold luggage, such as shampoo, moisturiser, over 100ml should be decanted into small, clear, plastic ziplock bag. We recommend biodegradable washing products where possible.
- In your hand luggage take any valuables, such as your camera, ipod, ipad etc.

## SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

1. **Travel light.** It's a little known fact, but the lighter you pack, the better for the environment as heavy bags will produce higher emissions (when flying a plane or driving a car!).
2. **Reduce plastic waste.** Take your favorite reusable bottle with you. Avoid single-use bags, cups, or straws.
3. **Preserve nature.** Always take your rubbish with you during the ride and recycle them. Leave all the flowers or plants as you found them, and never get too close when observing wildlife. Make sure to use eco-friendly products such as body wash or laundry detergent (if camping) to protect both your skin and the environment.
4. **Choose your experiences carefully.** Respect animal life by not participating in any activities that abuse wild animals (shows, elephant rides, etc.).
5. **Support local populations.** Buy local handicrafts, be respectful of customs, and learn about the culture of local communities.
6. **Share!** Raise awareness among your family and friends about sustainable tourism.

For more information please [see this page](#).