

The Magic of Andalucía



Andalucía

Andalucía's warm, Mediterranean weather with its high proportion of hours of sunshine seems to mark the cheerful, hospitable character of the region's people making it a popular holiday destination. Horses have played an integral part in the rural life of this region for centuries and now we are delighted to offer you the chance to experience a [riding holiday](#) that offers the very best of the culture and tradition of Andalucía with a unique blend of visits and equestrian experiences.

Itinerary

Day One

Arrive at Seville/Faro Airport and head to Donana National Park (1 hour drive) where you will be staying in one of our charming hotels or apartments. The infinite virginal beaches of Donana, the spectacular dune system and the vast Mediterranean forest provide the diversity of ecosystem that makes this area one of the most popular in Europe for bird watching. The spectacular beauty of these lands are protected by the government and are the last refuge of the Iberic Lynx and the Spanish Imperial Eagle.



Day Two

Breakfast will be served this morning in the hotel, relax and let the calming ambience of this extraordinary setting seep through your body. Later today you will be riding in The Donana National Park. The marked seasonality of the Mediterranean weather of this region is the key to understanding the diversity of its flora and fauna. In Donana there are four distinct seasons each bringing its own subtle changes, not only to the animal and bird life but also to the light that you will experience. As you gaze out on your surroundings you will quickly understand why the Spanish call this area La Costa de la Luz or The Coast of Light.



Day Three

This morning you will have the opportunity to enjoy the Donana National Park on horseback. If your visit coincides with the autumn or winter months you will be able to enjoy the site of thousands of birds who migrate here to enjoy the mild weather conditions, feeding in the surrounding wetlands. In the spring and summer you can paddle in the ocean whilst appreciating the cooling sea breezes and the sound of the waves gently breaking around your horse's hooves.





Day Four

Today you will be travelling to Seville. Seville lies on the banks of the Guadalquivir River and is one of the largest historical centres in Europe. This afternoon you will enjoy a private horse drawn carriage ride and tour of the historic centre with one of our specialist city guides. You will have the opportunity to visit the minaret of La Giralda or the Alcázar Palace.



Day Five

This morning you can choose to ride in the surroundings of Seville at a first class stable that offers both dressage lessons and trail riding on beautiful Andalucian horses. In the afternoon you will be free to explore Seville or to enjoy a massage in a typical Arabic Baths.

Day Six

Today you will travel to Jerez de la Frontera (1 1/2 hour drive); Jerez has earned international recognition due to its wine and sherry production, however Jerez is also home to The Royal Riding School. Jerez is steeped in equestrian heritage and culture. Today you will visit The Royal Riding School of Jerez. You will be watching the wonderful performance: 'How the Andalucian horses dance.' This afternoon you will be riding with our expert horseman in the Vineyards of Jerez on beautifully trained Andalucian horses. You will be able to choose between a lesson and a hack.



Day Seven

This morning you will be visiting one of Jerez's bodegas. The most famous bodega in town is Gonzales Byass Bodega, founded in 1835 and the birthplace of 'Tio Pepe,' which was first exported to Great Britain in 1844. Today, the impressive visitor centre sets you on a course of discovery as you learn to appreciate and savour the wonderful local wines. This afternoon you will be riding with our trainer, once more you can choose from a hack or a lesson. Tonight a wonderful Flamenco dinner is on the menu, you will witness at first hand the passion of the Flamenco dance! The origin of this dance is still unknown, although it is generally believed to be a mixture of gypsy and Arabic dance. Definitely a night to remember!



Day Eight

This morning before checking out of your accommodation there should be time for some last minute souvenir shopping in Jerez. You can fly home from Jerez, Seville or Faro Airport.

Prices

Included in the holiday:

- 7 nights with breakfast in your choice of accommodation.
- 2 x 2 hour rides in Donana National Park
- Horse drawn carriage ride and tour in Seville
- Visit to a Bodega in Jerez
- Tickets to the spectacular Royal Riding School Display
- 2 x 2 hour rides through the vineyards of Jerez (or dressage lesson)
- Flamenco night with dinner in Jerez

Cost per person in shared twin from:

- £825pp staying in either apartments or three star hotels
- £895pp staying in 4 star hotels
- £1175pp staying in luxury accommodation

Optional Extras :

- Additional ride in Donana National Park
 - Additional ride in Jerez
 - Riding in Seville
 - Donana National Park guided visit
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