

## Spanish Equestrian Experience through Sierra de Madrid

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### Itinerary

Just 30 minutes from the capital of Spain is The Sierra de Guadarrama, an area of outstanding natural beauty, bursting in the culture and heritage that you would expect to find so close to Madrid. It is a region of mountains, valleys, rivers and traditional villages with Roman and Moorish remains still very much in evidence. The countryside is rich in architectural treasures, Roman roads and bridges, castles constructed between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries, churches and chapels from the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is no surprise that this area was chosen by the Spanish Royal Families as their preferred area for rest and relaxation and now you can explore this remarkable region on horseback.



### Day One

Arrive in Madrid today and make your way to one of the hotels that we have selected for you in The Sierra de Guadarrama. We can arrange car hire for you should you wish to travel independently. Upon arrival at your hotel you can start to relax and enjoy the beautiful natural surroundings, this region is also noted for its fine cuisine and local home grown produce is very much a feature in the regions menus. A gourmet dinner will be arranged for you tonight.



### Day Two

Riding will start today; after breakfast you will be collected from the hotel for the short drive to the riding stable. Today you have a choice; experienced riders can enjoy a route of 4 – 5 hours encompassing areas of zoological and botanical interest as you follow one of Madrid's most important rivers, La Jarama, passing by pools, where you can swim and waterfalls of icy water tumbling from the mountain summits. Beginners may choose a lesson and a shorter route as they learn to become confident and at ease with their horse. Tonight we can arrange a massage for you at a spa located close to your hotel.





### Day Three

Today you will be heading off on another equestrian adventure. The route today is also 4 – 5 hours in duration and is called La Ruta del Toro Bravo (Spanish Bull). It follows a path that takes you past some of the most famous bull breeding farms of the region for example Eulogios, José Furiuche, Vázquez, etc. You will see cows with their calves and of course the mature males all grazing peacefully in their natural environment. Less experienced riders can again choose to take a lesson followed by a shorter ride out in the countryside.



### Day Four

Today you can choose to ride again or we can also organise a guided tour for you to one of the many local areas of historic interest. For example to the city of Soria, The Monastery of El Escorial or The Palace and Gardens of La Granja de San Ildefonso (XVII), known as The Versailles of Spain. A qualified local guide will explain to you the importance of these wonderful sites which will surely stay in your memory for ever.

You will be transferred back to the airport later today, or for those who have decided to enjoy an extra night in Madrid we will take you to your hotel in the historic centre of this enchanting capital city.



### Extend your stay by an extra night in Madrid

Don't let this opportunity pass, we can arrange an additional night(s) stay in Madrid to enjoy the numerous cultural and gastronomic experiences offered by this extraordinary city. We can offer you an unforgettable experience including accommodation in one of our hand-picked charming hotels situated in the heart of the historic centre, we can also organise sight-seeing tours including a thematic tour that includes the most important equestrian art in The Prado Museum. You may like to enjoy a night of Flamenco and we can of course arrange airport transfers for you.

## Prices



**Price per person from £450**

#### Including in the package:

Bed and Breakfast accommodation in double/twin rooms

Gourmet Dinner

2 full days riding or 2 lessons and 2 shorter routes depending on ability

Transfers airport-hotel-airport

Transfers hotel-stables-hotel



**Optional Extras:**

Guided visit of Segovia, Monastery of El Escorial and The Granja de San Ildefonso  
Spa treatments  
Car hire.  
Additional riding.

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