



Cádiz Coastal Trails

Weight limit: 83 kilos

Nearest airport: Malaga

5 days / 4 nights / 3 riding days



Head to the Costa De La Luz in south western Spain for superb horse-riding on golden beaches and sandy tracks through unspoilt forests. An ideal introduction to riding holidays, with morning

rides followed by tapas lunches with time left to spend swimming or wandering around the local area, before going out for dinner in the evening. With a fantastic warm and sunny climate this stretch of Atlantic coast offers a real treat for horse riders. A warm welcome, fun atmosphere, well schooled horses and fabulous riding complete this long weekend.

The Riding

You'll be riding through the natural park of Barbate, known for its spectacular cliffs, beautiful woods of umbrella pines and the marshes of the Barbate river. The park offers stunning views towards the African coastline and is home to teeming colonies of herring gulls and egrets. Considered one of the most diverse and best-preserved parts of the Andalusian coast, these trails provide superb off-road riding opportunities for intermediate and experienced riders. Your host farm borders the Barbate nature reserve so they have direct access to the fantastic riding. Over the three riding days you'll cross shady forests on twisted sandy tracks and spend unforgettable days on the beach. At times the pace on the beach is fast and exhilarating, but in between the faster sections the pace is walking and you can relax and enjoy your surroundings.



Level of riding and fitness

This trail is an ideal introduction to riding holidays as the riding is around 4 hours a day (3 hours during July and August) and you will have afternoons free to spend time swimming at the beach or exploring the local area.

This trail is not suitable for beginner or novice riders and all riding guests should be confident and able to control a well schooled horse out of doors at canter.

Guides & Groups sizes

You'll be guided by Caroline and Steve whose local knowledge is second to none, with over twenty years of organising horse riding holidays in the area they are able to lead you to really spectacular places. Groups are kept small and this creates a welcoming and friendly atmosphere and the maximum group size is eight.

Horses & Tack

There are 12 horses to choose from at this destination; two Andalusian geldings and ten Hispano Arab / Anglo Arab geldings and mares. All are originally trained Spanish vaquera but have been retrained by your hosts to be ridden English style. The horses are very well looked after here and are responsive and well-schooled. The tack and riding style is English.

Accommodation and Dining

You'll be staying at the beachfront Adiafa Hotel located only 50 metres from the sea. The hotel is family run, friendly and welcoming. All the bedrooms are spacious twin rooms with on-suite bathroom and air-conditioning, some have a large balcony and sea view. The hotel has a free wi-fi connection and some English language TV channels.

This holiday is also a great opportunity to sample some of the excellent Andalusian tapas. Relaxed lunches take place each day in traditional tapas bars and dinners are in hand-picked restaurants in the local town of Barbate. All meals are typical Andaluz fare with superb meat and fish dishes being served. Vegetarians can easily be catered for.



Itinerary

Day 1

Collection from Malaga airport and transfer to the local town of Barbate. Dinner in the evening at a traditional restaurant where you can meet your fellow riders and discuss the upcoming trail.

Day 2

Today you'll meet the horses and be matched with a suitable mount before heading out on your first forest ride. Today's ride leads through the beautiful pine forest to the 17th century Mecca tower overlooking cape Trafalgar. The route allows you to get to know your horse, with a faster pace being introduced once everyone is confident and acquainted with their horses.

Day 3

After breakfast at the hotel it's time to head to the beach, scene of the famous sea battle where Lord Nelson lost his life at Cape Trafalgar. You'll follow the coast to El Palmar spending most of the ride on the beach enjoying canters and gallops.

Day 4

Saddle up after breakfast and head out on the final riding day. Today's route takes us to the cliffs overlooking Barbate. The ride has superb views of the surrounding mountains and North Africa. The ride follows roller coasters of sand and allows plenty of opportunity to canter and gallop.

Day 5

A final breakfast at the hotel before transferring back to Malaga airport for your return flight.

Flights & Airport transfers

Do not book flights until you have received the Booking confirmation email from saddletravel.com.

Please plan your flights to/from as follows:

Arrive at Malaga on the first day of your holiday in time to meet the transfer at 14:30
On the final day, drop off at Malaga airport is at 10am, your return flight should depart no earlier than 12:00.

What to bring

We recommend wearing your riding boots when travelling and carrying one set of riding clothing and your helmet in your hand luggage, so should your luggage not make it to the destination you'll still be able to ride.

Please use the packing list as a guideline, bearing in mind the time of year you are riding.

- Riding hat
- Riding boots with a heel
- Jodhpurs/riding tights
- Riding gloves
- Light summer clothing
- Sunglasses
- Suncream
- Warm jacket if travelling in spring or autumn

- Swimsuit
- Camera



Climate

Andalusia has a warm climate all year round and many warm, sunny days right through winter. Daytime temperatures vary from about 15°C from November to March and from 30°C and above during June, July and August. Rainfall is very light with virtually no rain from the beginning of May to the end of September. However it can rain in winter months with most rainfall in November and early December and again in March/April.

Health

For health and vaccine recommendations, please consult your healthcare provider at least 8 weeks before your trip.

Country specific information can also be found at the National Travel Health Network and Centre website: <https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/countries>.

Travel documents

For entry requirements to Spain for UK citizens, please visit the Foreign Travel Advice website:

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/spain/entry-requirements>

For any other nationalities, please contact your local embassy to check entry requirements.

Having the correct travel documents is entirely your responsibility.

Currency & Tipping

The currency in Spain is the Euro. You will need to bring local currency (or debit/credit cards) for any drinks you want to buy in the restaurants.

Riding declaration

“I am confident and in control at trot and canter out in the open and over uneven ground. I’m able to mount and dismount unaided and have a good level of current riding fitness. I do not suffer from any illness or disability that could prejudice my safety or that of others.”

Cancellation policy

Payment & Cancellation Terms saddletravel.com

Holidays are confirmed with a 20% non-refundable deposit. The full balance is due 56 days before the start date.

If you cancel your booking less than 56 days before the start date of your trail we are entitled to receive full payment, less refunds as follows:

42 days or more before booking date - 50%

30 days or more - 30%

less than 30 days - nil

Book with confidence – Covid Guarantee:

If the ride operator is closed or you are unable to travel due to lockdown:

1/ The deposit is reissued as a rebooking voucher to rebook anytime.

2/ Any balance payment will be refunded to you in full within 1 week of departure date.

Insurance

All saddletravel.com customers are required to take out appropriate travel insurance that covers horse riding and holiday cancellation. Proof of insurance details will be required during the booking process.



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