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Tramuntana Mountains Trail

Weight limit: 90kg

Nearest airport: Palma

4 days / 3 nights / 4 days riding



Ride through the stunning mountain range of Serra de Tramuntana which covers an area of 1067 square kilometres and extends over a length more than 90km.

The term Tramuntana means "the north on the compass rose" in Catalan - this not only relates to the location of the mountain range in the northwest of Mallorca but also to the cool north wind that blows over the mountains. Nature has created wild gorges and more than 50 peaks

that are over 1000m above sea level, and Serra de Tramuntana was added to the World Heritage list in 2011.

The Riding

The riding on this holiday takes you along a stretch of wild, remote coastline. You'll be riding on country lines and forest paths as well as along beaches. You'll be exploring a part of Mallorca that few visitors get to see. The pace can be fast where the terrain allows although there are some steep mountain sections where the pace is walking.

Level of Riding and Fitness

You should be a capable rider who is able to spend several hours in the saddle and enjoys a good fast pace. You will be riding around 5-6 hours each day, so you must have a good level of current riding fitness.

Guides & Group sizes

All the guides at this destination have an extensive knowledge of the horses and the island. They are relaxed, friendly & professional.

Strict maximum of 8 guests per trail.

Horses and Tack

You will be matched to one of the incredible herd of fit, friendly, forward going trail riding horses which are a mixture of breeds, many have been rehabilitated and are ex-competition horses. Both English and Western tack is used at this destination so let us know when booking if you have a preference. Saddlebags are provided for essentials and luggage is transported by road.



Accommodation & Dining

Accommodation on the trail is in tents, either shared teepee tents or 2-man traditional tents. Tents include mattresses for a comfortable night's sleep and sleeping bags are provided. The campsite has an outdoor fire area for cooking and socialising, a basic dry toilet and a tap for running water. The horses will graze around you. It is also possible to upgrade to stay in an eco lodge for one night which offers simple shared rooms with bathrooms.

A chef accompanies the trail and will prepare typically Mediterranean meals. Breakfast is usually freshly baked local bread, pastries, seasonal fruits, tea and coffee. Lunches are a Spanish-style tapas picnic and evening meals are either cooked over an open fire in camp or are set menus in local restaurants.

Itinerary

Day 1

Head to your host's stables at Sa Cova Vella for welcome drinks and to meet the horses and team. (Accommodation for the previous night is not included).

After lunch you'll start your adventure, riding through ancient farmland and rural country lanes to reach Finca Sa Mortera. Here you spend the night in either a cosy teepee tent or individual tents. A simple dinner is cooked cowboy-style over the open fire. Sa Murtera has dry toilets and basic water facilities.



Day 2

After breakfast in camp you'll ride through beautiful remote pastures and forest paths known as The Valley or Sa Vall to reach Rancho Grande where you stop for lunch. In the afternoon ride through the forests and along white sandy beaches from Son Real to Puerto Alcudia, passing a prehistoric cemetery along the way. This stretch of wild coast is beautiful and remote.

Spend the night camping at a local ranch where you enjoy a simple rustic dinner. You have access to hot showers and toilet facilities here.

Day 3

Today's ride takes you up to the old town of Pollenca, stopping for lunch at a local restaurant and allowing time to visit some of the local historical sites. After lunch, continue riding towards the Lluc Monastery through ancient forests and up into the mountains where you sleep in tents at the monastery campsite. The Santuari de Lluc is a place of pilgrimage in the Serra de Tramuntana mountains and is considered the spiritual centre of the island.

Day 4

Follow the path from Lluc Monastery to Mancor de la Valle, a wild and remote part of the trail where you stop for a picnic along the way. Your journey ends at Mandor de la Valle and you are transferred back to Sa Voca Vella with the horses where you can release them into their paddocks. Enjoy a celebratory drink before saying your goodbyes.

Accommodation is not included this evening.

Flights & Airport transfers

You should fly into Palma airport. Transfers are not available but you can either hire a car or take a taxi directly from the airport to the stables.

We recommend arriving at least one night before the trail starts. The nearest town is Manacor, which is only about 5 minutes from the stables. There is a train from Palma to Manacor and a free transfer is available from Manacor if you choose to stay there. We recommend staying an extra night on the island after the trail ends.

What to bring

It is warm to hot all year round, although in the evenings it may be cooler in the autumn, winter and spring.

- Riding hat (available to borrow and not compulsory)
- Jodhpurs/riding trousers
- Long sleeved shirt
- T-shirt
- Riding boots/hiking shoes (short boots are infinitely preferable to long ones for trail riding)
- Half chaps
- Sun protection (hat, sunglasses, suncream)
- Toiletries,
- Waterproof coat
- Camera
- Swimwear
- Shorts

Climate

Mallorca benefits from a Mediterranean climate all year round. Summer is generally hot and dry, while winters are usually mild. Even in the colder parts of the year, you can expect the sun to shine and spring and autumn offer some of the most pleasant temperatures for horse riding.

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 National Travel Health Network and Centre website: <https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/countries>.

Travel documents

For entry requirements to Spain please visit the Foreign Office website here

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

For entry requirements to Spain for non-British citizens, please visit your local embassy website to check entry requirements.

Having the correct travel documents is entirely your responsibility.



Currency & Tipping

The local currency in Mallorca is the Euro. Your holiday is fully inclusive but we recommend bringing some local currency for before and after your trip. You will also need some cash if you plan to take a taxi from the airport to the stables.

Tipping your guide is at your discretion.

Cancellation policy

Payment & Cancellation Terms

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

