

Rancho la Paz

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Startertrail – romantic inland, small White towns, beach ride *(8 days program with 4 days trail ride)*

Overview:

Starting with rides around the ranch through the romantic Andalusia countryside followed by a day at the Atlantic beach and a four-day tour through mountain villages from the Mediterranean Sea to the mountains. This riding holiday is designed for riders who want to experience trail riding for the first time, but also want the comfort of staying in the same location each night. Before going out on the four-day ride from town to town you will spend a day getting to know your horse and riding in the surrounding countryside. Each night, the horses are stabled at different places, while you are driven back to La Paz.

Dates:

Weekly from Sunday to Sunday (arrival and departure)

For groups also from Wednesday to Wednesday possible

LOW SEASON: 01.01.2015 – 14.03.2015 25.10.2015 – 31.12.2015 Rider: Euro 750,- / week single room supplement: Euro 105,- / week	HIGH SEASON: 14.03.2015 – 25.10.2015 Rider: Euro 810,- / week single room supplement: Euro 105,- / week
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Day 1: Arrival in Malaga and transfer to La Paz

Day 2: After a good breakfast, introduction to the horses and explication of the Spanish riding style. Two rides, one in the morning and one in the afternoon will give you the chance to get used to the horses and way of riding but also to get confidence in the climbing with the horses. Lunch and dinner at the ranch.

Day 3: In the morning we load the horses and you drive with a minibus along the Costa del Sol, cross Marbella, Estepona, the historic rock of Gibraltar and by good weather enjoy fantastic views over the costs of Africa. You cross Tarifa, the southernmost point of Europe and come to Barbarte. Here you start your ride along the sandy beach with views to the costs of Africa. Except during the summer months you will just cross some local fisher men and cows enjoying the warm sand. In Zahara de los Atunes, one of the oldest fisher towns with a long tradition of tuna, you have a rest. On your way over the beach you cross some "verreas", the old cattle drive ways. Nearby Barbarte you load your horses and have a late lunch in a typical "venta" (restaurant) with local dishes (lunch not included).

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Day 4: Today is the first day of the four-day trail ride. After breakfast you begin your journey. Under the shadow of pine tree forests you cross the mountains of the Sierra de Mijas to Alhaurin El Grande. You have fantastic views over the busy Costa del Sol and the city of Malaga with its port, the costs of Africa and as contrast the inland with its hills and small white villages. On the way you have a picnic lunch. Later the horses stay in a coral close to Alhaurin. For dinner and overnight you drive back to La Paz.

Day 5: Only a few miles from the touristy and fully developed coast time seems to stand still. We ride past small farms where donkeys and mules are still used as a means of transportation. Here we find endless orange and lemon plantations. In spring you can admire the magnificent almond blossoms. Lunch is in a venta, a small, typical restaurant close to the town of Coin, before you ride on towards the Rio Grande, the "big river" which runs water throughout the year. The horses stay here overnight and you return to La Paz.

Day 6: Andalusia's inland is romantic and peaceful, the exact contrast of the Coast. The Andalusia people are hospitable and everywhere we receive a warm welcome. We ride along old cattle drive trails and have a picnic on the way. In the late afternoon you reach one of the typical white mountain villages - Casarabonela - where the horses stay overnight. You are again driven back to La Paz for your overnight stay.

Day 7: Today the hills become mountains. Through pine forests you cross the Sierra de Alcaparan and the Sierra de las Aguas on soft, winding forest trails and enjoy great views over green valleys and endless mountains ranges with few scattered villages. At Puerto de Carmen then the horses are loaded in the trailer and all drive back to the ranch.

Day 8: Transfer to the airport in Malaga and departure.

(Subject to modifications)

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General information:

This program is for experienced riders who want to try the trail riding with the possibility to get used to horses and way of riding on two shorter rides the first day.

This program can be combined with any program of La Paz.

The starter trail has as arrival day always the Sunday and is a weekly program (Sunday to Sunday).

Minimum of 4 clients to take place

On arrival and departure is no riding program.

You ride with Andalusia mares and geldings in Spanish saddles with long stirrups and hackamore on one hand; a very easy and comfortable way of riding for riders and horses. You ride in walk or canter.

You should have good riding experience in the open country and be able to have a horse under control in the gallops.

Weight limit 95kg

About 4 to 6,5 hours riding every day.

On the four-days-trail you have to walk some parts (comfortable shoes)

Arrival and departure:

With your booking you have transfers at given times from and to Malaga airport included.

Special transfers (Euro 30,-) can be booked extra and give you more flexibility with your flight booking.

Included services:

8 days / 7 nights in double room, single room with supplement, full board (table wine included), one day with two rides of 2 hours, one beach day, 4 days of trail, German and English speaking guide, horse with equipment, transfers from and to Malaga airport at given times and during the riding program from hotel to horses

Not included: Lunch on the beach day