



Galicia Short Break

Weight limit: 90kg
Nearest airport: A Coruña
5 days / 4 nights / 3 riding days



Experience the magical land of Galicia in northern Spain, surrounded by forest, rivers, cliffs and cozy stone villages. Let the cliffs around Loiba and Estaca de Bares impress you. Ride the unique trails around the river Sor with its restored mills, and discover the local forests called “fragas”, governed by century-old chestnuts.

This is an undiscovered area defined by its celtic tradition and amazing connection with wild nature.

The Riding

This is a based stay with 3-5 hours of riding a day. There is a mix of terrains on the trails; lots of grass-covered areas, country trails with a mix of stone and grass, more challenging woody areas with natural obstacles and secondary roads with really rare traffic (maybe a tractor or a cow!).

Extra riding, either tuition or trail rides, can be booked and paid for on-site.

Guides & Group sizes

The groups are kept small, between 2-4 riders, and the pace is tailored to suit the group.

Horses and Tack

The herd includes 11 well-trained horses of different sizes and capabilities. All of the tack is selected considering horse wellness and rider needs. The horses are ridden in either English and western saddles and all are ridden bitless.



Level of riding and fitness

Riders need to be confident at walk, trot and canter and have experience in riding in open spaces. There are approximately 3-5 hours of riding a day, so this is the ideal holiday if you have been out of the saddle for a while or are looking for a more relaxing break.

Riders aged 12+ are very welcome.

Accommodation & Dining

You'll stay at the recently restored farmhouse, which has 3 double rooms with private bathrooms and one apartment with a bathroom and kitchenette (sleeps up to 8px). Enjoy the amazing local food full of flavours and fresh ingredients. Tapas and home-made meals are served in the Tavern daily, which is the onsite bar/restaurant.

Itinerary

Day 1

Arrive at A Coruña Airport and meet your driver. 1hr 10 min transfer to your farmhouse accommodation, where you will have time to settle in and explore the facilities before your welcome dinner.

Day 2

After a full breakfast, you will be matched with your horse and have a short introductory ride at the farm to get acquainted with each other. The horses are ridden in bitless bridles, so this will give you a chance to get familiar with the tack. You will then head out on a trail ride to Pesegueiro, through meadows and stone villages. The pace will be varied, and you will be back at the farm in time for lunch. Free afternoon to explore the local area or relax at the farm.

Dinner in the tavern.

3 hrs riding



Day 3

After breakfast you will set off on your guide's favorite adventure down to the river, where you will enjoy a picnic lunch. The ride usually departs around 11am so you will arrive at the river at around 2pm. There will be time to enjoy a swim before you return back to the farm in time for dinner.

5 hrs riding.

Day 4

Today's ride will take you to Camino dos Arrieros, where you can experience some fast canters into the mountains! Back in time for lunch, then free time in the afternoon before another fantastic galician dinner.

3hrs riding

Day 5

After breakfast, transfer to the airport in time for your flight.

Price includes

- Accommodation (based on two sharing)
- Half board
- All horse riding as described in itinerary

Not Included

- Flights
- Tips
- Drinks in the tavern

International flights & Airport transfers

We highly recommend hiring a car at this rural location so you can explore. However, if required airport transfers can be arranged from A Coruña airport, journey time is approx 1hr 10 mins. Please arrive before 4pm. Departure time on the last day is flexible.

What to bring

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

- Your own well-fitted hard hat
- Comfortable jodhpurs or riding trousers
- Riding / hiking boots with good grip
- Chaps
- Riding gloves



- Waterproof coat

- Long sleeved T-shirts
- Warm layers such as fleece or woolen jumper
- Comfortable clothes for the evening
- Lightweight shoes for after riding
- Swimming costume and light weight towel
- Sun cream & lip balm
- Sunglasses
- Insect repellent & bite cream
- Bumbag
- Headtorch
- Plug adapter
- Copy of your travel insurance
- Personal medication

Climate

This area of Spain has oceanic weather, with relatively mild, rainy winters and cool, quite sunny summers. Not too hot in the summer, and not too cold in winter but usually wet. Snow is very rare.

The wind blows frequently, and can be stormy in the cold season - great for surfing! Fog is also common; it can present itself all year round, when there is no wind, even on summer nights. Rainfall is usually abundant although relatively rare during the summer months.

You can expect long days; during the summer it is light until 11pm, which makes it possible to enjoy a lot of time outside.

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 for UK citizens, please visit the Foreign Travel Advice website:

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

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 local currency in Spain is Euro. Your holiday is fully inclusive and we recommend not to bring too much cash with you, just enough if you wish to buy drinks in the tavern. Tipping your guide is at your discretion.



Cancellation policy

Payment & Cancellation Terms

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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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