



Sa Cova Trail

Weight limit: 90kg

Nearest airport: Palma

4 days / 3 nights / 4 days riding



Old rural house in Majorca overlooking the valley of Manacor, in the heart of the Llevant of the island. Only 5 km from the town of Manacor and 17 km from Porto Cristo. The building used for accommodation is part of the houses of the possessió de Sa Cova, which is documented as far back as 1239, as an old Arab farmhouse called Maimó Azérmico. It enjoys a privileged location, bordering an area classified as ANEI (Natural Area of Special Interest) and is close to the Llevant Natural Park. The atmosphere invites you to relax and enjoy the peace and quiet and the contact with nature and the rural environment.

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 Minimum of 4 & 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

Rustic Mallorcan farmhouse apartment with two bedrooms, 4 beds and 4 sleeping sofa beds in total. Sleeps 8 guests. Accommodation shared. Sanitary: bathroom, toilet/hot showers bed linen and towels included.

Mediterranean food, local produce. The chefs prepare a rich variety of dishes, locally produced meals accompanied by delicious salads, home made bread and local bread.



Itinerary

Day 1 - Rural Ride

Leave your flat and ride through the private grounds of Finca Sa Cova. Discover breathtakingly varied landscapes, remote trails and incredible views of the valley and coastline. Listen to the tinkling of the bells of the Mallorcan cattle and our sheep in the wild, the rustling of lizards and turtles in an ever- changing landscape

Day 2 - The green way

After a good breakfast we will saddle up and ride out for the day along country lanes, past vineyards and through traditional farmland. Lunch will be enjoyed at S'Estacion, a beautiful restaurant situated in an old train station. After lunch we will ride back onto The Green Way, and discover a disused railway line. The sandy paths are ideal for horseback riding, with many stretches perfect for galloping past fields of corn and Mediterranean forests. Dinner will be served at Finca Sa Cova Vella.

Day 3 - Coastal Ride

We will ride from our ranch to the coast through The Valley. We will stop off for lunch at a local Ranch along the way, ride through the juniper and pine forests along sandy tracks to the coast. Here we will swim in the turquoise sea with the horses if weather conditions permit. Taxis and Trucks will be arranged to pick up riders and horses. Dinner will be served at Finca Sa Cova Vella.

Day 4 - Monastery of Lluc

After breakfast we leave Finca Sa Cova Vella, taxis will be arranged to bring riders to the old town of Pollença. From here we will ride through ancient forests and along the old dry stone paths up to Lluc Monastery, enjoying a picnic along the way. Here we will enjoy dinner and stay the night high up in the Tramuntana mountain range. There will be time to explore the monastery and local area before dinner.



Included in the price:

- Four days trail riding
- Three nights accommodation
- Meals mentioned above
- Services of guide

Does not include

- Additional drinks
- Flights
- Airport transfers
- Tips

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.

