



Sierra de Gredos

Weight limit: 90kg / 14 stone

Nearest airport: Madrid

7 days / 6 nights / 5 days riding

Ride the ancient paths of the Gredos Mountains on this true trail ride across central Spain. Travel west following the Tormes river valley, through breath-taking landscapes which differ each day – from medieval villages full of history, to the tops of rocky mountains, to stunning valleys. An unmissable adventure!



The Riding

This trail ride is suitable for intermediate to experienced riders, meaning you should be happy and confident cantering a horse in open spaces. The pace of the riding is moderated, with trots and canters every day. Canters are dependent on the terrain; in many areas the terrain is very rocky.

The riding time each day is between 4 and 7 hours.

Guides & Group sizes

You will be guided by Emilio, an English-speaking guide who, with 30 years of riding experience knows each stone of every path. You will ride through his birth town of Barco de Avila where he grew up riding horses with his brother.

There will be a maximum of 10 riders in a group.



Horses & Tack

You will be expertly matched by Emilio to one of his excellent Hispano-Arab horses. Born at home, very much loved and extremely well looked after, these horses love their job and make for very easy, relaxed riding. All horses are fitted with English tack, with a silicon seat saver and saddle bags supplied.

Accommodation and Dining

The accommodation varies from charming rural Inns in villages to delightful 4* hotels. All rooms have private bathrooms. Single rooms are possible on request with a single supplement. Horses stay in fields next to the accommodation. A support van follows the group during the whole week to transfer your luggage.

The food is one of the highlights of this trip. Tapas breaks will be waiting for you in any unexpected place with Serrano ham, Manchego cheese, olives, nuts, etc. Lunchtime is relaxing and social with delicious home cooked Spanish dishes such as Paella, Tortilla Española, BBQ and salads. Followed by a siesta in the peaceful countryside. Dinner is around 9 pm and you have a choice of dishes and courses of local Spanish recipes. All the drinks are included during the meals, including excellent Spanish red and white wines, beer, canned drinks and water. Special diets and allergies can be catered for with advance notice.

There is free Wi-Fi at every accommodation.



Itinerary

Day 1: Madrid to Navarredonda de Gredos

Your adventure begins at Madrid Airport (meeting time: 3:00 PM). From here, take a scenic 2.5-hour transfer to Navarredonda de Gredos. Along the way, you will pause for a short visit to Ávila, a breathtaking medieval walled town and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner at your hotel in a mountain village perched at 1,600 meters, offering stunning views of the highest peaks in the Sierra de Gredos.

Day 2: Navarredonda de Gredos to Navacepeda de Tormes

After matching with your horse, you will set off on a relaxed first day to get acquainted with your mount. You'll ride through the lush Tormes Valley, pine forests, and open fields boasting panoramic mountain views. Lunch is a true highlight - an authentic, freshly cooked paella served at a fisherman's hut beside the River Tormes (with a chance for a summer swim!). A short afternoon ride brings you to Navacepeda de Tormes. The horses stay here for the night, while you transfer back to the first hotel for dinner.

Day 3: Navacepeda de Tormes to El Barco de Ávila

A magnificent, full day on the trail showcasing the absolute best of the Gredos Mountains. You will ride down the valley, passing through remote, untouched medieval villages. Following a riverside lunch at Aliseda de Tormes near its historic bridge, the landscape opens up. Enjoy excellent opportunities for long trots and canters as you head toward El Barco de Ávila. You will enter this 12th-century town by crossing its iconic Roman bridge, riding right past its historic castle. Dinner and overnight stay are at a 4-star hotel.

Day 4: El Barco de Ávila to Hoyo de Redondo

Today you cross into the province of Salamanca, where the scenery shifts to a dramatic, arid landscape characterized by incredible granite formations and holm oak woods. This is a deeply traditional, rural region where you may still see local farmers riding donkeys along stone-walled fields. You will ride through Puente del Congosto, home to a 15th-century castle and bridge, and stop for a picnic and summer swim by the river. The afternoon brings fun, forward canters to

Hoyorredondo. Tonight, stay at a spectacular rural inn, *La Trocha de Hoyorredondo*, where you can watch the horses resting right from your bedroom window.

Day 5: Hoyorredondo to Navacedilla de Corneja

Kick off the morning with brisk trots and canters through the flat, open pastures of the Corneja River Valley, making your way to Bonilla de la Sierra, an historically significant medieval town with an impressive church. Here, you will indulge in a traditional countryside barbecue featuring premium Ávila beef steak and Iberian pork. In the afternoon, you will begin the climb back up into the mountains. Overnight and dinner are at a charming hotel in Navacedilla de Corneja.

Day 6: Navacedilla to Navarredonda

A truly magnificent finale. Today you will traverse three distinct valleys, ascending to the highest point of the trek: the Puerto de Chía pass (1,800 m). From here, enjoy a spectacular dual view of the Corneja Valley behind you and the Alberche Valley ahead. After a scenic tapas break at San Martín de la Vega, you will cross the Alberche River and ride on to the Tormes Valley for lunch. A short afternoon ride brings you back to the home stables. Tonight, celebrate the journey with a farewell dinner at the hotel.

Day 7: Departure

After breakfast, depart the hotel at 10:00 AM. The transfer will arrive at Madrid Airport at approximately 12:30 PM for onward journeys.



The price includes

- 5 full days of riding
- Shared accommodation
- Breakfasts
- Lunches
- Evening meals

- Wine / beer with evening meal
- Water / soft drinks
- Airport transfers
- Services of guide.

Not Included

- Flights
- Tips



Flights & Airport transfers

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

Please plan your flights to/from Madrid as follows:

Arrival on Day 1 of your holiday by 2pm.

Departure on Day 7 any time after 2.30pm.

The meeting point for the airport transfer is at Madrid Airport Terminal 1 Arrivals hall. The exact location is a marked “meeting point” next to MAHOUDRID coffee shop. Meeting time is at 3pm on your arrival day. Transfer time is approx. 2 hours. The transfer back to the airport on the departure day is at 10am, to be at the airport by approx. 12pm.

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
- Light weight 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

There is a dry continental climate at Gredos Mountains. Spring and autumn daytime temperatures are around 18°C with sunny and cloudy spells. Summers are dry, hot and sunny with temperatures at 25-28°C during the day, or sometimes higher. Bear in mind that during the night the temperatures at the altitude can drop lower.

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/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 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 outside of mealtimes or souvenirs etc.

Tipping your guide is at your discretion.

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."

Booking conditions

You are booking with the riding holiday operator, these are their booking conditions:

- 1.-All activities are undertaken at the risk of the client.
- 2.-The Company does not accept any liability arising from acts of non-compliance of operators or other independent organizations, their employers or agents. The Company shall have no liability for any injury, damage, loss, annoyance, anguish, disappointment, inconvenience or irregularity suffered by the customer unless, and to the extent that it has been proven to be caused by the negligence of the company.
- 3.- It is a condition of your booking with the company that you take out a suitable travel insurance covering you for all medical expenses, injury, death and liability as well as cancellation and curtailment, baggage and personal effects for the entire duration of your trip at the time of booking.
- 4.- The Company reserves the right without previous notice to cancel the ride for any very unusual circumstance and in such event the full sum paid by the client shall be refunded to him/her and upon tendering the same liability of the Company to the client for the said cancellation or withdrawal shall cease
- 5.- If any holiday or part thereof does not take place by *force majeure* (means unusual or unforeseeable circumstances beyond the control) of the

company including, but without limitation, riot, civil unrest, war, terrorist activity and the threat of any of the foregoing, industrial dispute, decisions by government, natural disaster, fire, adverse weather conditions, technical or maintenance problems with transport, changes of schedule or operational decisions of air carriers and all similar events outside our control, we regret we are unable to compensate you for any losses or expenses that you may incur as a result of changes or cancellations due to force majeure, then the company shall be entitled to deduct from the refund any sums expended by them in the arrangement of the said tour or part thereof plus a reasonable sum for overhead expenses. 6.- The company reserves the right to modify the riding itinerary, timetable or excursions for any *force majeure* (subject to paragraph 5) beyond its control and the Company shall not be liable for inconvenience resulting to the client.

7.- All information contained in our website is published in good faith and is believed to be correct at the time of publishing. However, the provision of certain facilities may be not available at certain times or subject to weather conditions or necessary changes, etc

8.- Our itineraries are established and perfectly described, if due to any unusual circumstance the itinerary have to be changed, the final decisions on itinerary, accommodation and conduct of the riding tours and programme will be taken by the tour leader whose decision shall be final and binding on all members of the group. Where members of groups diverge from concluded arrangements, no allowance can be claimed or will be admitted for accommodation, meals, drinks and other expenses and no refunds can be claimed. 9.- Bad weather conditions, damaged paths, poor surface going or routes being closed to us, may result in a trail riding holiday being changed to a local riding holiday in which case the clients will be notified as soon as possible and the difference in the cost of the holiday will be refunded in case there is that difference. 10.- Your specific passport and visa requirements and other immigration requirements are your responsibility and you should confirm these with the relevant consulates or embassies. We do not accept any responsibility if you cannot travel because you have not complied with any passport, visa or immigration requirements. 11.- Whilst riding or in the vicinity of horses in the care of the operator or guide of your trip you must comply with the instructions of that person. It is a condition of your booking that you accept that the aforementioned guide or operator is entitled to require you to dismount or to refuse to allow you to ride if for any reason, including your inability, behaviour or health, they consider that you may endanger the safety or welfare of any person or the horses. If so required you have no claim and will not be entitled to any compensation or refund. 12.- You agree that any pictures or videos taken during a holiday arranged through us may be used in any publication or for promotional purposes, if you don't agree you can communicate in writing before the holiday starts. 13.- Your booking is accepted by us on the basis of information given by you on your booking form including details of your riding ability and your weight. Where these details are inaccurate, Jerebeque Trails reserves the right to change your ride itinerary or ask you not to ride and, in these circumstances, you will have no claim against Jerebeque Trails and will not be entitled to any refund or compensation.

14.- If after your booking has been confirmed you are unable to proceed with your holiday you may transfer your booking to another person introduced by you who fulfils any conditions of the holiday booked (including riding ability), that person must be confirmed by us.

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%

28 days or more - 30%

less than 28 days - nil

Travel 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 booking process.



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