

# THREE DAY RIDE

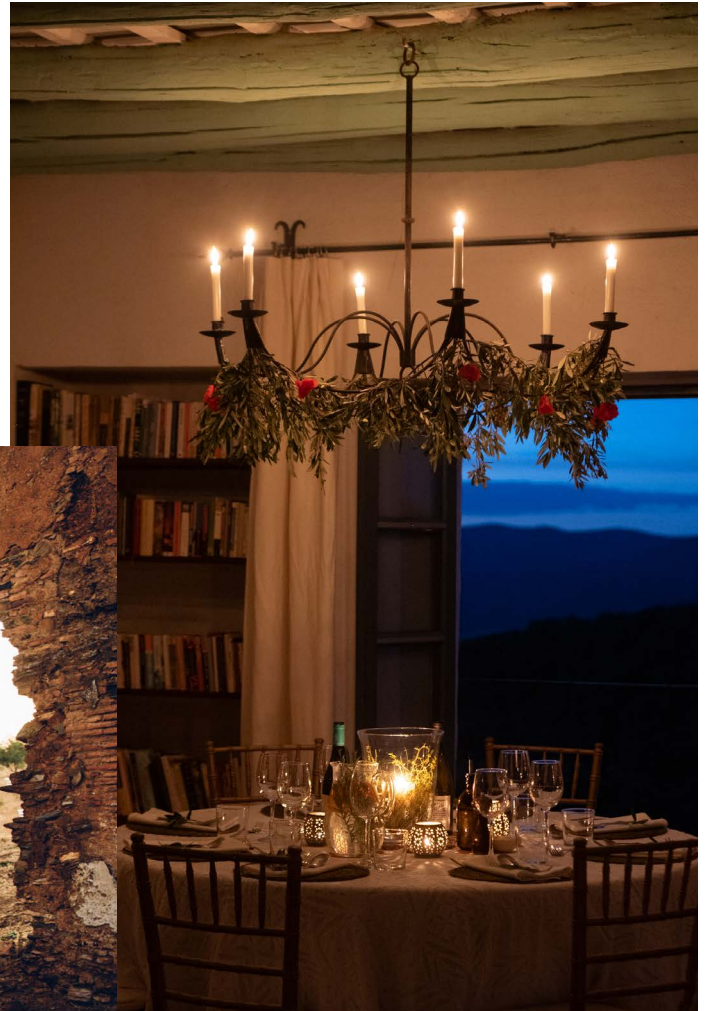




Nestled in the spectacular Sierra Morena mountains natural park near Cazalla de la Sierra, Taramona, a crumbling 16th century farm house, offers a bewitching start to your three-day ride. Overlooking a beautiful valley, Taramona is powered by solar energy and illuminated by fire torches, hurricane lamps and candles.



You'll dine in a magical corner of the house – perhaps the old olive mill where saddles hang on the wall – before sleeping in one of the bedrooms scattered through the candle-lit building. Luxurious bedlinen, plump pillows and hot-water bottles during the colder months ensure the most blissful of nights.



After a hearty breakfast, you'll set off on horseback, riding old cattle-driving routes and bridle ways. These tracks aren't open to the public and before long, you'll be immersed in the extraordinary landscape and biodiversity of a Spain few people experience. There will be oak and cork trees, dramatic and sometime spiky undergrowth, birds of prey – among them, eagles, griffon and black vultures, flycatchers and bee-eaters – red and fallow deer, wild boar and, if you are lucky, the Iberian lynx, one of the rarest cats in the world.





A surprise then awaits. Rounding a corner or clearing a rise, you'll discover a magical sight – a beautifully laid table under an Indian canopy, a fully stocked bar serving aperitifs, and a lunch of Jamón Ibérico and other locally sourced delicacies – all assembled in a spot chosen for its extraordinary beauty and stunning views.

As the day progresses, time will slow – the sounds of goat bells, birdsong and the clack of hooves on cobbles the day's soundtrack – and, with luck, you'll forget all about the demands of the 21st



century. This adventure is like reading the perfect book. The gentle pace, the scenery, the element of surprise – each chapter revealing more beauty.



Your destination that night is either Trasierra or an ancient farmhouse. Set amid the mountains, Trasierra is the much-loved 15th century family property where George grew up. It's a place of unbridled but homely luxury, its gardens and walls filled with orange trees, figs, aloes, flowers, herbs, wisteria and roses. You'll eat sumptuously and sleep soundly in a bed as soft as a cloud. If you're staying in an off-grid farmhouse, you'll dine



in candlelight before sleeping in a magical corner of an ancient building, far from roads and civilisation.

On the final day, you'll ride back to Taramona on a completely different route, enjoying another adventure filled with unexpected views and encounters with rare wildlife. There's a final evening at the house, where a new dining experience awaits in another part of the property. That night, you'll sink, tired and head full of the sights, sounds and smells of Spain, into the soft cotton sheets of your bed.





# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## Safety

Guests' full medical insurance is required and policy details must be submitted prior to arrival. The mobile camps, vehicles and guides have mobile phones and tracking systems in case of an emergency and we can get a car to any point of our ride in a maximum of 30 minutes. Your safety is imperative to us.

## Medical

A small medical kit is carried on horseback and a more comprehensive kit is kept in the vehicles. However, this is limited, so we ask guests to bring any required medication with them.

## Riders

Every rider is required to fill out a personal information form stating their level of experience which will be assessed before any guest is accepted. A signed indemnity form is also required before your adventure. Our weight limit is 95 kg.

## Non-riders

Non-riding spouses/friends/family are most welcome. We can arrange a series of activities for them depending on their interest. This can range from cultural, to gastronomical, to sport-ing, etc... Or you can simply enjoy the different properties and their surroundings and be left to your own devices.

## Horses

Our horses are mainly Anglo-Arab's, Hispano-Arab's and Andalusians. Our preferred saddles are "Potrera" saddles which are a mix between a western and english saddle. They have been carefully chosen for this type of riding and the well-being of the horse. We can also provide english saddles upon request.

## How to get here

Our closest airport is Seville which is an hour and 15 minutes away from Taramona. A shared transfer from a collection point in Seville at 4 pm is included on your date of arrival. Departures on Sunday are from 4 pm onwards to whichever destination you require in Seville or the airport. It is also possible to organise a private transfer for 150€.

## Weather

Seasonal rains can happen in Spring and Autumn in this part of Andalucia. Typically the 'long rains' fall between the months of February and March. However, we can expect occasional rain showers throughout the year. Temperatures range from 10C to 30C in Spring and Autumn.

## Tipping

The recommended tip is 20 € per person per day.



# PACKING LIST

We recommend you wear neutral colours or khakis and browns. Generally the nights are cold and the days are warmer. During the winter and late autumn months we recommend you bring warm clothing for the mornings and nights. In the Spring, temperatures become much milder. We provide you with waterproof capes and woolen ponchos if necessary.

Your luggage is forwarded by car to each location so feel free to pack generously. You will be provided with saddle bags on your horse to carry any personal items such as a camera/phone/medicine/powerbank e.t.c.

Please bring:

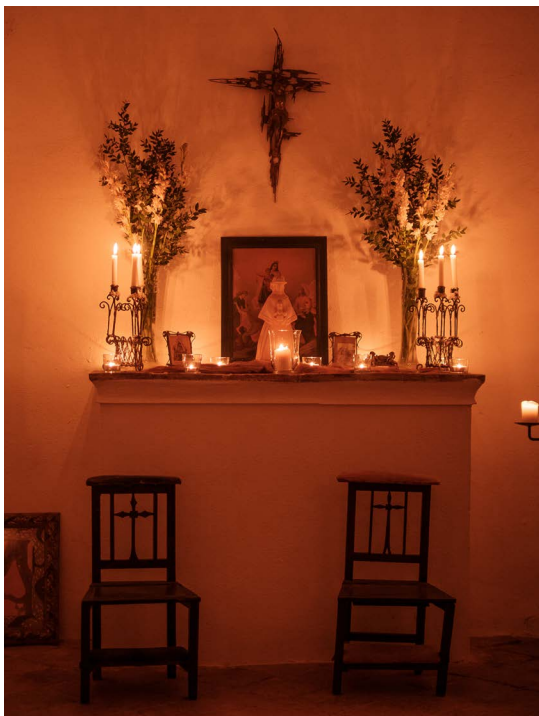
- Sun hat
- Sun cream
- Something warm for the evening
- Riding boots or chaps
- Riding trousers
- A riding helmet
- Riding gloves
- A portable charger (we can also provide one if necessary)

If you would like to dress like a local we can recommend you some riding shops in Seville.



## TARAMONA FARMHOUSE

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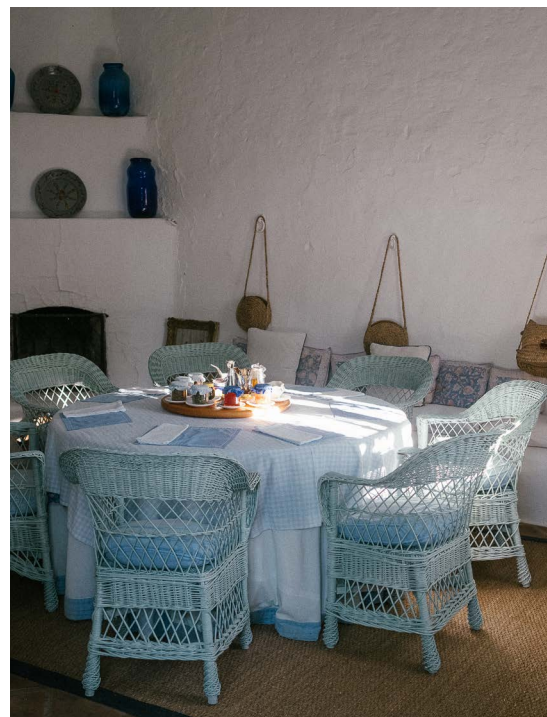
## AN ANCIENT FARMHOUSE

During the season, we take on some of the most beautiful and ancient farmhouses (or cortijos, as they're known in Spain) in the area. These are buildings that have been abandoned for decades, and have remained perfectly untouched ever since, like memorials to an ageless way of life. We tread lightly in them, ensuring their magic is preserved while providing you with all the comfort and luxury you'd expect. The buildings are lit by oil lamps and candlelight, while bedrooms are furnished with proper beds, soft Egyptian cotton and plump pillows, hot-water bottles for the colder months, bedside tables, luggage racks and hot-water bucket showers. You'll find a fully stocked bar on site, and dinner is served by candle light in a dramatic setting to maximise the theatre and atmosphere of these historic buildings.



# TRASIERRA

Nestled in the mountains near the town of Cazalla de la Sierra, Trasierra is a beloved 15th-century family property where George grew up. It's a place of unbridled but relaxed luxury, its gardens and walls filled with orange trees, figs, aloes, flowers, herbs, wisteria and roses. Each room has its own private terrace, there's a large pool to cool off in during the heat of the summer, and a bar for cocktails and sundowners. Here, you'll eat sumptuously and sleep soundly in a bed as soft as a cloud on Egyptian cotton sheets and plump pillows.





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