

TRADITIONS & CULTURE

Only two steps away from Lisbon, Ribatejo is a land of people with rural traditions that you will like to discover...riding a Lusitano horse.

Ribatejo is a privileged place for Puro-Sangue Lusitano horses, noble animal with a proud posture, smart and gentle temper, growing freely in the fields in rich pastures close to the river Tagus. There is no better way of living the culture of breeders, riders and everything surrounding the environment of these horses, and at the same time experience this ride full of history, culture, tradition, wine and local gastronomy and beautiful landscapes.

DAY 1:

- Arrival at Lisbon Airport.
- Transfer to Quinta do Pilar, at the heart of the Henrique Abecasis Lusitano Stud.
- Welcome at Quinta do Pilar, with a tipical portuguese homemade dinner.
- Overnight at Casa do Alfaro.









DAY 2:

- Riding on horseback from Quinta do Pilar through the forests and vineyards surrounding the studfarm. An opportunity for horse and rider to get acquainted, while enjoying the wonderful countryside and preserved nature of the region.
- Tipical Portuguese lunch and wine tasting in vineyards of Vale dos Fornos, a local wine producer.
- Continue the riding in the fields and hills around the farm, enjoying the afternoon.
- Arriving at the big domain of Quinta da Cerca, a good opportunity to explore "Mata Nacional das Virtudes".
- Dinner and overnight at Casa do Alfaro.

DAY 3:

- Heading to Valada, a small fishing village close to the river Tagus.
- Lunch in a local restaurant, by the river, with the opportunity to enjoy the river's typical delicacies.



- Arrival at Santarem, the Portuguese capital of gothic.
- Few minutes transfer to the historic centre of the city.
- Dinner and overnight at the beautiful house "Casa da Alcáçova", with a magnificent view over the river Tagus.

DAY 4:

- Riding on horseback to Quinta da Boavista, a wonderful place, in the middle of fields and rivers, with big portuguese houses, specialized in driving with horses.
- Pic- nic lunch at Quinta da Boavista.
- Arrival at Azinhaga, hometown of the portuguese writer José Saramago.
- Dinner and overnight at Casa da Azinhaga.



- Continue on horseback trough the fields rich in agriculture.
- Lunch at Quinta Mato de Miranda, an ancient farm.
- Riding trough the natural reserve of Paúl do Boquilobo, admiring the wonderful landscapes and typical fauna.
- Arrival at Manuel Veiga studfarm. Visit to the family museum and stud.
- Return to Azinhaga.
- Dinner and overnight at "Casa da Azinhaga"



DAY 6:

- Leaving Azinhaga on horseback in direction to Golegã.
- Arriving at Golegã, the Portuguese capital of horse, during the morning with time to relax on the village.
- Lunch in a local restaurant in Golegã, surrounded the theme "The Lusitano Horse".
- Continue the riding tour around the village.
- Free dinner at the fair.
- Overnight at the Hotel Lusitano.

DAY 7:

Free day at the fair with overnight at Hotel Lusitano.

DAY 8:

- Free day at the fair.
- In the evening, transfer to Casa do Alfaro. Dressage lessons are scheduled for the following days.

NOTES :

- This program has a minimum number of participants of 4 people and a maximum of 12 people.
- All the participants should be at least elementary riders, should have an age over 10 years old and a weight under 90Kg. (The rides are aimed at intermediate riders and above who are comfortable, balanced and secure in the saddle and able to control a well-schooled horse in open country at a walk, trot and canter.)
- All the activities described in this program are included in the price of the program. Extra drinks served at the hotels' bars should be paid directly to the host at the moment of check-out.
- There is also included in the price of the program an insurance against personal accidents and the entire itinerary is followed by a backup car that provides all the assistance the participants might need.



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