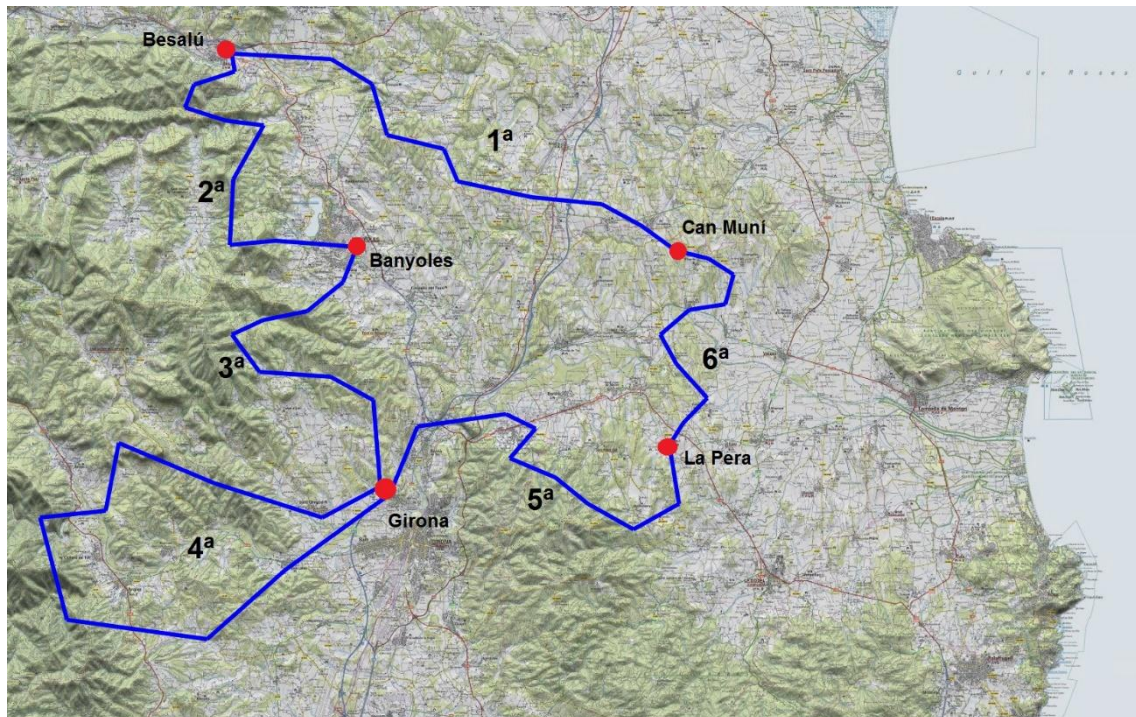


GREEN AND CULTURE IN CATALONIA

“Green” because its dense forests, small hills, large meadows and mosaic crops and “Culture” because it’s amazing medieval villages made of stone, the incredible village of Girona with the cathedral and the jewel square and artistic sites from Salvador Dalí, like Pubol. Fantastic places where we will visit along your trail, full of contrast and that allows you to ride in all the paces (walk, trot, canter and gallop).



PROGRAMME

1st DAY: ARRIVAL IN CAN MUNI

Arrival in Barcelona or Gerona with transfer to Can Muni, a typical agricultural Catalan property. It’s located in a small village of the 15th Century with its stone made house, which currently accommodate a little rural hotel. The environment, the pool, the meadow and also the forest procure a lovely ambience. We will start our vacation with a delicious dinner, where we will meet our group and our guide as well.

2nd DAY: THE MEDIEVAL PATHS

We will leave Can Muni to go over a landscape defined by its traditional small villages and the oak and pines forests, while we get to know our partner in this trip with some nice trots, canters and gallops. This route will lead us to Besalú, an important medieval village that, as the old county capital, was an important trade centre. Its historical ensemble is one of the most important in Catalonia and it preserves important medieval buildings. Spending one night in Besalú is like a trip back to the past enjoying a romantic environment that is never disappointing.

3rd DAY: TOWARDS THE PLAIN

The ride will lead us to Banyoles, bucolic landscape with a pond whose water turns silvery at dusk. The path will lead us to Serinya in a trail that, following the River Ter, will allow us to discover from prehistoric caves to charming meander, where we can go for a refreshing swim (without horses). Galloping and trotting will arrive to Banyoles, with a nice lake. We will stay in a hotel in front of the lake so we can end the day watching the reflection of the moon.

4th DAY: SERRALLONGA ROUTE

Today we will penetrate into a dense area full of centenary forests, following the paths that the bandit Jon Sala, alias Serralloga, and his crew walked. We will ascent to the Rocacobra Sanctuary where we can enjoy a breath-taking view of all the province of Girona, to descent afterwards to Cartella Plain, a rich agricultural area, where we can enjoy the long gallops. The path will lead us to the hotel where we will stay. An outstanding rural hotel-spa located in a "masia" (catalan farmhouse made of stone) from the 18th Century completely remodel and transformed into a charming hotel where we can relax in its natural therapies centre or we can visit Girona, a city that offers a wide range of environments for all the night of the year.

5th DAY: WALK ALONG THE RIVER

Today's route follows the Ter River and allows us to discover great valuable natural corners with a typical fauna and flora from the riverbank forest. The free evening allows us to go to Girona, one of the most interesting towns in Catalonia, where we can follow more than 2000 years of History. From the Roman founding to the modernist city, the monuments are many and the artistic riches that conserves are prominent. The shopping fans will be also able to find in Girona all kind of stores, from the most traditional to trendiest ones.

6th DAY: DALÍ'S LANDSCAPE

We will leave Girona and go across a rich agricultural area, peculiar because of the mosaics that the growing fields and the forests create, and we will have the chance to see a big amount of "masies" that make of this environment a well-conserved rural landscape. We will follow the Ter River route that, between poplar groves and sandy areas, will lead us to small villages where medieval castles, walls and churches still remain. Today, it's a nice day to enjoy long and fast canters and gallops. We will arrive in Púbol where we can visit its castle by Dalí. The artist Salvador Dalí restored it according to his own ideas so it could become his wife Gala's residence bought this Gothic-Renaissance castle from the XI Century in the 70's. We will stay in a rural hotel in La Pera.

7th DAY: BAIX EMPORDÀ

Today's route will lead us back to Can Muni, passing the old county of Foixà. An area that a catalan writer called Josep Pla said that it was a remote delight and a pure wonder. From its hills we can enjoy the landscape of the Baix Empordà and the sea in the horizon, with the Medas islands as a backdrop. Following the forests and plains we will reach the Ter River where we will have lunch. The route is coming to its end because in the evening we will arrive in Can Muni where we will join other riders to end up our holidays, with a great good-bye dinner.

8th DAY: GOOD BYE DAY

After we had passed a wonderful holidays together with our horses, the time has come to say goodbye. We hope to welcome you again very soon!

ACCOMMODATION

Casa Marcial
Besalú

www.casa-marcial.com

Hotel l'Ast
Banyoles

www.hotelast.com

Mas Ferran (two nights)
Girona

www.masferran.com

Mas Duran
La Pera

www.masduran.com

FURTHER INFORMATION

Dates: From Sunday to Sunday (See attached calendar for Green and Culture in Catalonia Ride Ride)

Pace: trail with long gallops, canters, trots.

Hours a day: 5-7 hours a day

Group: Minimum group: 4 riders

Maximum group: 10 riders (with a back up guide up 8 riders)

Horses: The horses for this programme will be Spanish (pure and crossed) and the arabian ones.

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