



## The Magic of Alentejo 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Be our guest to discover **with us and our Lusitano horses the ,MAGIC OF ALENTEJO‘**. This program combines visiting the amazing Alentejo region and riding our **noble and loyal Lusitano** horses in unspoiled locations! We drive with our horses to the **picturesque and extremely beautiful mediaeval village of Monsaraz** to spend **wonderful days in the Alentejo**. **NEW in 2025: longer program > one week from Sunday to Saturday**



**day 1: Arrival** and pick up at the airport. Approx. 45min drive to our Quinta dos Pinheiros. After a welcome drink we will get straight onto the horses to enjoy our first ride. By riding through beautiful cork and eucalyptus trees you can start to relax and get to know the horse who will be your friendly partner for the next days. Back at our Quinta you have time to relax before we have dinner in our cosy gallery with the big open fire place. Overnight in Quinta dos Pinheiros or a lovely guesthouse nearby. (depending on number of participants).

**Day 2:** After breakfast **departure to Monsaraz**. We drive approx 2,5h. Our horses travel comfortably with a big horse truck and we will meet them in the afternoon. Monsaraz is an extremely beautiful picturesque medieval village in the spectacular Alentejo countryside near the Spanish border. The castle of Monsaraz gives expansive views to the Alqueva lake, the biggest artificial lake in Europe. Upon arrival our team takes care of the horses which stay on the farm of our friend, a well-

known bull breeder. We get settled in a comfortable traditional guesthouse. After Lunch, in the afternoon we go for our first ride here in the beautiful rolling hills probably spotting some impressive black bulls.

**Day 3:** Today we have time to discover the Magic of Alentejo on the back of our lovely lusitano boys. After breakfast we ride through the open spaces of the Alentejo catching some views to the Alqueva Lake. We discover the farm with its cows, play with our horses in the water and enjoy the views to Monsaraz castle and the magical light of the Alentejo. After a delicious lunch in one of the typical restaurants we get a guided tour through Monsaraz. You will have time to discover the little shops, buy traditional souvenirs like handmade pottery or just chill at our hotel enjoying the views or a refreshing jump into the pool.



#### Day 4:



Get ready for another unique experience: We visit the wild black bulls in their natural environment at one of the most well-known bull breeders of Portugal and enjoy a traditional lunch <https://youtu.be/Bk55CciuEGE>

Depending on availability and weather the visit might be in the morning or afternoon and integrated with another lovely ride exploring the mystic untouched region of the spanish-portuguese borderland. Surrounded by nature and spectacular views we feel ourselves to be in another time. Here you can recharge your batteries and still be fully connected with your horse, your senses and yourself. Smell the aromatic air, enjoy the peaceful countryside with its corktrees in the magical Alentejo light and hear the chirping of the crickets.

#### Day 5:

After a nice breakfast on the veranda of the guesthouse with its view to Monsaraz we saddle our horses to discover another part of this peaceful area. We stroll over the farm, through rolling hills, ride alongside the water, climb up and down through the pine trees, and often meet the Martelengo cows that graze in big herds.

After our ride of around 3 hours we take care of the horses and get together for lunch in another traditional restaurant. For the afternoon: Sao Pedro do Corval is a small village just next to Monsaraz known to be the Iberian Capital of Clay. Visiting a pottery factory reveals the art of manipulating clay into beautiful products. All handmade, all hand painted! Unique and charming. We finish our tour of this afternoon with a visit to the Gin Distillery Shariz which opened in 2014 and has delighted many gin lovers ever since.

#### Day 6:

Did you ever wonder how knights felt entering a castle on horseback? Today you are going to experience a ride into Monsaraz castle! Starting our ride through the beautiful countryside and seeing the castle in a faraway distance towering over the Alqueva, we will make our way until we reach the centuries-old cobblestones that bring us into Monsaraz and its castle. Definitely a royal feeling! Breathtaking views complete this magical experience.



Our lunch we enjoy with views over the Alqueva lake.

This afternoon we show you Monsaraz from another side – the water! Lean back and relax while we take you on a boat-trip on the Alqueva lake. Experience the countryside from the water and maybe even enjoy a swim.

A week has flown by. But we have beautiful memories that we will share again today over a tasty dinner together.

When walking back to our guesthouse don't forget to look up into the night sky! Due to a very low rate of light pollution this region is well known for being able to observe an extraordinary sky full of stars. Maybe you can even see the Milky Way.

### **Day 7:**

It's time to say goodbye: After breakfast usually at 10:00 group transfer back from Monsaraz to Lisbon airport.

Return flights from Lisbon airport from earliest 14:30

*The above program is an approximate programme. We will do our best to fulfil all points of the program but the itinerary may vary and be altered according to the abilities of the group and the weather conditions.*



**Your Magic of Alentejo program includes:**

**- Transfer from and to Lisbon airport** and drive to Monsaraz

Pick up time arrival day **6<sup>th</sup> april 2025**: 14:00 group transfer from Lisbon to Quinta dos Pinheiros, Santarem.

Pick up time arrival day **13<sup>th</sup> april 2025**: group transfer 12:00pm from Lisbon to Monsaraz

Return flights from Lisbon airport from 14:30 earliest

- First group 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> april 2025: **7 days with 1 night at our farm Quinta dos Pinheiros and 5 nights in a charming rural tourism guest house in Monsaraz.**

- Second group 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> april 2025: **7 days with 6 nights in a charming rural tourism guest house in Monsaraz.**

**- Full board including** drinks during the meals (water, coffee, tea, wine, beer)

**- 6 rides on our well trained and friendly Lusitano horses**

**- A boat trip** on the Alqueva lake

**- Visit to a bull breeder**, Visit and discovery of the **picturesque village of Monsaraz**, visit of a **pottery** and a **distillery**.

**- Rides guided** by an experienced and passionate trail guide, multilingual , comfortable Portuguese saddles

**- Fantastic views, informal atmosphere, personal attention, relaxing hours on horseback and immersion into the Magic of Alentejo**

**- Price 2025 per person (doubleroom): 2980€**

**For more information and to reserve your place for this unique experience please contact us:**

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