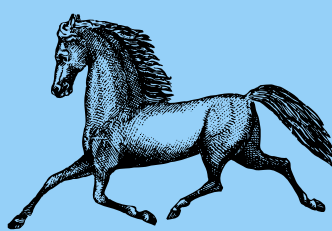


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RIDING TRIPS

PORTUGAL'S CLASSICAL DRESSAGE PROGRAM

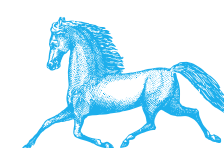




Your riding each day is tailored to your personal goals. Additionally, depending on the program you choose, exciting and scenic trail rides in the countryside are also available.

The Monte Velho stud farm, which is your base for the week, is located in the Alentejo region of Portugal, an easy car ride from Lisbon. Monte Velho Stud Farm is famous both nationally and internationally for their breeding program of Lusitano horses. It is a common sight to see many of their progeny in the highest circles of competition in both Europe, Brazil and elsewhere.

Whichever program you choose, the trainers and their team of willing and fun Lusitanos will give you a vacation to remember for a lifetime.



HORSES

The horses are pure bred Lusitanos and they are trained through Grand Prix level.



duration:
7 DAYS



1-18
MEMBERS



country
PORTUGAL



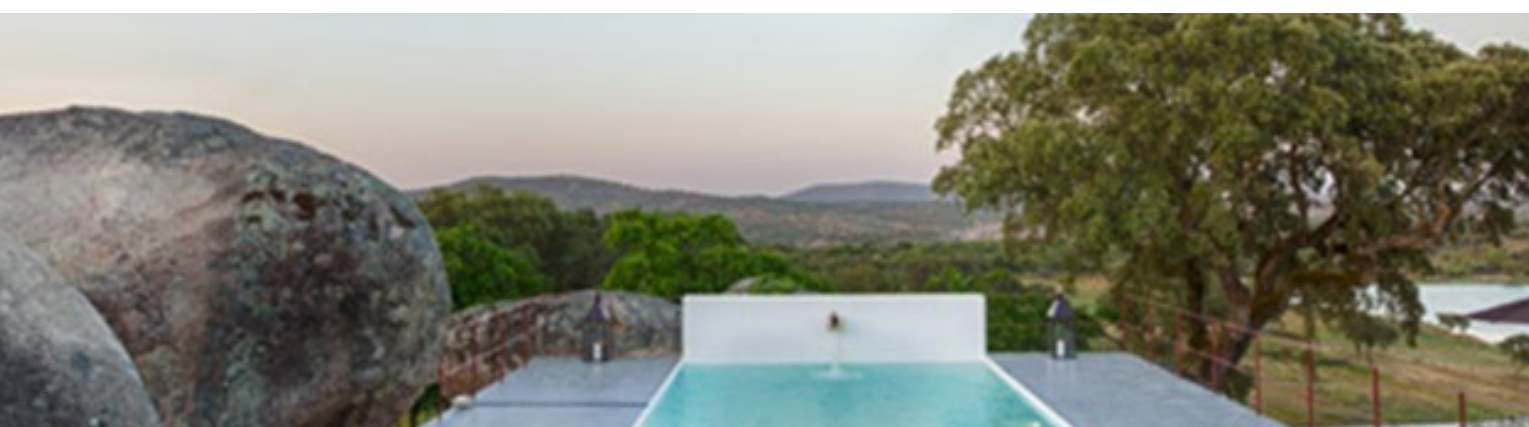
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accommodation
HOTEL



all meals
INCLUDED



Price:
\$1,705 - \$2,050



Instructors & RIDING CENTER

Instructors

Coralie Baldrey has offered exceptional dressage training to riders of all levels for the past twenty years. In 2015, she teamed up with Monte Velho, a distinguished Lusitano breeding and premier guesthouse operator, to make this experience even better. As the head trainer at Monte Velho, she is the crux of the energetic and creative team of trainers. No matter which trainer you have, her established training model, which is the guideline for the entire team, embodies an easy style of teaching with clearly communicated concepts. The team of trainers have a talent for working collaboratively with both horse and rider to help bring out the innate talent of each and specialize in reaching riders at any level to help them advance their riding by better communication with their horses. The horses are pure bred Lusitanos and they are trained through Grand Prix level.



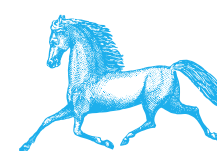
Riding Center

As a breeding operation, Monte Velho has several internationally recognized competitive dressage horses and is also well represented in competitive global teams.

On some weeks, guests may have the chance to observe Coralie training resident rider Joao Torrao, a current member of the Portuguese Olympic Dressage team.

maintaining integrity to the local roots and to showcase the wonderful views of the countryside. You will find your room to be comfortable, clean and tranquil – a perfect place to hone your dressage skills and then relax when not riding. Additionally, all meals are made and served on premise.

Rooms are all Premium grade, based on availability.

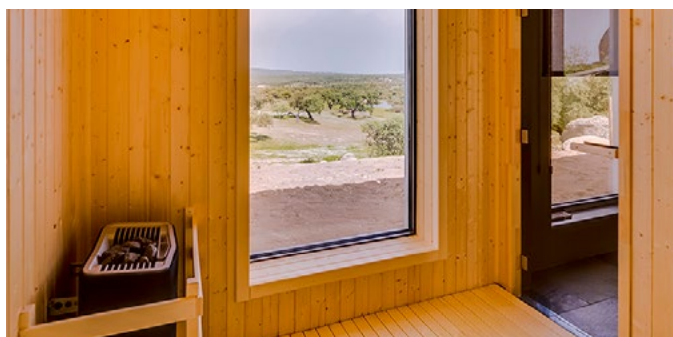


LOCATION

The Alentejo region is known as the “Tuscany” of Portugal.

Accommodation

The accommodation dates back to the Roman era and has been carefully and luxuriously added on to over the years. The entire structure is designed for comfort,



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Monte Velho: An Equestrian Paradise

This Lusitano stud farm and resort offers international-caliber riding instruction with local flavor.

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A herd of young horses lives in a pasture just beyond the outdoor arena.

Driving east from Lisbon, Portugal, across the Tagus River, you discover that cities become towns, highways become two-lane roads and, as you get closer to the Monte Velho Equo-Resort in the Alentejo region, the roads finally turn to dirt washboards. The lush climate dries and the trees become small and scrubby. The small towns are surrounded by vast farmlands, fields dotted with a confetti of sheep, vineyards and cork trees. When you arrive at the stud farm, you walk up a cobbled driveway and enter through a white-washed arch, under which an iridescent peacock picks at the ground among a rainbow of flowers.



Author Annie Morris (standing) visited Monte Velho on a riding vacation and came back to live and work there as an instructor.



Equador MVL and dressage rider Julia Torralba



The barn and hotel are a collection of white-washed buildings bordered in stunning indigo.

“We had a great time in Ireland – **beautiful scenery – great hospitality** (Bertie and Nicola were very gracious hosts), great food – both Heather and I loved our horses (Jasper and Nina). There were 11 of us in total but we rode in two smaller groups, one slightly ahead of the other – great mixed of different ages and nationalities – German/Swedish/French/American/Canadian – we really had some good laughs. The day we crossed the lake was hot and sunny – that was a blast!! A most memorable vacation in every way – we’re already thinking about where we can ride next. Thank you again!!” **Glenda B.**



“Nicola and Bertie and their team was great. Food was excellent, they were very accommodating with food. **The horses were great! I loved the mare I was riding.** Our guides were great and only one day of rain, but other than that, it was a fabulous trip. I hope to do this again somewhere else in due time! Thanks again!” **Gaby C.**



Getting THERE



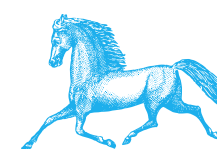
From Airport: Clients can be collected from Lisbon airport by taxi. The journey to the facility will take approximately 1.5 hours and will cost 160€ (approx. \$185) up to four people each way.

The farm is located near the city of Evora, around 80 miles from Lisbon airport. There are several possibilities for transportation from the airport to the facility.

We can also offer a transfer from Lisbon city center for 160€ (1-4 people) each way. *****IF YOU OPT FOR TRANSFER SERVICE:** Your driver is named Tiago (pronounced Ya-go). When you have landed and have collected your bags from baggage claim, please text or call him at this number: +351 967 877 061 (you may also reach him via WhatsApp). He is not able to park the car to come inside and meet you.

Train: Take the ferry to Barreiro at the Terreiro do Paco. Then take the train from Barreiro to either Arraiolos or Evora (the closest city, about 12 miles from Arraiolos). It costs 9.30 euros first class and 6.50 second class for the train ticket. You can then take a taxi from the station to the farm; carry this sheet with you for the address and driving directions. www.raileurope.com

Bus: You can take a bus at Arco do Cego in Lisbon to Evora for 9.40 euros. There is also a bus that goes directly from Lisbon to Arraiolos but not on the weekends. You will then take a taxi to Monte Velho in Arraiolos. Buses in Portugal: www.rede-expressos.pt.



ARRIVAL

Please arrive after 2:00 pm.
Official check in time is 3:00 pm and check out time is 12:00 pm noon. You may feel free to enjoy the common areas if your room is not ready upon arrival or take a walk around the grounds.

