

PORTUGAL

The Ribatejo & Costa Vicentina Ride

October 5 - 12, 2019



Riding well trained pure bred Lusitano horses from the reputable Henrique Abecassis Stud, explore and discover two diverse regions of Portugal: the rural **Ribatejo (1)** bordering the shores of the Tagus (*Tejo*) north-east of Lisbon and the dramatic **Costa Vicentina (2)** along the southern Atlantic Coast

The Ribatejo [1]

Literally meaning 'Above the Tejo' the Ribatejo is a beautiful land full of traditions based on ancestral knowledge inherited from its past rural life. It is mainly the birthplace and natural environment of the beloved **Lusitano Horse** as well as bulls. A behind the scenes visit of some of the places where this Horse is king will be part of the experience.

The Costa Vicentina [2]

Portugal's most dramatic beaches and coastline is one of the least developed in Europe. Over the next 4 days we will explore this unique varied environment, riding over magnificent beaches, up hills, through fields and unspoiled pristine forested areas, while staying in charming guest houses off the beaten track. Discover cliff hanging fishing villages, revel in the local atmosphere and music while sampling traditional Portuguese food and drink over dinner.



PORTUGAL

The Ribatejo & Costa Vicentina Ride

October 5 - 12, 2019

Brief Schedule

- Day 1 (Oct 5) - Arrival Lisbon - transfer to Henrique Abecassis stud farm - welcome dinner. o/n Casa do Alfaro
- Day 2 (Oct 6) - Introduction to the Stud, horse attribution and initiation ride. o/n Casa do Alfaro.
- Day 3 (Oct 7) - AM trail ride along the river. After lunch motorized transfer South to the Costa Vicentina Odeceixe Valley. Dinner o/n "Canto do Mar".
- Day 4 (Oct 8) - Valley of Odeceixe & beach ride. Dinner, o/n "Canto do Mar".
- Day 5 (Oct 9) - mix of coastal, valley & beach ride to "Monte West Coast" hotel. Dinner & o/n.
- Day 6 (Oct 10) - day ride through a variety of landscapes returning to "Monte West Coast" for o/n.
- Day 7 (Oct 11) - Dunes, cliff and beach ride heading back to "Canto do Mar" for dinner & o/n.
- Day 8 (Oct 12) - AM transfer back to Lisbon airport for PM departures.

Getting There

Fly into **Lisbon Humberto Delgado Airport [LIS]**.

October 5 arrivals, please make sure you land in the morning or shortly after midday. A set meeting point will be determined for transfer to the stud.

*You may like to arrive a day or two earlier to visit beautiful Lisbon and get over jet-lag. Early October being a very busy period it is important to book a hotel ASAP. One can find charming boutique hotels in the central part of the city **Baixa District** through booking.com, hotel.com, tripadvisor.com etc... it is always better to book directly through the Hotel website.*

October 12, please book a PM flight as the morning transfer from Costa Vicentina to Lisbon can take 3 hrs approx.

It is essential to coordinate all the above with Christine cchauvin@rcn.com before finalizing your bookings.



COST

Oct. 5 - 12 (7 nights/8 days) - €4,980 p/person sharing €400 single supplement

Includes: All activities in the program, accommodation on full board (dinner on first night to breakfast on last day - drinks with meals), horses and related equipment, motorized transfers, airport pick-up at set meeting point, time yet to be determined, airport drop off.

Also includes an insurance against personal accidents, and an assistance backup vehicle with attending staff during the entire itinerary.

Extra drinks taken at hotels' bars are to be settled directly with the host at check-out.

Christine Chauvin
Adventures on Horseback

em: cchauvin@rcn.com

Tel. 1-212-421 0671
Mob. 1-1646-644 0671