

# GOLEGA

A man with a beard, wearing a grey poncho with a fur collar and a flat cap, is riding a brown horse. He is holding the reins and looking off to the side. The background shows a crowd of people and buildings, suggesting a festival or event.

**5 DAY IMMERSIVE RIDING HOLIDAY**

SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> - WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2026

# EXPERIENCE GOLEGA ON HORSEBACK

Now entering its fourth year, this unique and exclusive riding experience takes you to the heart of Portugal for the legendary Golegã Horse Festival a cultural celebration like no other. You'll be riding alongside international trainers and Lusitano experts Luis Henriques, Helene Giske, and Freddy Steele, as they guide you through five unforgettable days of horses, history, and heritage.

This year, your accommodation will be located just 10 minutes outside Golegã in a beautiful countryside retreat, complete with a swimming pool and modern amenities. A shuttle service will take you into town each day, so you can fully immerse yourself in the festival while enjoying a peaceful and comfortable base. Whether you're riding through the town, enjoying local cuisine, or visiting respected breeders and cultural sites, this tour offers a truly authentic equestrian adventure. Open to competent riders only, both solo travelers and groups are welcome.

Due to the tour's popularity, it sells out every year so don't wait. Book now and get ready to enjoy Golega like never before!



# DAY 1 - ARRIVAL

SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2026

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Arrive at Lisbon Airport and enjoy a private transfer to your countryside accommodation near Golegã. Settle in and unwind by the pool or in the garden lounge.

In the afternoon, take a relaxed shuttle into Golegã for a walking orientation with your hosts. Stay on for welcome drinks and dinner with your group, a perfect chance to connect before the adventure truly begins.

Return to your accommodation for a restful night.



# DAY 2 - FIRST RIDE

SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2026

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Start your day with a breakfast at the accommodation before a morning shuttle into Golegã. Enjoy a guided walking tour with your hosts, offering insider access to the town's cultural landmarks, tack shops, arenas, and galleries during the festival.

Afterward, enjoy free time to explore, grab lunch, or catch live events. In the afternoon, meet your personally selected Lusitano horse at the stables and head out for a scenic ride around the town and a stop at a horse-friendly bar to sample local ginger liqueur.

Return to your accommodation to unwind before heading back into Golegã for a festive evening of traditional Portuguese dinner and drinks with your group.



# DAY 3 - FESTIVAL IMMERSION

MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

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Begin your day with breakfast at the accommodation before shuttling into Golegã for a memorable morning ride through the town. Experience the thrill of riding in the iconic Manga, fully immersed in the festival spirit.

After returning your horse to the stables, enjoy lunch with your fellow riders at one of the local cafés.

The afternoon is yours to enjoy, either head back to relax back at the accommodation or dive deeper into the festival with exhibitions, competitions, and a guided visit to local casteas. Sip regional drinks and hear stories from renowned Lusitano breeders alongside your hosts.

In the evening, come together for a group dinner in Golega and enjoy some social time, with the option to explore Golegã's lively bars or return for a quieter night's rest.



# DAY 4 - FINALE & FAREWELL

TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2026

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Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and a relaxing morning by the pool before taking a late shuttle into Golegã.

Spend the day soaking up the festival at your own pace, watch competitions, explore stalls, or shop for last-minute equestrian treasures. Your hosts are happy to assist, especially when it comes to ordering the finest custom Portuguese boots.

In the afternoon, join your hosts for a final scenic ride through the vibrant atmosphere of Golegã one last time.

Gather in the evening for a farewell dinner featuring traditional Portuguese cuisine and wine, a perfect way to toast new friendships and unforgettable memories.

# DAY 5 - DEPARTURE

WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2026

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Savor your final breakfast at the accommodation before your private transfer back to Lisbon Airport, filled with memories of an unforgettable Golegã experience. Safe travels!





# PRICING

## **Ridden Spot - £2599 per person**

*(Includes accommodation, riding, breakfast all days, transfers, lunch or dinner on each day depending on schedule)*

## **Non-Ridden Place - £1950 per person**

*(includes all of the above without riding)*

# HOW TO BOOK

Bookings can be made via email to **sophie@thepaddockpa.co.uk**. Please include names and email addresses of those wishing to book and riding experience.

Full payment is due at the time of booking to secure your space

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

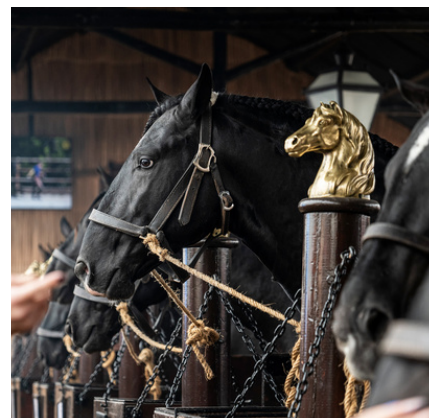
This tour is designed for competent riders only, due to the busy and unpredictable nature of the festival streets.

Riding helmets are strongly recommended (helmets are not provided). Participants who choose not to wear a helmet must sign a waiver.

All riders are required to have their own riding insurance to take part in the experience.

# CANCELLATION POLICY

Full payment is required at the time of booking to secure your place. The Golega Tour requires a minimum of five ridden bookings to proceed, and Steelehorse Training Ltd reserves the right to cancel or postpone the tour if the minimum number is not reached. If Steelehorse Training Ltd cancels the tour, all tour payments made will be refunded in full; however, the company cannot accept responsibility for any additional costs incurred, including flights, accommodation or travel arrangements. If you cancel your booking, a refund will only be considered if your place can be filled and will remain entirely at the discretion of Steelehorse Training Ltd. Places may not be transferred to another person without prior written approval.



# FAQ'S

## **Will I need to share a room?**

All rooms are shared rooms within the accommodation with one other person. If you would like to request to share with another client who is also booked to come on the trip please let us know.

## **What level of rider do you need to be to book this package?**

Due to the festival being a busy area at all times, we will only accept riders who have experience, therefore no beginners are allowed to take part in this trip. If you are unsure on your ability and whether you would be suitable for this package, please get in touch!

## **What is the accommodation like?**

Quinta do Lagar is a charming countryside farmhouse near Golegã, offering comfortable rooms, a relaxing garden, and a refreshing outdoor pool. It's the perfect peaceful retreat after your festival and riding adventures.

## **Do you have to wear a riding hat when riding?**

We do advise all riders to wear a hat when riding, however this is down to each individuals discretion. We will be sending a hat waiver should you wish to ride without a hat which must be filled out prior to the trip commencing.

## **What about insurance?**

All riders should have their own insurance when taking part in this trip. Proof of insurance will be required prior to the trip taking place.

## **How much does it cost?**

Full payment is due at the time of booking. Ridden places are £2599 per person and non ridden places are £1950 per person. We do recommend bringing some spending money for the amazing local shops and casetas which we will be visiting throughout the trip!



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