

WORKING EQUITATION WEEK MAY 2026

05/24/2026–05/31/2026 Alcaíça Equestrian

SPECIAL Working Equitation Week

A dedicated Working Equitation Week guided by Mário Cardoso, offered in an exclusive 3-rider format.

Inspired by authentic Portuguese riding tradition, this special week provides focused, personalised instruction on experienced schoolmasters for riders who want to deepen their skills with focus and precision.

Program overview

May 24 -31, 2026

7 nights / 8 days / 12 riding lessons

Package price: EUR 2200.00 per rider

Package price includes

- single room accommodation
- full board including beverages
- 12 riding lessons on experienced Lusitano schoolmasters:
 - 1 small-group Portuguese Equitation (dressage) lesson per day
 - 1 private trail/obstacle lesson per day
- all services and taxes

Exclusive complementary benefits

- introduction to the Portuguese equitation tradition and equipment, including braiding practice
- demo session in Portuguese Equitation and Working Equitation
- theoretical introduction to the obstacles
- Sunset aperitive

Important information:

This special offer is **subject to availability**

We accept a **maximum of 3 riders** per week to ensure a highly personalized experience

More information

Portuguese Equitation builds on the principles of classical dressage, with some differences in the exercises, the aids and riding style.

Led by experienced instructors you are schooling exercises and gymnastics using poles and pylons in all paces focusing on coordination, straightening, balance and activation of the hindquarters – the foundation for the emerging discipline **Working Equitation**.

While the discipline consists of 4 phases (dressage, ease of handling, speed trail, and cattle trial) we focus on the dressage and ease of handling to introduce you to the obstacles on our schoolmasters. Join us as we create an inspirational and educational experience that focusses on the connection between horse and rider.

Level of experience

This program is suitable for confident, balanced riders who are comfortable in walk, trot, and canter. You don't need experience in Working Equitation or Portuguese Equitation — our schoolmasters

and instructors will guide you through the exercises and obstacles step by step.

To get the most out of the week, riders should be able to:

- Have an independent seat at all paces
- Ride with consistent contact
- Follow basic lateral work (leg-yield, shoulder-in) or be ready to learn it

Our experienced school horses make this week accessible to riders who want to deepen their skills, refine their aids, and explore the principles of Working Equitation.

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