
Be Part of the Beginning

Every beginning is unique, and **May 2027 marks the very first workshop month at Rancho Terra Bravo.** We are excited to welcome our first guests and to begin creating a place where horses, nature and people come together to learn, grow and reconnect.

As we continue to finalize the details, **pricing is still being developed.** At this stage, registrations are **non-binding** and simply allow you to reserve your place while we complete the final planning.

If you are interested in joining us, we invite you to complete the registration form. This will help us understand which workshops you are interested in, and in return we will provide you with a preliminary price estimate to help you plan your visit.

By registering your interest early, you'll also be among the first to receive updates, confirmed pricing and workshop information as it becomes available.

Whether you come for a single week or stay for the entire month, we look forward to welcoming you to Rancho Terra Bravo and sharing the beginning of this exciting journey together.

Rancho Terra Bravo

The Inaugural Workshop Series

May 1-30, 2027 | Northern Portugal

A month of horses, nature, Portuguese culture, and meaningful connection.

Welcome to the inaugural workshop series at Rancho Terra Bravo.

Nestled in the mountains of Northern Portugal, Rancho Terra Bravo is a place where people and horses come together to learn, grow and reconnect. Throughout May 2027, we are bringing together internationally respected trainers, exceptional horses and unforgettable experiences.

Join us for a single week or immerse yourself in the full month.

Language

Rancho Terra Bravo is an international meeting place, bringing together trainers and participants from around the world. To create one shared learning experience, **all workshops, demonstrations and presentations will be conducted in English.**

Participants of all nationalities are warmly welcome. We strive to create a supportive atmosphere, and informal translation can often be provided during discussions and breaks.

Your Stay

Guests are welcome to join individual weeks or experience the entire month.

Weekdays (Monday-Friday) include:

- Daily workshops and practical sessions
- Lunch
- Dinner

Optional activities throughout the month may include:

- Morning Yoga
- Tai Chi
- Massage treatments (available by appointment)
- Quiet time with the horses
- Hiking
- Campfires
- Time to relax and reconnect with nature

Weekends are designed as arrival and departure days for guests joining individual workshops, while also offering optional cultural and nature experiences for those staying for multiple weeks.

Accommodation

Rancho Terra Bravo offers several accommodation options to suit different travel styles and budgets.

Guests may choose to:

- **Stay in nearby accommodation** – A selection of charming local guesthouses, rural tourism accommodations and hotels are available just a short drive from the ranch. Participants are welcome to book these directly, and we will be happy to provide recommendations.
- **Experience Rancho Terra Bravo Glamping** – Stay in one of our comfortable glamping dome tents and fully immerse yourself in ranch life, surrounded by nature and the horses.
- **Bring your own camper van or motorhome** – A limited number of spaces are available on the ranch for guests who prefer to travel with their own accommodation.

Whether you choose the comfort of a local guesthouse, the unique experience of glamping under the stars or the freedom of your own camper van, you'll be able to enjoy the peaceful surroundings and welcoming atmosphere of Rancho Terra Bravo.

Arrival Weekend

1-2 May

Take time to settle into the ranch, meet your fellow participants, get acquainted with the horses and enjoy your first evenings surrounded by the beauty of Northern Portugal.

Welcome dinner included.

Week One

Wild Horse Foundations: Building Trust, Communication & Partnership

3-7 May

Join two highly respected Canadian horsemen whose combined experience includes gentling hundreds of American Mustangs and preparing them for successful lives with their new owners.

This clinic is not about "breaking" horses—it is about understanding them.

Learn how trust, clear communication and thoughtful groundwork create confident horses that willingly partner with people.

One of our guest trainers is also an experienced veterinarian, making this week a unique opportunity to combine horsemanship with practical equine health knowledge.

Topics include:

- Understanding horse behaviour
- Building trust and communication
- Groundwork foundations
- Starting young horses
- Working with sensitive or challenging horses
- Helping horses transition into new environments
- Hoof care
- Dental health
- Nutrition
- Preventive healthcare
- Recognising pain and discomfort
- How physical wellbeing influences behaviour and training

Participants may:

- Bring their own horse
- Work with one of Rancho Terra Bravo's Mustangs (limited hands-on places available)
- Attend as an observer

Ideal for:

- Horse owners of every discipline
- Trainers and instructors
- Owners of young horses
- Owners facing behavioural challenges
- Prospective Mustang adopters
- Anyone wishing to better understand horses

Lunch and dinner included Monday through Friday.

Wild Horses of Portugal

8-9 May

Spend a memorable weekend exploring the magnificent Peneda-Gerês National Park.

We'll travel into the mountains in search of Portugal's wild Garrano horses, observing them in their natural habitat while learning about their history, ecology and the conservation efforts protecting these remarkable animals.

Overnight excursion included.

Week Two

Wild Horse Foundations: Building Trust, Communication & Partnership

10-14 May

Continue learning with our Canadian trainers or join us for the first time.

This second clinic builds upon the principles introduced during Week One while welcoming new participants.

With continued work alongside the Rancho Mustangs and participant horses, the focus remains on developing softness, communication, confidence and practical skills that benefit horses of every breed and discipline.

Lunch and dinner included Monday through Friday.

Portuguese Heritage Weekend

15-16 May

Experience Portugal's rich equestrian traditions.

Visits include:

- Traditional leather craftsmen
- Portuguese saddlery
- Portuguese riding school

Discover centuries of craftsmanship, culture and horsemanship that continue to influence the horse world today.

Week Three

Partnership on the Trail – Horsemanship Beyond the Arena

17-21 May

Join an experienced European trainer for a week dedicated to building confident partnerships both on the ground and out on the trail.

Participants may:

- Bring their own horse
- Work with one of Rancho Terra Bravo's Mustangs (limited availability)

Topics include:

- Practical groundwork
- Trail preparation
- Confidence building
- Reading your horse
- Communication outside the arena
- Developing trust in real-world situations

Suitable for riders and horse owners seeking a relaxed, practical approach to horsemanship.

Lunch and dinner included Monday through Friday.

Atlantic Coast Weekend

22-23 May

Enjoy a relaxing weekend exploring Portugal's beautiful Atlantic coastline.

A chance to unwind, enjoy the ocean and recharge before the final week.

Week Four

Coaching with Horses – Leadership • Awareness • Connection

24-28 May

Discover the extraordinary lessons horses can teach us about ourselves.

Guided by an experienced local facilitator, this week explores horse-assisted coaching through meaningful interactions with the horses.

Topics include:

- Leadership
- Communication
- Emotional awareness
- Authentic connection
- Personal growth
- Mindfulness

No riding experience is required.

Lunch and dinner included Monday through Friday.

Departure Weekend

29-30 May

Farewell breakfast, departures and hopefully the beginning of lifelong friendships.

Throughout the Month

Whether you come for one workshop or stay for the entire month, Rancho Terra Bravo offers more than education. It is an opportunity to slow down, reconnect with nature, learn from remarkable horses and become part of the beginning of a very special story.

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