

Falconry Activities



TOUR OF THE STUD FARM AND THE FALCONRY HOUSE

- In this tour you will learn more about the history of the Alter Stud Farm and its daily activities. Visit the "Casas Altas" building, a chapel built by King John V in the 18th century, later converted into a stable and now housing an Interpretation Centre where you can get to know better all the places to visit; the Mares' Courtyard where the breeding mares are; the John VI Courtyard with the Stallion Stable; the House of Carriages, the coach exhibition building, and also the Falconry House, where you can observe the various bird species and discover the evolution of this activity, which is now classified as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO.

Price: €15 per person (children aged 3 to 12 pay €11)

Schedule: 10:30 am or 3:00 pm

Duration: 01h40min

VISIT TO THE FALCONRY HOUSE

Price: €5 per person (children aged 3 to 12 pay €2.5)

Schedule: 10:30 am, 12:00, 3:30 and 4:30 pm

Duration: 40min

"FLYING THE BIRD TO THE GLOVE" FALCONRY EXPERIENCE

- Flying a bird to the glove will be a unique experience where our visitors can enjoy the proximity to a bird of prey. This activity takes place in the Falconry area, where visitors will be introduced to the equipment and after a short briefing about the handling of the bird that they will fly, they will be able to experience the thrill of having a bird in the glove and flying it according to the falconer's instructions.

Price: €10 per person

Schedule: 2:30 pm

Duration: 1h10min (includes 40 min of museum tour)

PREMIUM TOUR OF THE FALCONRY HOUSE, INCLUDING EXCLUSIVE NESTING AREA

(Available between January and May)

This tour takes you to the Falconry House's backstage. Captive breeding is the focal point of modern falconry! With this visit to the nesting area, visitors will be introduced to the methods currently used in the breeding of birds of prey in captivity. You will thus have the opportunity to witness the daily life and all the tasks necessary for falconry.

Price: €7 per person

Schedule: 3:30 pm

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Duration: 50min (includes a tour of the museum)

FALCONRY WORKSHOP

- Falconry embodies the ancient teachings of Man's connection to birds of prey. It is precisely in this connection, in this ability to communicate, that the bonds of trust and companionship that define this practice develop. In the Falconry workshop, visitors will learn about centuries of history that explain this relationship. The diversity of species and their adaptability to this practice will also be explained. And finally, in the company of the falconer, you will have the opportunity to experience flying a Harris's hawk. This species, which is considered one of the most versatile birds in falconry, will accompany you in a flight session. The visitor will give flight directions to the bird, calling it to his/her glove and letting it fly free and instructing it when to return. Visitors will use the falconer's directions to be guided in this adventure and make the most of this unique way of connecting with Nature.

Price: €20 per person

Schedule: By appointment

Duration: 01h00

FALCONER'S WORKSHOP

- For the keenest visitors, the Falconry Workshop will provide a more comprehensive theoretical and practical knowledge. It will explain the various species and their morphological and flight characteristics. Visitors will have the opportunity to examine the different equipment, learn how to use it and, moving from theory to practice, they will apply the knowledge they have gained, with the help of the falconer. But that is not all! Our passion is to see birds flying. For this reason, a falcon and a Harris's hawk will be chosen for visitors to try the two flight styles: high-flying applied to falcons and low-flying, in this case, applied to Harris's hawk. The prey replica and the mechanical prey replica will support these two flight moments and visitors will use them as prey simulators. This will be a unique opportunity where visitors will play the role of a falconer and, in communion with their bird, will explore the skies of the Alter Stud Farm.

Price: €30 per person

Schedule: By appointment

Duration: 03h00

FLIGHT IN THE RESTAURANT GARDEN

- Watch the flight of one of our birds of prey in the garden in front of the hotel restaurant every day! During your stay, take the opportunity to also visit the Falconry Museum.

Price: Free of charge

Schedule: 9:30 am

Duration: 20 min

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FALCONRY TALES FOR CHILDREN

Let your children listen to tales about these birds of prey told by our entertainers at the Falconry Museum.

Price: Free of charge

Schedule: 2:30 pm

Duration: 40min