The 2007 Tierras de Al-Andalus

Endurance Ride By Kristian Fenaux

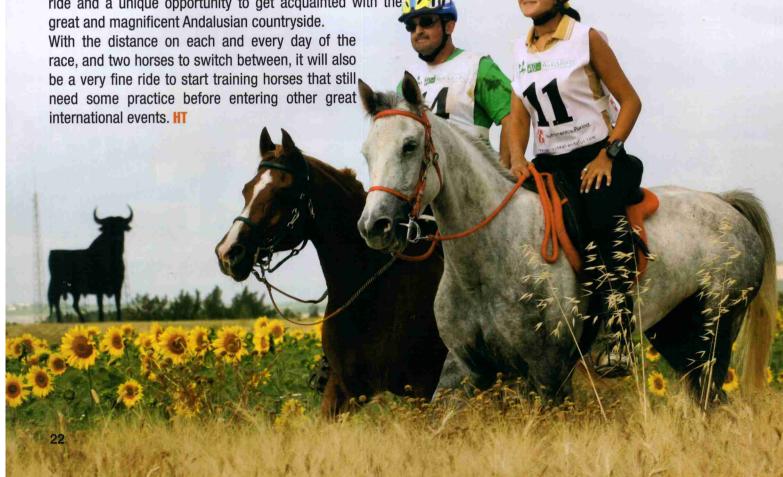
The huge success of the first Tierras de Al-Andalus endurance ride held in 2006 prompted a second contest to be held from the 11th until the 19th of May 2007. The event will be held in the southern Spanish region of Andalusia. The 2007 ride will go from Sierra de Cazorla in the east to El Rocio in the west, with eight days of competition separated into four days of riding, one interval day, and another four days of more riding. The ride is open to teams of two riders with two horses, teams of one rider with two horses as well as solo riders with two or more horses.

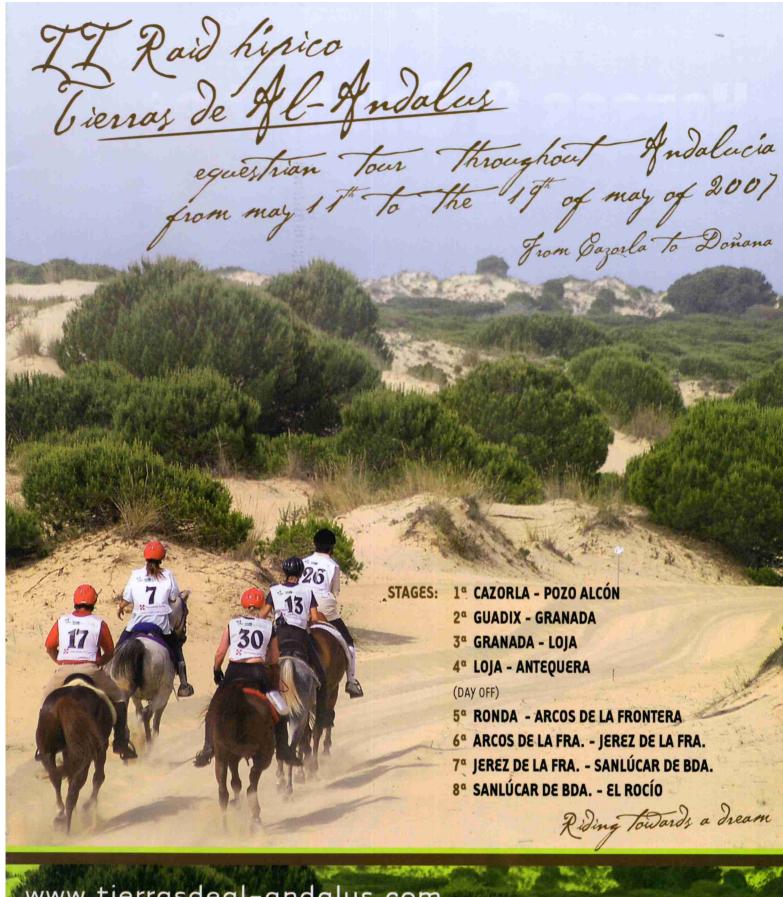
Each day is around 60 kilometers of riding with a vetgate halfway and another vetgate at the end of each day. Rankings are made with vetgates in time except for the last loop of the last day where the finish line is the final line. The ride goes through some of the most beautiful Andalusian landscapes, travels across mountains and close to the seashore visiting some of the most important historical towns of Andalusia such as Granada, Antequera, Ronda, and the Doñana National Park between Sanlucar de Barrameda and El Rocio.

A total of 52 riders and 62 horses will be competing in 31 teams which raced during the 2006 Tierras de Al-Andalus Endurance Ride. Organisation and logistics were outstanding, and almost all of the 2006 riders will be competing again this year. With more than 60.000 Euros in prize money, the 2007 Endurance Ride will certainly be a very special horseback ride and a unique opportunity to get acquainted with the great and magnificent Andalusian countryside.









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