



TRUJILLO VILLAS

España

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As the shadows lengthen and summer fades out, there's still time for a blast of sunshine. Lydia Bell reveals the best places for an end-of-season getaway or stay for seven nights for €1,175.

Extremadura As Nature Intended

The Extremadura region of south-western Spain, with its pretty, historical towns, offers an enticing slice of unspoiled Spain. It's an area known for its wildlife, and birds come from all over Europe and Africa to breed. A twitcher's heaven, it's also a wonderful place to go walking or horse riding.

The walled town of Trujillo, perched on a hill overlooking a vast olive-tree-cloaked plain, dates back to 600BC. Once home to no less than seven of Spain's most powerful conquistadors, it's now a second home to smart weekenders drawn by the beautiful mansions and monuments left by those wealthy families.

Trujillo's architecture combines Moorish (there is a splendid castle) and Roman elements (including some baths). Plenty of local fiestas will help you get under the skin of the place – from a national cheese festival to horse breeding shows and medieval fairs.

Sleep like a local at the Artists Studio (sleeps two, about €475 a week, tel: +44 (0)20 7385 5345, www.trujillovillasespana.com). Located about five minutes' walk from the main square and shops, this delightful bolt-hole has been reconfigured along eco-friendly lines and makes a great base for exploring the area. Frolic unseen in the private walled garden.