



Mangalarga Marchador

Origin: Brazil

Height: 14.2 - 16 hands

Colors: Chestnut, bay, black, gray, tobiano, dun, roan, and cream

The national horse of its native Brazil, the Mangalarga Marchador is a gaited breed known for the *marcha batida* and the *marcha picada*, both of which are extremely comfortable for the rider. The *marcha batida* has more diagonal movement, and the *marcha picada* has more lateral movement. The Mangalarga Marchador has powerful hind legs that help it perform these gaits, while its hooves are hard and good enough to not require shoes in a natural environment. It is a slender but robust horse, with a deep chest and lean build that make it well suited to tests of stamina and endurance

Sources:

- <https://namarchador.org/>
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