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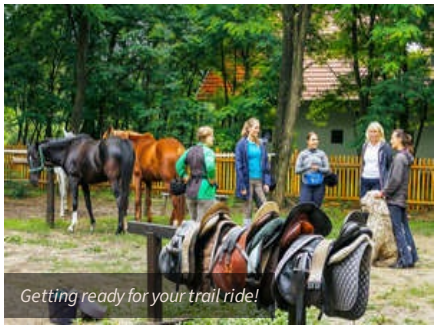
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Puszta Plains Trail

HUNGARY

Discover the flat plains of Puszta on this **riding holiday in Hungary**. The flower-filled meadows of the Puszta plains are perfect for fun riding and nature lovers, with a multitude of birds accompanying your journeys. Horses here are part of the local culture and you can marvel at the skill of the local horsemen.

Trail Riding	**8 days / 6 days riding**	**From £1,500**	


Getting ready for your trail ride!


The horses are a mixture of Hungarian warmbloods, sport horses, Furioso and Kisberi.


Enjoy fast canters across the Puszta Plains

ITINERARY

Highlights

- Comfortable accommodation (including sauna and jacuzzi)
- Warm Hungarian hospitality
- Visit Kiskunsági national park, a UNESCO world heritage site.
- Pass traditional farms and admire the local Magyar riders at work
- Hungarian food and wine

Day 1 — 1: FLY TO BUDAPEST - PUSZTA - No riding

Maya's Farm

Flights to Budapest are not included. You should arrive between 1:30 pm and 5:30 pm if possible.

You will be transferred from the airport to the farm (about 1h) drive. Transfers to/from the airport are not included, please check the "Dates& Prices" tab. At the farm you will be met by your guide who will show you around and talk to you about your ability and horse preferences.

Dinner and night at the farm.

Day 2 — 2: RIDING ON THE FARM - 2-2.5 hours riding

Maya's Farm

After breakfast you will be introduced to your horse before setting of for an introductory ride of couple of hour to another farm and return. This is your first chance to glimpse your beautiful surroundings. You will have lunch and then the afternoon is free to relax or explore the farm.

Dinner and overnight at the farm.

Day 3 — 3 : FARM - PUSZTA PLAINS - 4 hours riding

After breakfast, riding for two hours across the plains until reaching a charming traditional farmhouse where you stop for lunch. The farm animals will roam freely around you!
In the afternoon continue riding until reaching your accommodation for the night.

Day 4 — 4: PUSZTA PLAINS - 5 hours riding

Sarlopuszta hotel

Today is your longest day of riding as you spend almost 5 hours in the saddle. Cross the pristine landscape of the national park - vast meadows, sandy hills and forests where you may spot wild boar, birds of prey, rabbits and deer, Your lunch is taken by the famous sand dunes.

Dinner and overnight at a hotel in the plains, where you stay for two nights.

Day 5 — 5: PUSZTA PLAINS - 2.5 hours riding

Sarlopuszta hotel

In the morning you ride for two hours to discover the beautiful countryside surrounding the hotel - including sand dunes!

In the afternoon you can make use of some of the hotels luxurious facilities - outdoor pool, sauna, hot tub etc.

Day 6 — 6: PUSZTA PLAINS - 4-5 hours riding

Maya's Farm

Today you ride back to the farm and the pace increases as you cross terrain which is ideal for longer canters! Stop for lunch en-route at the Red Castle (or picnic lunch if the weather allows) before continuing on to Maja's farm where you'll spend the night.

Day 7 — 7: RIDING ON THE FARM - 3 hours riding

Maya's Farm

Set out riding across the untouched nature of the Puszta. Lunch will be taken during the day before returning to the farm in the afternoon for dinner.

If you prefer then you can be transferred to Budapest in the afternoon to spend a night there - dinner and hotel will be to your own account.

Day 8 — 8: BUDAPEST - DEPARTURE - No riding

After breakfast you are transferred back to Budapest for your flight home (departure from the farm between 7:30 am and 11:00 am).

If your flight is late in the day then you can be dropped in the city and explore for the afternoon. A taxi to the airport will cost c. 20 euro

DATES & PRICES

DEPARTURE	RETURN	PRICE WITHOUT FLIGHTS	STATUS
03/04/2027	10/04/2027	£1,842	Open
17/04/2027	24/04/2027	£1,842	Open
08/05/2027	15/05/2027	£1,842	Open
22/05/2027	29/05/2027	£1,842	Open
05/06/2027	12/06/2027	£1,842	Open
19/06/2027	26/06/2027	£1,842	Open

04/09/2027	11/09/2027	£1,842	Open
18/09/2027	25/09/2027	£1,842	Open
02/10/2027	09/10/2027	£1,842	Open
16/10/2027	23/10/2027	£1,842	Open
06/11/2027	13/11/2027	£1,842	Open

Price details

- Flights to your destination are not included, but can be booked on request - please contact us for rates.

- Rates are per person, based on two riders sharing a double or twin room.

- Groups are composed of a minimum of 3 international riders and a maximum of 5 riders, plus guides.

- Please note: the ride will also confirm for 2 riders on payment of a supplement of c. €300/£260/$345 per person. Once the group has reached 3 people, we will remove this supplement from your invoice and refund you if you have already paid it.

- If you sign up to the ride as a solo rider and there are no other riders likely to share your room, you will be charged a single room supplement of approx. €140/£120/$155. You will then be reimbursed if a sharer is found for you at a later date.

- Transfers to and from Budapest airport are not included and have an extra cost of €70, return rate (paid locally). The times for arrival/pick-up should be between 2:00-6:00 pm and for departure 7.30-11 am. If your flights don't match this schedule, a private transfer can be arranged for around €100 per car, each way (paid locally). Transfers to/from the city centre are possible on request. This incurs a supplement of approximately €30 per person.

- Non-riders are welcome and benefit from a €450/£400 discount.

- Accompanied children 12 years and older are welcome
Please Note
The itinerary may be modified at anytime for security reasons, meteorological or events beyond our control such as blocked roads, rivers in flood, drought, strikes and local holidays. Equus Journeys, our local partners and their local guides will always strive to find the best solution and will alter the itinerary as needed.
The names of the hotels and accommodation are given for information only and depending on availability, they may be modified without notice and replaced by another of a similar standard.

Price includes

SUPPORT TEAM

1 English-speaking horse guide

LOGISTICS

1 horse equipped with saddle and bridle per rider
1 support vehicle

MEALS

Full board from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on day 8
Water and hot drinks at breakfast

EXTRAS

2 Sauna sessions at Maja's farm (1,5h)

Price doesn't include

MEALS

Soft/alcoholic drinks and personal extras

ACCOMMODATION

Additional nights spent in Budapest

TRANSPORT

Return airport transfers
International flights

EXTRAS

Tips to the local team
Small group supplement - see above for the details

INSURANCE

Cancellation and travel insurance are not included in the above listed price. Please note that insurance is mandatory. We recommend taking out an insurance policy as soon as your trip is booked to cover you in case of cancellation

EQUESTRIAN INFO

Horses

The horses are a mixture of Hungarian warmbloods, sport horses, Furioso (from English Thoroughbreds) and Kisberi. They are very forward going, balanced and well trained. They are all in great condition and have very healthy, hard hooves, allowing them to be ridden barefoot.

Guide & local team

Your guide, Maja, is from Budapest and speaks good English. She left the formality of riding schools in the city for the wide open landscapes of the plains for unbridled gallops!

Minimum riding ability

MINIMUM RIDING ABILITY

You must be a competent rider, capable of cantering in balance across open terrain in a group whilst maintaining full control of your horse. The horses are sensitive and you must have a good independent seat and soft hands.

- Rider weight limit: 85 kg/187 lbs/13.3 st. Riders over 85 kg can sometimes be accommodated on request. They must be excellent riders with a light seat (please contact us before booking).

PACE

There are lots of opportunities for longer trots/canters across the open plains where the going is a mixture of sandy tracks and grassy meadows. There may be some gallops depending on the group's overall ability.

TACKING ABILITY AND PARTICIPATION

Guests can help groom and tack, although this is not expected. You can also assist with feeding and watering if you wish.

TRIP CONDITIONS AND REQUESTED EXPERIENCE

You need to be fit and in good physical condition. The average distance ridden per day 27-35 km for full riding days; or 13-15 km for the days where you only ride half the day.

Previous experience of a trail ride lasting several days is an advantage but not essential.

EQUESTRIAN EQUIPMENT

English tack only.
Saddlebags and seat savers are not provided.

We recommend our riders to wear a helmet to the correct standard and you should bring your own to ensure a proper fit

TRAVEL INFO

COMFORT

4 nights at the farm of your guide, which is comfortable but basic. They have recently added a sauna and jacuzzi which can be used on request (two sessions of 1.5 hours are included). There is WiFi in the main areas but not in the rooms.

3 nights in hotels or local guesthouses.

MEALS

You eat traditional local Hungarian fare. Lunches and dinners are taken at small restaurants along the way or at your hotels.

Water is included throughout. Extra drinks and beverages are not included but can be purchased locally.

CLIMATE

The southern plains have a continental climate with strong differences between the harsh winters and hot, dry summers. It can be humid in May/June with thunderstorms. Maximum temperatures are around 26c in summer and 1c in winter, although it can reach 30c in July/August.

TIPS

It is customary to tip 10% in restaurants and to taxi drivers.

PACKING LIST

Please pack carefully and sensibly: the following guide is here to give you an idea of what to bring. This list must be adapted depending on the season and individual needs.

Head
- Helmet
- Sunhat for when not riding
- Sunglasses - with a cord attached so they don't fly off when riding
- Buff or bandana

Upper body
- Thermals (long or short sleeved)
- Long sleeved shirts provide protection from the sun and add an extra layer
- T-shirts
- Lightweight fleece or jumper
- Warm fleece or jumper
- Warm and waterproof jacket - it can rain at any time of year and the evenings can be particularly cold

Legs
- Lightweight, comfortable riding trousers or jodhpurs
- Thermals
- Casual trousers for the evenings
- Waterproof over trousers

Hands and Feet
- Comfortable riding boots. We recommend short boots with half chaps.
- Trainers or equivalent light shoes for the evenings
- Several pairs of socks
- Gloves. Waterproof gloves can be particularly useful

Nightwear
- Pyjamas

Other useful items
- Water bottle
- Ear plugs (for light sleepers)

Medical kit
- Any medication you regularly take
- Sunscreen and lip balm - should be high factor

- Insect repellent, preferably containing deet
- Blister plasters in case of any rubs
- Antiseptic cream, plasters, aspirin, anti-histamine, insect-bite salve etc...
- Spare prescription glasses/contact lenses
- Eye drops
- Imodium or similar anti-diarrhoea medication
- Re-hydration sachets
- Antiseptic wipes
- Handwash gel

Our Recommendations
- Backpacks cannot be worn whilst riding. We recommend a small bumbag or a coat with pockets so that you can carry small items with you during the day (passport, camera, sunscreen, lipbalm etc)
- We recommend travelling in your riding boots and carrying your hat and some riding clothes in your hand luggage - then if your luggage goes astray you are still able to ride!
- You should also bring a copy of your passport/insurance in case you lose your documents. You can also save a copy into your mobile phone.

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

1. **Travel light.** It's a little known fact, but the lighter you pack, the better for the environment as heavy bags will produce higher emissions (when flying a plane or driving a car!).
2. **Reduce plastic waste.** Take your favorite reusable bottle with you. Avoid single-use bags, cups, or straws.
3. **Preserve nature.** Always take your rubbish with you during the ride and recycle them. Leave all the flowers or plants as you found them, and never get too close when observing wildlife. Make sure to use eco-friendly products such as body wash or laundry detergent (if camping) to protect both your skin and the environment.
4. **Choose your experiences carefully.** Respect animal life by not participating in any activities that abuse wild animals (shows, elephant rides, etc.).
5. **Support local populations.** Buy local handicrafts, be respectful of customs, and learn about the culture of local communities.
6. **Share!** Raise awareness among your family and friends about sustainable tourism.

For more information please see this page .