



Riding with Tuscan Cowboys

ITALY

Spend a week **riding on a ranch in central Italy**. Every day, ride out in the Tuscan countryside with either 2 or 4 hours on horseback each day. Explore **on horseback** the wide open prairies and woodlands of this stunning region. You can also decide to go for one of our specialised western riding programmes with the opportunity to learn how to work in partnership with your horse, driving a herd, guiding a pack horse on rocky ground, leading your horse with one hand and dealing with fences and obstacles without dismounting.

Natural Horsemanship	 8 days/ 5 days riding	 From £615		Open to non-riders
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Highlights

- Experience Western riding in the spectacular Tuscan countryside
- Live a week with Tuscan cowboys
- Spend a day driving a herd of horses out to a new pasture
- Ride well-broken in and well-trained horses
- Explore wide open prairies of 100 hectares home to herds of over 60 horses
- Enjoy authentic Italian meals prepared by one of Tuscany's best cooks!

Day 1 — 1 : UK - ROME - IL CORNA GUESTHOUSE

 Agriturismo Il Cornacchino

On your arrival at Rome Fiumicino airport, you will be met by one of the local team and driven to your guest house (approx. 2h 30 mins). In the evening, you will meet your guides and the other riders in your group. Before enjoying a traditional Tuscan dinner, you will have a chance to explore the horse farm.

Day 2 — 2 : AGRITURISMO - 2-3 hours riding

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
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Day 3 — 3 : AGRITURISMO - 3 hours riding


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Day 4 — 4 : AGRITURISMO - 3 hours riding


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Day 5 — 5 : AGRITURISMO - 3 hours riding


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Day 6 — 6 : AGRITURISMO - 3 hours riding


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Day 7 — 7 : AGRITURISMO - 3 hours riding

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In the evening, you will head back to the ranch for your last meal and you will get to say your goodbyes to the team on the ranch.

Day 8 — 8: IL CORNACCHINO - ROME - UK

After a final breakfast at the guest house, you will be driven to the airport in Rome for your flight back to the UK. Flights booked to take off after 1:30 pm are advised.

DATES & PRICES

DEPARTURE	RETURN	PRICE WITHOUT FLIGHTS	PRICE INCLUDING FLIGHTS	STATUS
20/03/2021	27/03/2021	£615		Guaranteed departure
27/03/2021	03/04/2021	£615		Guaranteed departure
03/04/2021	10/04/2021	£615		Guaranteed departure
10/04/2021	17/04/2021	£615		Guaranteed departure
17/04/2021	24/04/2021	£615		Guaranteed departure
24/04/2021	01/05/2021	£615		Full
01/05/2021	08/05/2021	£615		Guaranteed departure
08/05/2021	15/05/2021	£615		Guaranteed departure
15/05/2021	22/05/2021	£615		Guaranteed departure
22/05/2021	29/05/2021	£615		Guaranteed departure
29/05/2021	05/06/2021	£615		Guaranteed departure
05/06/2021	12/06/2021	£615		Guaranteed departure
12/06/2021	19/06/2021	£615		Guaranteed departure
19/06/2021	26/06/2021	£615		Full
26/06/2021	03/07/2021	£615		Guaranteed departure
03/07/2021	10/07/2021	£615		Guaranteed departure
10/07/2021	17/07/2021	£615		Guaranteed departure
17/07/2021	24/07/2021	£615		Guaranteed departure
24/07/2021	31/07/2021	£675		Guaranteed departure
31/07/2021	07/08/2021	£675		Guaranteed departure
07/08/2021	14/08/2021	£675		Guaranteed departure
14/08/2021	21/08/2021	£675		Guaranteed departure
21/08/2021	28/08/2021	£615		Guaranteed departure
28/08/2021	04/09/2021	£615		Guaranteed departure
04/09/2021	11/09/2021	£615		Guaranteed departure
11/09/2021	18/09/2021	£615		Guaranteed departure
18/09/2021	25/09/2021	£615		Guaranteed departure
25/09/2021	02/10/2021	£615		Guaranteed departure
02/10/2021	09/10/2021	£615		Guaranteed departure

09/10/2021	16/10/2021	£615	Guaranteed departure
16/10/2021	23/10/2021	£615	Guaranteed departure
23/10/2021	30/10/2021	£615	Guaranteed departure
30/10/2021	06/11/2021	£615	Open

Price details

- Flights are not included.
 - The above prices are per person, sharing a double room, full board.
 - Single supplement applicable if not willing to share: €150/£135 and €170/£165 high season. Not applicable if willing to share.
 - Groups are made up to 8 riders of varying nationalities. Your guide will speak Italian and English.
 - 4 different programs are possible.
- All 4 programmes are priced differently and in the above table their departure dates can be identified by their price (2019 rate):

IN 2020

- * The Classic programme with one 2 hour ride outdoors per day. Price €681/£615 (off-peak) or €749/£675 (high season) : minimum riding age is 10 years old.
- * The Classic programme with 2x2 hour rides outdoors per day. Price €873/£785 (off-peak) or €960/£865 (high season) : minimum riding age is 10 years old.
- * The Western programme with one 2 hour lesson per day, available during certain weeks. Price €838/£755 (off-peak) or €922/£830 (high season).
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- Good riders from the age of 10 are welcome on the classic programmes.
- Non-riding children are welcome. If under 2 years old, their stay is free of charge. From 2 to 6 they will receive a 50% discount, and from 7 to 9, a 30% discount. For children aged between 6 and 9 years the ranch can organise a two hour lesson/day (basic vaulting exercises), at the same time as the adults ride.
- The transfers to and from Rome airport to the guesthouse are not included in the price. Transfers are €250/£220 per person:
> Saturday pick-up in Rome Ciampino: 3:00 pm. or Rome Fiumicino: 4:00 p.m.
> Saturday departure from the centre at 9:30 a.m, arrival in Rome between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m.

- It is also possible to take the train from Fiumicino airport to Chiusi Chianciano - tickets found here <http://www.trenitalia.com/tcom-fr>. Return tickets cost around €40-€50 and the trip takes around 2 hours 40 to 3 hours. The return transfer from Chiusi Chianciano to the guesthouse is €35/£32 (1 hour drive). Transfers to and from Chiusi Chianciano train station are on Saturday between 9:00 and 10:00 am and between 17:30 and 18:30 pm. Private transfers can be organised outside of these hours but at an extra cost of €80/£70 return rate per person.

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

ACCOMMODATION

Double rooms in a guest house on the Ranch grounds.

MEALS

Full board from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on the final day (day 8). Water and red wine included at meal times.

Price doesn't include

MEALS

Beverages and personal extras

TRANSPORT

International flights that we can book for you upon request

EXTRAS

Tips to the local team

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

Optional

ACCOMODATION

Single room supplement

TRANSPORT

Airport transfers

EQUESTRIAN INFO

Horses

A herd of 60 horses: Halfingers, Appaloosas, Pintos, Maremmano and Arabs. They have all been trained for outdoor western riding and trekking in particular. They are all very well trained, docile and reliable. They live year-round outdoors in small herds.

Minimum riding ability

MINIMUM RIDING ABILITY

On the basic trail riding programme, riders of any levels are welcome. The riders will be split in groups of similar ability (except by previous agreements - group of friends/families).

On specific programmes, Riders should be at ease at all 3 paces across uneven terrain. You will spend around 12 hours in the saddle over the course of your 5 riding days. Lessons will take place in the morning and you have the option of joining the riding excursions in the afternoon - the afternoon rides are not included in the price.

There is a rider weight limit of 100kg/ 15½ st/ 220 lbs

PACE

You will ride at all 3 paces over sometimes rocky terrain.

TACKING ABILITY AND PARTICIPATION

Each person is responsible for grooming their horses. Horses will be tacked and untacked for you. You also have the option to assist with feeding and watering.

TRIP CONDITIONS AND REQUESTED EXPERIENCE

Previous experience of Western riding is a plus, but is not necessary.

EQUESTRIAN EQUIPMENT

Western saddles and saddle bags

Helmets are mandatory for minors. We recommend all our riders to wear a helmet to the correct standard and you should bring your own to ensure a proper fit.

TRAVEL INFO

COMFORT

You will be staying in a comfortable and welcoming guest house in the grounds of a horse farm. You will be staying in double rooms with either a private or shared bathroom.

MEALS

The chefs always search out fresh and healthy products for their traditional Tuscan cuisine. The day's menu is never the same twice and each day there are delicious meat and vegetarian options. The dining room is also open to people who aren't staying at the guest house, giving you the chance to get to know the locals!

Water and red wine included at meal times.

CLIMATE

Tuscany has a Mediterranean climate with hot summers, cold winters and a rainy season from the start of autumn to the beginning of winter. The months that are the most humid are October and December - often seeing heavy rain that can last for several days.

However, autumn and in spring, it is still likely that it will be hot during the day, with a lot of sunny days. July and August are the hottest and driest months.

GUIDE AND LOCAL TEAM

Fabio has been raising, breaking in and training horses for over 30 years. He has made a reputation for himself through his skills starting young horses as well as reeducating, so-called, problem horses. Specialised in outdoor western riding; it is Fabio who supervises the horses' care and acts as blacksmith, as well as teaching horse riding and the taking care of the general management of the farm.

The team are all English speakers.

TIPS

Tipping is not obligatory, however one can be made to the local team at your discretion.

PACKING LIST

Head

- A riding helmet is strongly recommended, and mandatory for minors. Helmet makers (GPA, HKM, LAS Helmets, Lamicell, Troxel, Equithème) now offer horse-riding helmets that are ventilated, strong, light and comfortable.
- Sunhat: cap for when not riding
- Sunglasses - with a cord attached so they don't fly off when riding
- Buff or bandana for protecting your neck and face from the sun and dust

Upper Body

- Thermals in case of cold weather (long or short-sleeved T-shirts)
- Short or long-sleeved cotton shirts (to provide protection from the sun) or T-shirt in a quick-drying material
- Lightweight fleece or jumper
- Warm polar fleece or equivalent (plus a spare in case one gets wet)
- Warm Goretex-style jacket (water-proof and breathable)

Legs

- 2 pairs of jodhpurs or long leather trousers
- 1 change of trousers (riding trousers or jeans)

- 1 pair of waterproof over trousers)
- A swim suit may be useful
- Cotton or synthetic underwear (non-irritant)

Hands and feet

- 1 pair Comfortable riding boots. We recommend short boots with half chaps but you may wish to take long chaps or long boots.
- 1 pair of sandals
- Lightweight shoes or trainers for the evenings
- Several pairs of socks
- Gloves - your hands are particularly exposed to the sun, wind or rain whilst riding

Night gear

- Sleeping bag (if camping)
- Sleeping bag liner (if camping) - silk, cotton or fleece - adds an extra layer
- Pyjamas or tracksuits or thermals for sleeping in

Other useful items

- Small bumbag to be worn whilst riding
- A soothing cream may be useful to treat areas irritated by long hours in the saddle
- Backpacks are not to be worn whilst riding. Everything should be kept either in pockets or in a bumbag : lip balm, sun screen, small camera, glasses, rope etc.
- Water bottle (1.5 litres or 2 equivalent)
- Headtorch or small torch for moving around at night - bring spare batteries and bulbs
- Toiletries
- Toilet paper and a lighter to burn it after use
- Swiss army knife or equivalent (in checking-in luggage!!)
- Small plastic bags for you rubbish
- Ear plugs (may be useful)
- Camera and high capacity memory card. Spare battery
- A pair of binoculars

Medical kit

- Sunscreen and lip balm - should be high factor
- Insect repellent
- Any medication you regularly take
- Vitamin C tablets
- Blister plasters in case of any rubs
- Antiseptic cream, plasters, aspirin, anti-histamine, insect-bite salve etc..
- 10cm wide bandage
- Painkillers
- Spare prescription glasses/contact lenses
- Eye drops
- Imodium or similar anti-diarrhoea medication
- Re-hydration sachets
- Antiseptic wipes
- Handwash gel

General information

- The airline allows only one bag to be checked-in per passenger. Make sure it weighs no more than 20kg; if it exceeds this weight, you will have to pay excess luggage fees at check-in
- Hand luggage is limited to 7kg (measuring 56 cm x 45 cm x 25 cm), it mustn't contain any sharp objects (knives, scissors, nail file or nail scissors, etc.) and the quantity of liquid allowed per passenger is limited to 100ml per container.

In your hold luggage

- Any liquids, such as shampoo, moisturiser, deodorant over 100ml and all bottles can be decanted into small, clear, plastic ziplock bags. We recommend biodegradable washing products where possible.
- We recommend taking a copy of your passport and insurance documents with you in case you lose your originals
- In your hand luggage carry any valuables, such as your camera, ipod, ipad etc.
- Travelling in your riding boots and carrying your hat and some riding clothes is highly recommended - then if your luggage goes astray you are still able to ride!

Formalities

British citizens: other nationalities, please contact us.

The rules on travel will stay the same until 31 December 2020.

Passport validity: Your passport should be valid for the proposed duration of your stay; you don't need any additional period of validity on your passport beyond this.

Visas: If you hold a British Citizen passport, you don't need a visa to enter Italy

Visas from 1 January 2021

The rules for travelling or working in Europe will change from 1 January 2021:

- you will be able to travel to countries in the Schengen area for up to 90 days in any 180-day period without a visa as a tourist, to visit family or friends, to attend business meetings, cultural or sports events, or for short-term studies or training
- if you are travelling to Schengen countries without a visa, make sure your whole visit is within the limit. Visits to Schengen countries within the previous 180 days before you travel would count towards the 90-day limit
- The 90-day limit for visa-free travel will begin on 1 January 2021. Any days you stay in Schengen countries before 1 January 2021 will not count towards the 90-day limit.

At border control you may need to:

- show a return or onward ticket
- show you have enough money for your stay, and
- use separate lanes from EU, EEA and Swiss citizens when queueing
- Your passport may be stamped on entry and exit.

Passport validity from 1 January 2021

From 1 January 2021, you must have at least 6 months left on an adult or child passport to travel to most countries in Europe (not including Ireland).

If you renewed your current passport before the previous one expired, extra months may have been added to its expiry date. Any extra months on your passport over 10 years may not count towards the 6 months needed.

Check your passport is valid for travel before you book your trip. You will need to renew your passport before travelling if you do not have enough time left on your passport.

Please visit for the FCO website for up-to-date information - <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/italy>

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Health

Visit your health professional at least 4 to 6 weeks before your trip to check whether you need any vaccinations or other preventive measures.

Travellers should be up to date with routine vaccination courses and boosters as recommended in the UK.

For up to date information please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/italy>

Insurance

It is a condition of your booking with Equus Journeys that you have travel insurance which covers you for the riding activities to be undertaken. Your travel insurance should cover you for medical expenses and repatriation. Your guides will require your travel insurance details before they allow you to ride and may refuse to let you ride if you cannot provide them. You should take your insurance documents with you.

Voltage

The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz. UK citizens will require an adapter.

Budget and money

The main currency is the euro. You will find ATM ("Bancomat") in every city, town and most villages. Both credit and debit cards are used.

Telephone and jetlag

Phone code: +39