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# Riding with Tuscan Cowboys

#### **ITALY**

Spend a week riding on a ranch in central Italy. Ride out in the Tuscan countryside with 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 the specialised western riding & mountain training programme (only available on certain weeks) 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.

Centre based holidays



😾 8 days/ 6 days riding



From £821



Open to non-riders







# **ITINERARY**

# Highlights

- Experience Western riding in the spectacular Tuscan countryside
- Live a week with Tuscan cowboys
- Ride 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: Home - Rome- Il Cornacchino

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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).

Flights are not included but can be booked on request. Transfers are also not included and will be invoiced at the time of booking – alternative transfer options are available, please see "dates and prices".

# Day 2 - 2: AGRITURISMO - 4 hours riding

Enjoy a lovely breakfast in the common room. Depending on your programme, you will go on 2 trails (2 hours each) through forests and valleys or have lessons. Breakfast, lunch and dinner at the farm.

Choose your programme (see dates and prices)

- \* The Intensive week programme with two 2 hour trails per day
- \* The Natural western & Mountain training programme with one 2h lesson + one 2h trail per day, available during certain weeks.

Please note: lessons are held in the morning. You may join a trail ride in the afternoon (not included).

# Day 3 — 3: AGRITURISMO - 4 hours riding

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# Day 4-4: AGRITURISMO - 4 hours riding

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# Day 5 — 5: AGRITURISMO - 4 hours riding

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# Day 6 — 6: AGRITURISMO - 4 hours riding

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# Day 7 — 7 : AGRITURISMO - 4 hours riding

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Please note: lessons are held in the morning. You may join a trail ride in the afternoon (not included).

# Day 8 - 8: Il Cornacchino - Rome - Home

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

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# Price details

- Flights are not included.
- The prices are per person, sharing a double room, full board, and based on two 2-hour trails per day. For other programme, please see below. Natural western riding & Mountain training programme (6 lessons of 2h each + one 2h trail): £1105/€1277/\$1490 Please note these are only available on certain dates please contact us.
- There is no single supplement if you are willing to share a room with another guest of the same sex. To guarantee your own room there is a single supplement of £165/ $\pm$ 190/\$210 in 2025. Please note that private ensuite bedrooms are not always available.
- Groups are made up to 8 riders. Your guide will speak Italian and English.
- The transfers to and from Rome airport to the guesthouse are not included in the price £225/€260/\$285 per person, return rate. This amount can be invoiced or paid locally.

Transfer schedule:

- > Saturday pick-up in Rome Ciampino: 3pm. or Rome Fiumicino: 4pm.
- > Saturday departure from the centre at 9:30am, arrival in Rome between 12:00 and 1pm
- It is also possible to take the train from Fiumicino airport to Chiusi Chianciano tickets found here. Return tickets cost around €50-€60 and the trip takes around 2h40min to 3 hours. The return transfer from Chiusi Chianciano to the guesthouse is €40/£35 (1 hour drive). Transfers to and from Chiusi Chianciano train station are on Saturday between 9am and 10am and between 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm. Private transfers can be organised outside of these hours but at an extra cost of €60/£55, per way, per person.

Rider weight limit:  $100 \, \text{kg} / 15 \frac{1}{2} \, \text{st} / 220 \, \text{lbs}$ 

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**

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1 English speaking horse guide

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

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Double rooms in a guest house on the Ranch grounds.

#### **MEALS**

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Full board from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on the final day (day 8). Water 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**

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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**

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Single room supplement

### **TRANSPORT**

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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.

# Guide & 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.

# Minimum riding ability

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To take part in this riding holiday, you must be an intermediate rider or above.

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

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You will ride over sometimes rocky terrain. There will be occasional trots and canters but this is not a fast paced holiday.

#### **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 is included at meal times and wine can be paid for locally.

### 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

### **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
- $\mbox{Sunglasses}$   $\mbox{with a cord attached so they don't fly off when riding}$
- Buff or bandana for protecting your neck and face from the  $\mbox{sun}$  and  $\mbox{dust}$

### **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

- Pyjamas, 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)
- Toiletries
- 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
- $\hbox{-}\, \mathsf{Spare}\,\,\mathsf{prescription}\,\mathsf{glasses/contact}\,\mathsf{lenses}$
- Eye drops
- Imodium or similar anti-diarrhoea medication
- Re-hydration sachets
- Antiseptic wipes
- Handwash gel

### General information

- Any liquids, such as shampoo, moisturiser, deodorant over 100 ml 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!

# **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.

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