



Family Programme in the Alsace Mountains

ALSACE - CHAMPAGNE COUNTRY

Discover the Champ du Feu and its beautiful wooded surroundings on this **family-friendly horseback riding holiday** in Alsace. Ride through enchanting Vosges forests and panoramic ridges, taking in the nature as well as the charming mountain villages of this region.

This centre-based ride welcomes beginners and intermediate riders alike, with tailored routes and paces so everyone builds confidence at their own rhythm.

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| Family Rides | 7 days (5 days riding) - | From £0 | | Family holidays from 7 y.o | Open to non-riders |
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Vineyard rides in Alsace



A centre-based riding holiday that caters for all riding abilities



Delicious picnic lunches can be expected!

ITINERARY

Highlights

- Build confidence through tailored trails, ideal for families/groups of mixed ability.
- Explore charming locations, including Bellefosse village and the medieval Château de la Roche ruins.
- Enjoy the Chaume des Veaux viewpoint overlooking Val de Villé.
- Experience calm, well-trained horses carefully matched to your riding level.
- Discover authentic Alsatian cuisine.

Day 1 — 1: Arrival

Gite du Champ du Feu

Fly to Strasbourg airport. Flights are not included but can be arranged upon request.

Please note you can arrive at the equestrian centre between 4pm and 7 pm.

Depending on your arrival time, you may settle in into your room and have a look around the property.

In the evening, you will be met with a traditional Alsatian meal and you'll have the chance to meet the other riders in your group, as well as your guide.

Dinner and overnight at the equestrian centre.

Day 2 — 2: First Outings - 3h riding

 Gite du Champ du Feu

This morning will be dedicated to introducing the horses and creating a bond with them.

You will help the team with grooming and tacking before your first session in the arena, followed by an introductory ride in the forest.

In the afternoon, you ride out towards the “Haut des Monts”, where magnificent panoramas open up over the Vosges mountains and surrounding villages.

Dinner and overnight at the equestrian centre.

Day 3 — 3: Col de la Perheux - 4-5h riding

 Gite du Champ du Feu

Today's trail will allow you to gain more confidence in the saddle.

You'll ride to the Col de la Perheux, renowned for its spectacular panoramic views over the valleys and the Vosges ridges, following gentle routes.

When needed, groups can be split so that beginners and more experienced riders can evolve at their own pace, each accompanied by a qualified guide.

Dinner and overnight at the equestrian centre.

Day 4 — 4: Rocher du Neuntelstein - 4-5h riding

 Gite du Champ du Feu

Today's routes cross beautiful Vosges forests, alternating shaded paths and open fields.

Along the way, you'll continue to work on your position, confidence and control at the different paces; the terrain allows for some good trots and canters for riders who are comfortable, while maintaining adapted options for less experienced riders.

You reach the Rocher du Neuntelstein, which offers an unobstructed view over the Alsace plain and the surrounding mountains.

Dinner and overnight at the equestrian centre.

Day 5 — 5: Chaume des Veaux & Hohwald waterfal - 4-5h riding

 Gite du Champ du Feu

After breakfast, you head towards the Chaume des Veaux, a superb viewpoint over the Val de Villé with wide open views over the surrounding valleys. Afterwards you will ride towards the Hohwald waterfall.

Dinner and overnight at the equestrian centre.

Day 6 — 6: Plateaus of Haut & Bas Lachamp - 4-5h riding

 Gite du Champ du Feu

Today you will reach the plateaus of Haut Lachamp and Bas Lachamp, vast open spaces offering lovely views over the Vosges and the valley, ideal for longer stretches of trot and canter for confident riders.

You then ride through Bellefosse, a charming and authentic mountain village, home to the remains of the Château de la Roche, a former medieval fortress of the Ban de la Roche that bears witness to the region's feudal past.

Dinner and overnight at the equestrian centre.

Day 7 — 7: Departure

After a hearty breakfast, it will be time to say goodbye to the horses and your guides as you start your journey back home.

Transfer back to the airport (please check "Dates&Prices").

We are currently updating our dates and prices they will be online soon. If you want details of this holiday, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Price details

No departure for this destination. Please contact our travel advisers for more information.

- 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 twin or double room.

- Groups are made up of 3 to 10 riders.

- 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.

Room with a private bathroom: €350/£300/\$390 in 2025

Room with a shared bathroom: €175/£150/\$200 in 2025

- Transfers to/from the equestrian centre are not included but can be arranged for an additional cost - shared between the number of riders (rates are per car, each way, paid locally):

Strasbourg/Colmar airport/train station - €110

Sélestat train station - €60

Fouday train station - €20

Transfers are generally organised around 6:00pm. The transfer on the way back is for trains/flights after 12:00 noon.

- Non-riders are welcome on a full-board or half-board basis - please ask us for rates.

- Children from the age of 7 are welcome on this ride as long as they are accompanied by a parent and meet the riding level requirements for the trip.

For children under 12 years old there is a discounted rate.

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 guide

LOGISTICS

1 horse equipped with saddle and bridle per rider

ACCOMMODATION

6 nights in a gite on the equestrian centre grounds

MEALS

Full board from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on the final day (day 7)

Drinks are included with your meals (water, wine, and soft drinks)

Price doesn't include

ACCOMMODATION

Single room supplement

TRANSPORT

Transfers to and from the airport or train station - see price details for more information

International flights

EXTRAS

Tips to the local team

Entry fees for parks, museums and other sites

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 stables are home to a wide range of breeds.

Gentle Icelandics and steady Fjords offer calm, sure-footed rides, ideal for riders who prefer a comfortable, confidence-building ride. Irish Cobs bring their trademark reliability to the trails, while more athletic Thoroughbreds suit experienced riders who enjoy forward, energetic days in the saddle. Arabians, renowned for their stamina, and Spanish horses are also available for more experienced riders.

Each rider will be paired with the horse that is best suited to their riding level.

Guide & local team

Throughout your trip, you will be guided by either Marco, Jessica, Luc or Lucie - all qualified horse-riding tourism guides. They speak French, English and German and know the area and its trails like the back of their hand!

Minimum riding ability

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This trip is suitable for riders with little to no experience in the saddle.

Rider weight limit: 90kg/ 14st/ 198lbs

PACE

The main pace of the ride is walk. There are some sections in which trots and canters may be possible (experience dependent).

TACKING ABILITY AND PARTICIPATION

You will be asked to participate in the tacking, untacking and feeding of the horses.

TRIP CONDITIONS AND REQUESTED EXPERIENCE

This trip is ideal for families, or groups of friends of mixed riding ability.

The group mostly rides together, except on a few sections to allow more confident riders to experience faster paces.

EQUESTRIAN EQUIPMENT

English tack.

Saddle bags are provided.

Helmets are mandatory and the team has a few available locally. 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

There are different apartments available. Depending on your travel group, you may have to share the common areas - like living room or balcony.

Bathrooms may also be shared.

MEALS

Your lunches will be cold and usually had in picnic form. In the evening, you will enjoy the local Alsatian cuisine.

Dietary requests can usually be accommodated if mentioned in advance - please inform your travel advisor upon booking.

CLIMATE

Alsace has a continental climate with cold and dry winters and hot, often stormy, summers. The months in-between - from April to May and September to October - are usually warm and agreeable.

Spring in Alsace gives you the opportunity to make the most of the lengthening days and discover a beautiful countryside coming out of hibernation. In the autumn, the region is coloured by the vibrant hues of the growing vineyards. Summers in the region can be very hot and are the best season to take refreshing dips in the tranquil lakes and the ride through Vosges.

From the beginning of November, the cooler temperature and fogs that roll out across the countryside create an enjoyable atmosphere to ride through. Mid and late winter can be harsh with frequent frosts.

TIPS

In France, it is customary to tip - usually this is by rounding up the price. You may wish to leave a tip with the guide who can split it amongst all members of the team - this is not obligatory and is entirely at your discretion.

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

- Riding helmet
- Sunhat for when not riding
- Sunglasses with a cord attached
- Buff or bandana for protecting your neck and face from the elements
- Warm hat for cold evenings/days

Upper body

- Thermals in case of cold weather
- Long sleeved shirts provide protection from the sun or extra warmth
- T-shirts
- Lightweight fleece or jumper
- Waterproof jacket and/or a waterproof vest that covers you thighs. No ponchos!!

Legs

- Lightweight, comfortable riding trousers or jodhpurs - we recommend riding in them at home before taking them on holiday to ensure they don't rub
- Waterproof over trousers
- Casual clothes for the evenings (jeans or walking trousers)
- A swimming costume may be useful for impromptu dips in the lake
- Non-irritant cotton underwear

Hands and Feet

- Comfortable riding boots. We recommend short boots with half chaps but you may wish to take long chaps.
- Lightweight shoes or trainers for the evenings
- Several pairs of warm socks
- Gloves

Other useful items

- Water bottle
- Toiletries
- Ear plugs (may be useful)

Medical kit

- Any medication you regularly take
- Painkillers
- Imodium or similar anti-diarrhea medication

- Vitamin C tablets
- Sunscreen and lip balm - should be high factor
- Insect repellent
- Eye drops
- Hydrating/ soothing cream
- Plasters
- Blister plasters in case of any rubs
- Antiseptic cream, plasters, aspirin, anti-histamine, insect-bite salve etc..
- 10cm wide bandage
- Spare prescription glasses/contact lenses
- Re-hydration sachets
- Antiseptic wipes
- Handwash gel

Our Recommendations

- Backpacks cannot be worn whilst riding. We recommend a small bum bag or a coat with pockets so that you can carry small items with you during the day.
- 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!
- Carry a copy of your passport and insurance documentation with you.

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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