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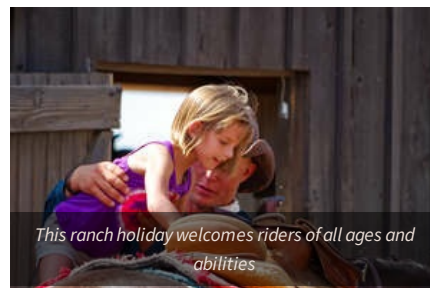
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White Stallion Ranch in Arizona

UNITED STATES

A memorable **ranch holiday in Arizona**! Perfect for families or groups of mixed riders and non-riders, the **White Stallion Ranch** offers a wide range of adventures for everyone. Riding everyday from the Ranch, discover the rocky trails of the Saguaro, amongst mountains, canyons and cactii. In the evening, enjoy a dip in the pool and a beer around the bonfire... Welcome to the **Far West**!

Ranches and Cattle Drives	 8 days (5 riding)	 From £1,170		Family holidays from 5 y.o	Open to non-riders
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ITINERARY

Highlights

- Many riding and non-riding activities are available, to make sure everyone has a great time.
- A beautiful Arizona ranch where winters are warm, with a pool, sauna and hot tub.
- The trails are in groups of similar ability: relaxing treks for novice riders and more active trails for advanced riders.
- The real "Far West" scenery, with canyons and cactii left and right!

Day 1 — 1 : EUROPE - TUCSON



Flight to Tucson, AZ. There are currently no direct flights from the UK but you can fly with just one connection. If your flight times allow it, your transfer to the ranch is included from the airport. Dinner and overnight at the Ranch.

Please note you can arrive and depart any day you like, however we advise you arrive on the Sunday, where there is no riding (day off for the horses and wranglers).

Day 2 — 2 : RANCH - 1-7 hours riding



First day on the ranch, with a relaxing ride to explore the beautiful landscape around the ranch. Non-riders can enjoy the pool, sauna or hot tub. A fitness centre is available; and you can also play tennis, volleyball, basketball, badminton or paddle tennis, or rent e-bikes.

After a busy first day at the Ranch, enjoy a lovely dinner al fresco, and perhaps have a drink around the bonfire.

IMPORTANT : the following itinerary is just an example - the actual itinerary is flexible and will depend on your preferences and those of the group.

Not included: riding lessons in the arena (mandatory for beginner riders who want to ride out), massages, etc.

Day 3 — 3 : RANCH - 1-7 hours riding

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Today, experienced riders may like to go on a full day ride: you can expect up to 35 km and 7 hours in the saddle! Your lunch will be served in the Saguaro National Park, renowned for its canyons, arid landscape and gigantic cactii. You ride back to the ranch in the afternoon - the pool will surely seem like a very appealing option...

Non-riders can choose to go on a hike. There are many trails around the Ranch.

Dinner and overnight at the Ranch.

Day 4 — 4 : RANCH - 1-7 hours riding

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After a hearty breakfast, get back in the saddle for another beautiful trail ride in the Arizona scenery. You can choose to head towards the mountains, less experienced riders can enjoy a relaxing trek, and advanced riders can go for one of the Ranch's "fast rides" to pick up the pace!

Back to the ranch for lunch. In the afternoon, you may like to go on a sunset "hay ride" (in the summer only and if weather conditions allow), or attend the rodeo organised by the Ranch - team roping, barrel racing... This is Ranch life as it should be!

Day 5 — 5 : RANCH - 1-7 hours riding

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Why not discover another part of the wranglers' world today? You can try your hand at team penning, that is very popular in the USA. This team activity consists of separating cattle into different pens. It's fast, fun, and typically Western!

Day 6 — 6 : RANCH - 1-7 hours riding

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For those who wish to, the region offers many other activities (not included in your package): abseiling, hot air balloon flights, 4x4 drives, golf, etc.

Day 7 — 7 : TUCSON - EUROPE

Last breakfast at the Ranch. Depending on your flight times, transfer to the airport and overnight flight to Europe.

We can also organise an extension to the West - Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, Bryce Canyon or Monument Valley. Please contact us for details.

Day 8 — 8 : EUROPE

Arrive back in Europe.

DATES & PRICES			
DEPARTURE	RETURN	PRICE WITHOUT FLIGHTS	STATUS
28/04/2024	05/05/2024	£1,530	Open
05/05/2024	12/05/2024	£1,530	Full
12/05/2024	19/05/2024	£1,530	Full
19/05/2024	26/05/2024	£1,530	Open

26/05/2024	02/06/2024	£1,530	Open
02/06/2024	09/06/2024	£1,530	Open
09/06/2024	16/06/2024	£1,170	Open
16/06/2024	23/06/2024	£1,170	Open
23/06/2024	30/06/2024	£1,170	Open
30/06/2024	07/07/2024	£1,170	Open
07/07/2024	14/07/2024	£1,170	Open
14/07/2024	21/07/2024	£1,170	Open
21/07/2024	28/07/2024	£1,170	Open
28/07/2024	04/08/2024	£1,170	Open
04/08/2024	11/08/2024	£1,170	Open
11/08/2024	18/08/2024	£1,170	Open
18/08/2024	25/08/2024	£1,170	Open
25/08/2024	01/09/2024	£1,170	Open
01/09/2024	08/09/2024	£1,170	Open
08/09/2024	15/09/2024	£1,170	Open
15/09/2024	22/09/2024	£1,170	Open
22/09/2024	29/09/2024	£1,170	Full
29/09/2024	06/10/2024	£1,530	Open
06/10/2024	13/10/2024	£1,530	Open
13/10/2024	20/10/2024	£1,530	Open
20/10/2024	27/10/2024	£1,530	Open
27/10/2024	03/11/2024	£1,530	Open
03/11/2024	10/11/2024	£1,530	Full
10/11/2024	17/11/2024	£1,530	Full
17/11/2024	24/11/2024	£1,530	Full
24/11/2024	01/12/2024	£1,530	Open
01/12/2024	08/12/2024	£1,530	Open
08/12/2024	15/12/2024	£1,530	Open
15/12/2024	22/12/2024	£1,940	Open
22/12/2024	29/12/2024	£1,940	Open

Price details

- Flights to your destination (international/domestic) are not included, but can be booked on request - please contact us for rates.
- Price per person based on two riders sharing a standard room. Upgrades to a Deluxe Queen, Deluxe King, or Family Suite are possible. Availability above is based on all room types, if the standard room is not available then a supplement can apply.

- Although you can arrive and depart any day you like, we recommend you stay for a minimum of four nights to enjoy all that is available. Please note there is no riding on Sundays and private transfer fees may apply.

- Groups are made up of 1 to 10 international riders. English speaking guides.

- 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. You will then be reimbursed if a sharer is found for you at a later date.

Single supplement, standard room (2023)

€270/£240/\$290 from 02/01 to 10/02, 23/04 to 09/06, 01/10 to 15/12/2023

€190/£170/\$200 from 12/02 to 21/04

€330/£290/\$350 from 11/06 to 29/09

Single supplement, standard room (2024)

€285/£250/\$300 from 02/01 to 09/02/2024

€195/£170/\$210 from 11/02 to 22/04/2024

€250/£210/\$270 from 23/04 to 10/06/2024

€300/£250/\$325 from 11/06 to 30/09/2024

€250/£210/\$270 from 1/10 to 16/12/2024

€170/£145/\$187 from 17/06/2024

- Transfers from Tucson are included for stays of 4+ nights. For shorter stays, this is payable at \$25/€23/£20 per person each way.

Phoenix Airport is approximately a one and a half hour drive to the ranch. It is possible to get a shuttle from Phoenix to Tucson, stopping at Twin Peaks (9633 N Tiffany Loop, Tucson). Please see: <https://groometransportation.com/>

- Children under 5 year old are welcome free of charge. Please note they need to be over 5 to ride off the lead rope.

- Taxes and gratuities are included.

- An electronic travel authorisation (ESTA) is required to enter the USA. It is your responsibility to organise this. Please visit <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/> and contact us if you need help.

- Please note that beginner riders will be asked to have a lesson in the arena before they are allowed out on the trails. This lesson is not included and is \$20 for one hour.

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

A team of wranglers and staff at the Ranch

INLAND TRANSPORT

Scheduled airport transfers

ACCOMMODATION

6 nights at the Ranch, standard room

MEALS

Full board from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on day 7

Coffee and tea, lemonade, iced tea

EXTRAS

Gratuities and taxes

Price doesn't include

TRANSPORT

International flights
Visa fees (ESTA fee)

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

ACCOMMODATION

Single room supplement

EXTRAS

Additional activities: massages, lessons, abseiling, park visits etc.

EQUESTRIAN INFO

Horses

The horses are mostly American breeds, including Quarter Horses and Paints. They are easy to ride, well mannered and sure footed. There will be a horse for everyone, from beginners to more advanced riders.

Guide & local team

You are looked after by a team of local wranglers

Minimum riding ability

MINIMUM RIDING ABILITY

No specific level is required, and this trip is open to beginners and more advanced riders alike.

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Rider weight limit: 115 kg, 18st, 250 lbs.

PACE

The main pace of the trail is the walk. The pace and technicality of the trail will be decided depending on each rider's ability. There are "fast rides" with frequent canters for advanced riders.

TACKING ABILITY AND PARTICIPATION

You can help get your horse ready, but the team of wranglers will be happy to help or do it for you.

TRIP CONDITIONS AND REQUESTED EXPERIENCE

No specific requirements, but reasonable levels of fitness are required for those looking to take part in riding or physical activities.

EQUESTRIAN EQUIPMENT

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

COMFORT

The Ranch has 43 rooms and a private hacienda (5 rooms) for private use. Our rates are for a standard room with one double bed and one single bed, en-suite. Deluxe rooms (up to 4 people) can also be booked. Each room has a fridge, hairdryer, safe, and iPod station. Pool, sauna and hot tub available. No TV in the rooms. A/C in all rooms.

MEALS

A la carte breakfast and continental buffet.

Lunch is salads, sandwiches, biscuits and fresh fruit.

Dinner is usually family style with a BBQ or buffet and an assortment of sides and desserts.

A buffet with snacks and drinks (hot drink/lemonade) is available during the day.

All meals are taken at the ranch except on full day rides (picnic lunch).

CLIMATE

Tucson has a desert climate and there can be an important temperature gap with day and night. Spring and summer can be extremely hot, especially in July, and you may experience showers. The riding activities are adapted in the summer with early starts and sunset rides to avoid the heat of the day.

TIPS

Tipping is an institution in the United States. In all restaurants - except certain snack bars with self-service -, it is expected that you leave around a 10 - 12% tip. Certain tourist hotspots will also add a service charge.

It's also considered 'good manners' to leave a 1 to 2\$ supplementary tip to taxi drivers.

Regarding tips made to the team at the ranch, it is customary to give them to the lead cowboy who will then share it out amongst the rest of the team.

PACKING LIST

Head

- Equus Journeys strongly recommend that you wear a riding helmet and that you take your own to ensure a correct fit.
- Sunhat for when not riding
- Sunglasses - with a cord attached so they don't fly off when riding
- Buff or bandana

Upper body

- Long sleeved shirts provide protection from the sun
- T-shirts
- Fleece, jumper or jacket - the evenings can be cold
- Waterproof jacket - the rains can be difficult to foresee in the summer and it's better to be prepared. Please do not bring ponchos.
- Casual clothes for the evening

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
- Shorts
- Casual clothes for the evening
- Swimsuit

Hands and Feet

- Comfortable riding boots. We recommend short boots with half chaps but you may wish to take long chaps to protect against thorns. We don't recommend taking your favourite long leather boots in case they get damaged.
- Sandals, flip-flops or trainers
- Gloves - your hands are particularly exposed to the sun whilst riding

Nightwear

In your hold luggage

- Any liquids, such as shampoo, moisturiser, deodorant unless they are less than 100ml and all bottles can fit in a small, clear, plastic ziplock bag. We recommend biodegradable washing products where possible.
- Swiss army knife (or equivalent)

In your hand luggage

- Any valuables, such as your camera, ipod, ipad 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!

Other useful items

- Water bottle.
- Camera and high capacity memory card. Spare battery
- Bumbag for carrying your camera and small items whilst riding
- Mosquito repellent
- Insect bite relief cream
- Chapstick

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
- Water purification tablets
- Antiseptic wipes
- Handwash gel

Miscellaneous

- We recommend taking a copy of your passport and insurance documents with you in case you lose your originals
- You may wish to take some photographs or postcards of your home with you to show your hosts.
- If you prefer travelling in a "light way" please choose a biodegradable soap or washing powder/liquid.
- Please take your used batteries, aerosols etc back home and dispose of them appropriately. Try to leave excess packaging material at home before travelling.

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](#) .