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HORSEBACK TRAVEL & EQUESTRIAN TRADITIONS SINCE 1972

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The Welsh Prince trail

WALES

Embark on a fun **equestrian short break** covering 70 miles of **idyllic Welsh countryside.** Begin your four-day, **three-night trail** on the Welsh/English border in the Wye Valley, and explore the unmarked tracks and trails through the remote hills and valleys in the heart of Mid-Wales. Discover a route steeped in mystery and historic tales, dating back to as far as the 1st century. Stay overnight in traditional countryside inns and family run bed and breakfasts along the way, for a really authentic **riding holiday in Wales**.

Trail Riding	**4 days (4 days riding)**	**From £1,595**	


The beautiful rolling hills of the Brecon Beacons, Wales


Enjoy an equestrian short break in Wales


Discover the lush Welsh countryside on horseback

ITINERARY

Highlights

- Discover the beautiful scenery of the Welsh Countryside on horse-back, perfect for long canters
- Excellent off-road trekking in one of the most scenic regions of Wales
- Enjoy typical Welsh hospitality and stay in traditional bed and breakfasts

Day 1 — 1 : EUROPE - HEREFORD - BUILTH WELLS - 5-6 hours riding

Arrival at 8.30am at the stables on the border between Herefordshire and Wales. If required, you may arrive a day early and we can help organise accommodation. We recommend international travellers to arrive in London or Birmingham and rent a car or take a train to Hereford, where a taxi can be arranged.

Start your day by meeting your guide and fellow riders, before being partnered with your horse for the week. Prepare your saddle bags and get ready for your first day on the trail. Today is a full day in the saddle exploring the open tracks of the Begwns. Here, you will ride past the 'Roundabout,' an unusual landmark build in the 19th Century to honour Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. A picnic lunch before you cross up and over Rhulen and Aberedw Hill to arrive at the horse's accommodation for the night. Feed and untack before a short taxi ride into the agricultural town of Builth Wells, where you will spend the night at a local bed and breakfast. Dinner will be at 7pm where you will dine in one of the local restaurants in town.

Day 2 — 2 : BUILTH WELLS - OLD RADNOR - 5-6 hours riding

A delicious Welsh breakfast to start your morning. After a short drive to where your horses are staying, you will feed, groom and prepare them for their big day ahead. Another full-day's trail where you will ride down and through Aberedw Hill into the hamlet of Hundred House. Here, you will find what was once regarded as a strategic location, built by both the Romans and Normans in the first century AD. Your horses take you up Gwaunceste Hill where you can enjoy a fabulous panaromic view. Pass the remains of Black Yalt, an old but famous farmhouse that was built in the 18th century, and later blown

to feature in a film about the second World War. Ride down the the winding country lanes to Old Radnor, where you will stay for the night.

Day 3 — 3 : OLD RADNOR - NEWCHURCH - PAINSCASTLE - 5-6 hours riding

An early morning wake up, and time to catch, feed and prepare your horse for the day ahead. Start the steep climb up onto the spectacular Hergest Ridge. Discover the paces of your horse and enjoy a canter around an abandoned racecourse at the very top of the ridge. Race around the tracks of this racecourse that dates back to the Victorian era. It held regular events until around 1880. After an exciting morning in the saddle , ride through the Parish of Gladestry and follow the quiet country lanes to join a part of Offa's Dyke path across Disgwylfa hill where you will pass through the village of Newchurch. Take in the breathtaking views atop Newchurch hill and Bryngwyn hill before heading to your overnight accommodation in a local inn in the village of Painscsastle. Enjoy a night of relaxation and here the history of the most brutal battle in all of Welsh history, the battle of Painscastle in 1198.

Day 4 — 4 : PAINSCASTLE – BEGWNS - CLYRO - 5-6 hours riding

One last Welsh breakfast before preparing your horse for the last day of the trail. Enjoy the beautiful colours of the rugged moorland of Llanbedr Hill, where you can take in the spectacular views of the Black Mountains. Spot Pen-y-fan, the highest peak in South Wales. Travel the length of Landeilo hill where you will pass the mysterious grave of Twm Tobacco. At the top, you can look down into the hamlet of Aberedw, where the last Prince of Wales- Prince Llewelyn- once took refuge, when hiding from the English in the early 13th century. Your final afternoon will be enjoyed with exhilarating canters on the Begwns. Make the most of the last few moments with your horse with a relaxing walk down the country lanes. A slice of cake to end a great holiday on a high, before saying a final farewell to your horse and the team at before heading home.

DATES & PRICES

DEPARTURE	RETURN	PRICE WITHOUT FLIGHTS	STATUS
06/05/2027	09/05/2027	£1,692	Open
10/06/2027	13/06/2027	£1,692	Guaranteed departure
15/07/2027	18/07/2027	£1,692	Open
12/08/2027	15/08/2027	£1,692	Open
09/09/2027	12/09/2027	£1,692	Open

Price details

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

- Groups are composed of a minimum of 1 rider and a maximum of 8 international riders, plus guides.

- If you sign up to the ride as a solo rider, you will be charged a single room supplement of approx. £132/€155/$180 in 2026, or £147/€175/$200 in 2027.

- Transfer information: If you are arriving by train, you will need to catch a taxi to Clyro, where the farm is located. The cost varies from £60-£80 and it needs to be prebooked. Please contact us for local taxi companies contact details.

- Teenagers aged 14+ are welcome on this ride, provided they meet the riding requirements and are accompanied by an adult.
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

ACCOMMODATION

Double/twin room in a Bed and breakfast or Inn

MEALS

Full board from lunch on day 1 to lunch on day 4

Price doesn't include

TRANSPORT

Transfers to/from the train station. Rental car recommended
International flights

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

ACCOMMODATION

Single room supplement

EQUESTRIAN INFO

Horses

The horses are a mixture of well bred, hardy breeds that are native to the UK. They are a herd of extremely fit, friendly and forward going trail horses and ponies. They live out all year round, working from 7 months of the year and enjoying a 5-month winter break. They love their job, and enjoy long rides through the Welsh countryside.

Guide & local team

All guides are full time, and have an extensive knowledge of our horses, routes and the hills. They are relaxed, friendly & professional.

Minimum riding ability

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You need to be a competent rider with the ability to ride in all three paces. You must be happy and confident cantering in open space.

Rider weight limit: 92 Kgs/ 14 stone 7lb/203 Lbs

PACE

The mixture of terrain means a varied riding pace each day – there will be lots of trotting to cover the distance and canters wherever the terrain allows. There will be points where it is necessary to dismount and walk on foot with your horse, such as steep downhill tracks which may be loose underfoot. On the final day of the trail, you can enjoy exhilarating canters on the sand.

TACKING ABILITY AND PARTICIPATION

You are required to groom, tack and untack your own horse during the week. You are also welcome to help with feeding and watering the horses if you wish.

TRIP CONDITIONS AND REQUESTED EXPERIENCE

You will be in the saddle for long hours each day, so riders must have a good level of current riding fitness. You must be physically fit enough to enjoy long trots and long days in the saddle on this riding expedition.

A back up vehicle will carry your luggage from one place to the next.

EQUESTRIAN EQUIPMENT

Each horse has its own individually fitted English tack, customised and fitted professionally to each horse. All horses are ridden in simple snaffle bits.

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

Accommodation is at B&Bs and Inns along the route. They are all basic, quirky, full of character, family-run establishments that offer a warm welcome to trail riders.

MEALS

Food is all home-made using locally sourced ingredients where possible.
All accommodation places can cater for any dietary requirements.
Breakfasts are taken at the guesthouses and are typical UK breakfasts.
Lunches: picnic lunches consisting of a sandwich, crisps, snack bar/cake, fruit and a drink
Dinners are taken at local pubs and public houses.

Special diets can be accommodated. Please let us know in advance.

CLIMATE

The British weather can be quite unpredictable and you should be ready for rain and sunshine in the same day!
Summers are cool, usually 20°C on average.
Winters can be very rainy, but are never too cold.

TIPS

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.

Your luggage is transported by the local team, by road. Each rider will be supplied with saddle bags to carry lunch, drinks, cameras etc whilst out on trail.

Head
- Riding helmet
- 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 - indispensable!
- 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
- Waterproof riding pants might be a good idea
- Casual clothes for the evening

Hands and Feet
- Comfortable riding boots. We recommend short boots or hiking 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. Boots with a smooth sole are not recommended.
- Sandals, flip-flops or trainers for the evenings
- Gloves

Other useful items
- Small bumbag to be worn whilst riding
- Water bottle
- Toiletries
- Small plastic bags for you rubbish
- Ear plugs (may be useful)

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

Please do not bring:
- Inflatable air jacket
- Wellingtons, fashion boots, ponchos
- Footwear with a smooth sole

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 .