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Taste of Trail

ITALY

Enjoy this holiday in **Tuscany** that will gently **ease into trail riding**. Whether you are a novice or an experienced rider, this week offers the perfect opportunity to relax in the serene surroundings of a traditional agriturismo. Nestled on the edge of the forest, with nature all around, your horse will be your companion as you explore Tuscany's rolling landscapes and ancient **Etruscan heritage**

Centre based holidays	**8 days/ 6 days riding**	**From £1,215**		Open to non-riders


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ITINERARY

Highlights

- An ideal holiday to get you back in the saddle smoothly!
- Experience western riding in the Tuscan countryside
- Enjoy traditional home cooked meals - a feast every night!

Day 1 — 1 : Home - Rome - Agriturismo

Agriturismo Il Cornacchino

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

Please keep in mind that the following schedule:
- Pick up from Ciampino is at 3pm
- Pick up from Fiumicino is at 4pm

On arrival you will be met by one of the local team and driven to your guest house. In the evening, you will have the chance to get settled in, to meet your guides and the other riders in your group. On the menu for the evening is a traditional Tuscan dinner after which you will spend the night at the guest house.

Day 2 — 2 : Tuscan countryside - 4 hours riding

Agriturismo Il Cornacchino

Today, depending on your ability, you may start out with a lesson in the arena or a relaxed trail ride in Tuscan countryside.

Return to the guesthouse for lunch.
In the afternoon, you will set off on another trail around the property - there are over 100 hectares to be explored!

Dinner and overnight stay at the agriturismo.

Day 3 — 3 : Discovering Pitigliano - 2 hours riding

Agriturismo Il Cornacchino

Today you will enjoy a two hour trail ride through the Tuscan countryside.
Return to the guesthouse for lunch.

In the afternoon you will visit Pitigliano. Built on a dramatic tuff-rock ridge, Pitigliano has deep Etruscan roots and a long history that can still be witnessed in its historic centre.

Dinner and overnight at the guesthouse

Day 4 — 4 : Forests & Panoramas - 4 hours riding

Agriturismo Il Cornacchino

Today, you will enjoy a trail ride through forests and rolling hills.
Return to the guesthouse for lunch.
In the afternoon, you will set off on another trail around the property - there are over 100 hectares to be explored!

Dinner and overnight stay at the agriturismo.

Day 5 — 5 : Fonteverde Thermal Baths - 2h riding

Agriturismo Il Cornacchino

Today you will set off on another ride to explore the Tuscan countryside.
Return to the guesthouse for lunch.

In the afternoon, you will visit the Fonteverde Thermal Baths. There will be plenty of relaxation time before returning to the guesthouse for dinner.

Day 6 — 6 : Tuscan countryside - 4h riding

Agriturismo Il Cornacchino

After breakfast, you will enjoy a trail ride through forests and rolling hills.
Return to the guesthouse for lunch.
In the afternoon, you will set off on another trail around the property - there are over 100 hectares to be explored!

Dinner and overnight stay at the agriturismo.

Day 7 — 7 : Tuscan Vineyards & Wine Tasting - 2h riding

Agriturismo Il Cornacchino

Today you will set off on another ride to explore the Tuscan countryside.
Return to the guesthouse for lunch.

In the afternoon, you will join a guided visit of Sassotondo Winery, which includes a wine tasting session paired with a selection of local Tuscan aperitifs.

Day 8 — 8 : Agriturismo - Rome - Home

After a final breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport at around 9:30am.

Please keep in mind that the following schedule:
- Drop off at Ciampino is at 1pm.
- Drop off at Fiumicino is at 12pm.

DATES & PRICES			
DEPARTURE	RETURN	PRICE WITHOUT FLIGHTS	STATUS
13/03/2027	20/03/2027	£1,215	Open
27/03/2027	03/04/2027	£1,215	Open
10/04/2027	17/04/2027	£1,215	Open
24/04/2027	01/05/2027	£1,215	Open
08/05/2027	15/05/2027	£1,215	Open
29/05/2027	05/06/2027	£1,215	Open
12/06/2027	19/06/2027	£1,215	Open
03/07/2027	10/07/2027	£1,215	Open
17/07/2027	24/07/2027	£1,215	Open
07/08/2027	14/08/2027	£1,215	Open
21/08/2027	28/08/2027	£1,215	Open
11/09/2027	18/09/2027	£1,215	Open
25/09/2027	02/10/2027	£1,215	Open
09/10/2027	16/10/2027	£1,215	Open
16/10/2027	23/10/2027	£1,215	Open
30/10/2027	06/11/2027	£1,215	Open

Price details

- 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 8 riders, plus a guide.

- 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 €200/£170/$225. Please note that private ensuite bedrooms are not always available.

- The transfers to and from Rome airport to the guesthouse are not included in the price - €260/£225/$305 per person, return rate. This amount can be invoiced or paid locally.

Transfer schedule:
> Pick-up from Rome Ciampino: 3pm. or Rome Fiumicino: 4pm.
> Drop off at 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 . The return transfer from Chiusi Chianciano to the guesthouse is €50/£45/$60 (1 hour drive).
Transfers to and from Chiusi Chianciano train station are on between 9am and 10am and between 5:30pm and 6:30 pm.
Private transfers can be organised and cost €75/£65/$85, per way, per person.

- Young riders from the age of 14 yo are welcome provided they 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 vehicle and driver for sightseeing excursions

ACCOMMODATION

Double/twin room in a guesthouse

MEALS

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

EXTRAS

Entry fees to sights mentioned in the itinerary

Price doesn't include

MEALS

Soft or alcoholic drinks 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.

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

MINIMUM RIDING ABILITY

To take part in this riding holiday, you must be comfortable at walk/trot, and have some experience cantering.

Rider weight limit: 100kg/ 15½ st/ 220 lbs

PACE

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. There are a few helmets available locally. We recommend all our riders to bring their 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!

During the full day rides, the lunches are picnic-style.

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

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: 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 swimsuit may be useful
- Cotton or synthetic underwear (non-irritant)

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

Night gear
- Pyjamas

Other useful items
- Water bottle
- Toiletries
- Ear plugs

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

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 .