

Learn to Ride/Ride and Relax at an Italian Castle

Italian Castle, Learn to Ride Holiday

If you are looking to either learn to ride or to improve your riding this year, then this beautiful venue set deep in the Italian countryside between Tuscany and Umbria must be a fairytale option.....

Abandoned Etruscan settlements, lakes formed in volcanic craters and medieval edifices adorn the landscape of this enchanting Italian landscape. Located one and a half hours from Rome the splendid 17th century castle (complete with fairy tale turret) will be 'home' throughout your stay. The castle has two swimming pools, a tennis court and extensive gardens and for those wishing to ride, a well run stables with professional instruction and miles upon miles of breathtaking trail riding in the surrounding countryside.



This riding package is suitable for people wanting to learn to ride or people who would like to ride as well as relax in the beautiful scenery of the castle by offering a mixture of trail rides and lessons. Additionally this package can be run with 1 full day (4/5 hrs) and 4 half days (2hrs) of riding.

Trail and Train Instructional Package

This package runs from 6th March – 3rd July and from 28th August – 27th November and runs from Saturday to Saturday.

Itinerary



Saturday

Afternoon arrival at the picturesque castle. After checking in you will be served with a welcome drink and then receive a briefing from your guide/instructor who will be looking after you throughout the week.



Sunday

This morning you will be walking down to the stables which are located in the grounds of the castle. Here, the instructor will allocate you a horse and you will begin your horse riding lessons. After working hard this morning you will have time to relax over lunch before saddling up again for an introductory hack around the castle grounds, an ideal opportunity to start to practice the lessons of the morning.

Monday

Today your riding will follow the same plan as yesterday with instruction in the morning followed by a relaxing hack in the afternoon. The castle is located on the famous Brigands Trail; this route was formally used by outlaws fleeing from the authorities and now offers a myriad of hacking opportunities along forest pathways and sandy tracks.





Tuesday

After your class this morning, today's hack will take you up towards picturesque Lake Bolsena. This is a fabulous spot with breathtaking views of the area stretching from the impressive crater of Lake Bolsena on one side, to the hills surrounding Lake Mezzano on the other side. On a clear day you can see the sea 40 km away, shimmering like a mirror. As you head back to the castle along this ancient 'outlaws highway' you will pass through mature oak woodlands dotted with original farm dwellings built in the traditional tufo rock.



Wednesday

By now you will be feeling more at home in the saddle and during the lessons we will be working to develop your confidence and control of your horse. This afternoon you will saddle up again for a hack to a local dairy farm renowned for its fabulous "ricotta" cheese. There will be the opportunity to canter for those who would like to.

Thursday

Today is a free day. The owners offer a number of local excursions including a trip to an ancient Etruscan settlement in his four by four, an olive oil tasting visit or a visit to an Italian gothic church of Orvieto. Alternatively, mountain biking is offered for the more energetic amongst us!



Friday

Today you will have the chance to put all your new found knowledge into practice as we head off on our longest hack yet. We will follow an old trail down towards the crater of Lake Bolsena, the biggest volcanic lake in Europe. Breath taking views of the lake will accompany our excursion all the way. Scattered throughout the countryside, archaeological sites with Etruscan tombs will serve to remind us of how ancient this beautiful land really is. Today lunch will be served on the beach of the lake in a typical local restaurant and there will be the opportunity to swim in the lake.



Saturday

Sadly today it is time to bid farewell to your castle home, but if you can't bear to go home just yet we can organise an additional night or two for you in Rome.



Prices

Cost per person in shared twin £895

Included in the price:

- 7 nights accommodation in twin rooms with en suite facilities (Saturday to Saturday)
- Half board including table wine at dinner
- Welcome drink and guided tour of the castle.
- 5 riding days, 4 lessons and 5 trail rides.
- Multi-lingual guide.

Not included in the price:

- Lunches available at the castle from snacks to full meals
- Airport transfers, transfer cost is 120€ per car return from Rome Airports. Please note if you have a private transfer i.e. – 1 person the transfer cost will be 60€ each way.
- Additional private lessons available in the arena if required
- Maid Service

There is a single supplement charge of £135

Note

The price above includes clean towels once a week and bathroom soaps and shampoos are provided. There is no daily cleaning of your room or room service with change of linen on this package. Extra clean towels will be provided on request at a price of €15 per set of 3 pieces. Breakfast will include cereals, fruit, yoghurts, bread, toast, butter, jam as well as a selection of croissants and cakes.

Alternatively for those wanting additional services we offer a 'gold package' that costs £220 per week per room and this includes:

A daily room cleaning service with three changes of towels and bed linen per week.

Breakfast includes the above plus scrambled eggs or boiled eggs, ham, salami and cheeses.

Optional activities at the castle include:

- Swimming pool (01st June - 30th September)
- Tennis court (€15 per hour)
- Mountain bikes (€20 per person per day)
- Mini football Pitch
- Volleyball
- Ping pong
- Billiards

The horses are a mixture of thoroughbred and warm blood crosses all chosen for their excellent temperaments, their patience and their delight for travelling through this enchanting countryside! The tack is English tack. There are two outdoor arenas and lessons are available for all ages and levels in both dressage and jumping. The maximum weight allowed is 100kg and the numbers of riders on each excursion is between 1 and 5.

ATTENTION: The excursions can be changed according to weather, horses and riders conditions by the riding management of the castle.

