

Italian long weekend break



The long weekend in Italy

If you are looking for a short break horse riding weekend in the Italian countryside between Tuscany and Umbria and you like the idea of staying in a castle then we may have what you are looking for.



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' during your stay. The castle has two swimming pools, a tennis court and ample gardens and for those wishing to ride, a well run stables with professional instruction and miles upon miles of breath-taking trail riding awaits you.



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

Itinerary

Thursday

Arrive today. After checking in you will be served with a welcome drink and then you will meet with your guide instructor who will be looking after you throughout your stay. Today we have two hours of riding scheduled, choose from a one hour lesson followed by a one hour hack or if you would prefer you can start with a two hour hack in the countryside that surrounds the castle.



Friday

We ride today from castle to castle, a fabulous excursion that will take us through the most unspoiled of Tuscan countryside, wading a ford in the Stridolone River before reaching the hilltop overlooking the fortress of Proceno. Along the way you may spot pheasant, fallow-deer, and wild boars. After lunch we will cross the river again and climb the side of a plateau through thick vegetation taking advantage of an old track once used by farmers.



Saturday

This morning you will be heading out along The Brigands Trail towards picturesque Lake Bolsena. This is a fantastic spot with breathtaking views of the area stretching from the beautiful 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 along this ancient 'outlaws highway' you will pass through mature oak woodlands dotted with original farm dwellings built in the traditional tufo rock.





Sunday

Sadly today it is time to bid farewell to your castle home as you come to the end of your riding holiday. If time allows we can offer you another ride out this morning, or if you would prefer a lesson in the arena (not included in price).

Prices

Included in the Price:

- 3 night's accommodation in twin rooms with en suite facilities
- Half board including table wine
- Welcome drink and guided tour of the castle.
- 3 riding days, 1 full riding day (4/5 hrs. per day), 2 half days (2 hrs. per day)
- Flexible package of trail rides or lessons or both!
- Multi-lingual guide.

Not included:

- Maid service

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.

Cost per person in shared twin £475

Single supplement £60

We also offer a 'gold package' which includes a daily room cleaning service and additional breakfast including scrambled eggs, cold meats and cheeses. Please call for a price.

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.

Facilities 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

ATTENTION: The excursions can be changed according to weather or riders ability by the riding management of the castle.