

Midweek Italian Break



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If you are looking for a short break riding holiday to a rural hideaway set deep in the Italian countryside between Tuscany and Umbria and you like the idea of staying in a castle then please read on.....



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 ample gardens and for those wishing to ride, a well run stables with professional instruction and miles upon miles of breathtaking trail riding awaits you.



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

Itinerary

Sunday

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 your stay. Riding begins later today when you can choose from a lesson followed by a hack or a longer ride out in the countryside that surrounds the castle. Dinner will be served in the castle dining room later tonight.



Monday

Today you will be riding to Lake Mezzano, this is an area of great interest both historically and naturally. The lake was formed in a volcanic crater and is now a historical site with traces of human settlements dating back to the pre-etruscan era. We will be riding through the chestnut woods on the hillsides that surround the lake before descending onto the beaches that surround the lake. We will stop for lunch at a small rural restaurant overlooking the lake where the horses can enjoy a rest in their shady corral whilst we eat, relax and maybe enjoy a refreshing swim.



Tuesday

This morning we will be heading off along The Brigands Trail as we ride north towards the fortified village of Onano. Centuries ago this fortified village was an important stronghold of the Monaldeschi family who ruled this area throughout the middle ages. We will return to the castle for lunch. This afternoon the choice is yours, either relax in the beautiful gardens of the castle or explore the area by yourself.





Wednesday

Today 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. Throughout your stay the riding programme is flexible so guests can choose to take lessons and shorter hacks should they wish to.



Thursday

Sadly today it is time to bid farewell to your castle home. 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 the price).

Prices

Included in the Price:

- 4 nights accommodation in twin rooms with en suite facilities
- Half board including table wine
- Welcome drink and guided tour of the castle.
- 4 riding days, 1 full riding day (4/5 hrs), 3 half days (2/3 hrs)
- Multi-lingual guide
- Lessons available in the arena from beginners to intermediate

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 £625

Single room supplement £75

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, horses and riders abilities by the riding management of the castle.



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