

## Family & Children's short break horse riding holiday in Cheshire

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### Itinerary

#### Day One

Arrive today and settle into your accommodation. You can choose to stay in a four star golf and spa hotel, in an award winning farm house bed and breakfast or in a pretty self catering cottage. All are located in the heart of the Cheshire countryside just minutes away from the attractive town of Tarporley. Chester is just 10 - 15 minutes away. This evening you have a host of local restaurants and pubs to choose from, all just a few minutes drive (or walk) away.



#### Day Two

After breakfast today you will be heading for the riding centre, a short drive from most of the properties (walking distance from two). The Children's programme runs from 10am - 1pm each day. During this time the children will ride twice. They will start the morning with a lesson followed by stable management instruction where they will be learning how to care for and handle their pony safely. Lastly they will go on a hack. They will be under the supervision of their instructor at all times. The minimum age for the pony mornings is 8 years and children need to be capable of walk, trot and canter. Adults who would like to enjoy riding themselves can take a lesson in the morning and/or a hack later to coincide with dropping off and picking up their children leaving you plenty of time to explore this lovely area in the afternoons.



#### Day Three

Today there will be another fun packed morning at the stables for the children. Adults can follow a similar programme to yesterday allowing you time in the afternoon to take a walk up to Beeston Castle, where you can take in the panoramic views of the area that stretches from the Pennines in the East to the mountains of Wales in the West. Alternatively you may like to visit the historic city of Chester. Its unique black and white Tudor-style shopping rows draw visitors from around the globe. This evening you can choose from a range of dining experiences in the pretty local village of Tarporley. Here there are a



number of good restaurants and pubs' including Cristiano's which is one of the best Italian restaurants in Cheshire and The Swan Hotel which is renowned for tasty pub food.



### Day Four

This is the last day at the stables for the children who should now be experts, and will no doubt take great delight in explaining to you in great detail the difference between a dandy brush and a body brush! Those adults who have chosen to ride will have improved too, but don't worry if you don't want to ride there is so much to do in this lovely area. Today, why not enjoy a stroll in beautiful Delamere Forest; Cheshire's largest woodland. This is a popular destination for local riders and walkers, there is an ideally situated café along the route where you can take a rest and enjoy a coffee whilst admiring the views and watching all forms of wildlife.



### Day Five

Today you will be departing but before you go you may like to visit the Cotebrook Shire Horse Centre. This centre is just two miles from the stables; it is set in 50 acres in the heart of the beautiful Cheshire countryside. They have been breeding prize winning Shires here for over 35 years. You will meet the Stallions, Mares and Foals and learn about this fabulous Old English Breed. As well as the Shire horses they have a fantastic selection of British animals & birdlife including red deer, red squirrels and otters. The Alvanley Arms pub is adjacent to the Shire Horse Centre if you fancy something to eat.

## Prices

To Include:

- 4 nights B&B accommodation
- 3 pony mornings (10am - 1pm) at Willington Riding Stables
- 4 adult riding opportunities (not compulsory!)

Accommodation	Adult Rider	Child	Adult Non-Rider
Farmhouse B&B	£335.00	£450.00	£195.00
4* Spa Hotel	£385.00	£495.00	£245.00
Self-Catering Cottage (sleeps 4)	£385.00	£495.00	£125.00

We appreciate that some parents may like to accompany their children on the pony mornings and also take part in the riding and stable management programme, this is also available as an option and the cost will be the same as the child rates listed.

This package is totally flexible and can be taken for any number of nights.

Please note the prices for the self catering cottage are based on 4 sharing. The price for 2 or 3 sharing will be the same as the Farmhouse.

## Things to do in the area



**Chester Zoo:** set in 110 acres of award-winning gardens with over 7000 animals and 400 different species including many rare, exotic and endangered wildlife.

**Blue Planet Aquarium:** This has a 230ft underwater tunnel enabling visitors to get up close to sea creatures including sharks and rays.

**The McArthur Glen Outlet Village:** Just a few minutes away from Blue Planet Aquarium, the Outlet Village has lots of shops to choose from and includes many designer brands at reduced prices.



**Cheshire Ice Cream Farm:** The Farm makes award winning luxury ice cream and has over 30 different flavors to choose from. There is also a tea room for a light lunch.

For more details about this area please take a look at the Visit Chester and Cheshire website.



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