

## Teenagers Language and Riding Holiday

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### Itinerary

If you are a youngster (10 years upwards) and you want to enjoy a week or two in Ireland improving not only your horse riding but your language skills too, and then read on. Based at The Royal Equestrian Centre, just 18 miles outside of Dublin, you will find a wide range of top quality horse riding facilities plus expert tuition in French. The qualified teaching staff are experienced in identifying the needs of each student ensuring that everyone learns at a pace that suits them so they can reach their full potential. Groups are kept small to allow for genuine one-to-one teaching support. Students receive 15 hours language tuition per week and in addition they are encouraged to converse in the language they are learning outside lesson time. The Equestrian Centre is a family run business and is fully approved by both BHS (British Horse Society) and AIRE (Association of Irish Riding Establishments) and is superbly located only 20km from Dublin Airport.



The package includes:

- 15 hours French Language lessons per week with a qualified teacher
- 15 hours Horse Riding per week with a fully qualified BHS instructor
- One supervised excursion per week to a tourist attraction or Dublin City (entry to museums not included)
- Evening activities for example tennis, badminton, football volley-ball, etc
- All meals and accommodation (with approx 6 students sharing a bedroom)
- 24 hour adult supervision



Additional Information:

- 40% of our students return to RMEC for another year.
- Classes are deliberately kept small to allow a personalised approach (when students arrive they are assessed by our Head of Languages and put in a group with other students at a similar level).
- The centre is set in 120 hectares of beautiful panoramic countryside.
- Students and staff stay in the panoramic Dunsany Castle, see picture attached.
- The Castle has just been recently refurbished in March 2009
- Here they eat their breakfast & evening meals & are fully supervised at all times, evening activities are conducted in the grounds of the Castle.





The course is suitable for students from the age of 10 to 16 and the recommended programme is two weeks, during this time we aim to improve your French Language, Horse Riding and Horsemanship, and give you an opportunity to experience another culture in a secure and friendly environment.

As well as UK, Ireland and France, there are students from Spain, Germany, Finland and Italy – this ensures students socialise in a foreign language.

Following a very successful 2009, the course is filling up quickly now so please do not delay booking your place, at present we still have places available for all 7 weeks. A 300 euro deposit is required for a 2 week course payable by credit card.

There is a 40% return rate of student's year on year. Here is what Cris Bresson from Chantilly had to say about the holiday:

"We left our daughter Solene in a safe and secure environment, she was well cared for and the language and riding lessons were superb. She is looking forward to returning next year with her little sister".

### **Day One**

Today you arrive in Devon's beautiful countryside, with rolling hills and forests with miles of off-road riding available. You will settle into your chosen accommodation early in the afternoon and then make your way to the stables to meet the staff and horses. The stables are immaculate, the staff friendly and professional and there is a tremendous range of horses suitable for all abilities from novice to expert. You will have a brief assessment to make sure you and your horse are well matched, followed by a lesson or your first ride out. After the ride you can relax at your accommodation or explore the nearby seaside villages.

### **Day Two**

This morning after a good night's sleep and breakfast you will head back to the stables and be reunited with your horse. The stables are right next to hundreds of acres of hills and woodland with safe riding on excellent bridle paths. In the afternoon you can again ride out or take advantage of the excellent staff and facilities to improve your riding and experience. Then you are free again to enjoy the area, perhaps in a lovely county in or for those at the hotel a swim in the pool.

### **Day Three**

The third day is your last riding opportunity at the stables with a choice of hacking or instruction, whichever you prefer.

## Prices and Dates

Easter 2010	From	To	Price per person
1	10/11 April	17/18 April	£765.00
2	17/18 April	24/25 April	£765.00
3	24/25 April	1/2 May	£765.00

Summer 2010	From	To	Price Per person
1	26/27 June	3/4 July	£695.00
2	3/4 July	10/11 July	£785.00
3	10/11 July	17/18 July	£785.00
4	17/18 July	24/25 July	£785.00
5	24/25 July	31/1 August	£785.00
6	31/1 August	7/8 August	£695.00
7	7/8 August	14/15 August	£695.00

There are no hidden charges (your entrance to museums, tourist attractions and the swimming pool is not included). You just have to arrange the flight to Dublin to arrive and depart between 10am and 6pm Saturday or Sunday to benefit from the free airport pick up. The 2010 course is filling up quickly now so please do not delay in booking your place.



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