



## Riding with Tuscan Cowboys

### ITALY

Spend a week **riding on a ranch in central Italy**. Ride out in the Tuscan countryside with 4 hours on horseback each day. Explore **on horseback** the wide open prairies and woodlands of this stunning region. You can also decide to go for one of our specialised western riding, or mountain training programmes (only available on certain weeks) with the opportunity to learn how to work in partnership with your horse, driving a herd, guiding a pack horse on rocky ground, leading your horse with one hand and dealing with fences and obstacles without dismounting.

<b>Centre based holidays</b>	<b>8 days/ 6 days riding</b>	<b>From £759</b>		Open to non-riders
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Riding holiday in Tuscany



This is a western riding holiday



Explore Tuscany on horseback

### ITINERARY

## Highlights

- Experience Western riding in the spectacular Tuscan countryside
- Live a week with Tuscan cowboys
- Ride well-trained horses
- Explore wide open prairies of 100 hectares home to herds of over 60 horses
- Enjoy authentic Italian meals prepared by one of Tuscany's best cooks!

## Day 1 — 1 : Home - Rome- Il Cornacchino

Agriturismo Il Cornacchino

On your arrival at Rome Fiumicino airport, you will be met by one of the local team and driven to your guest house (approx. 2h 30 mins).

Flights are not included but can be booked on request. Transfers are also not included and will be invoiced at the time of booking – alternative transfer options are available, please see “dates and prices”.

## Day 2 — 2 : AGRITURISMO - 4 hours riding

Enjoy a lovely breakfast in the common room. Depending on your programme, you will go on 2 trails (2 hours each) through forests and valleys or have lessons. Breakfast, lunch and dinner at the farm.

Choose your programme (see dates and prices)


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## Day 3 — 3 : AGRITURISMO - 4 hours riding

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
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## Day 4 — 4 : AGRITURISMO - 4 hours riding

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
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## Day 5 — 5 : AGRITURISMO - 4 hours riding

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
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## Day 6 — 6 : AGRITURISMO - 4 hours riding

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
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## Day 7 — 7 : AGRITURISMO - 4 hours riding

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## Day 8 — 8 : Il Cornacchino - Rome - Home

After a final breakfast at the guest house, you will be driven to the airport in Rome for your flight back to the home. Flights booked to take off after 1:30 pm are advised.

### DATES & PRICES

DEPARTURE	RETURN	PRICE WITHOUT FLIGHTS	STATUS
06/07/2024	13/07/2024	£883	Guaranteed departure
13/07/2024	20/07/2024	<del>£843</del> £759	Guaranteed departure
20/07/2024	27/07/2024	£883	Guaranteed departure
27/07/2024	03/08/2024	£883	Guaranteed departure
03/08/2024	10/08/2024	£883	Guaranteed departure
10/08/2024	17/08/2024	£883	Full
17/08/2024	24/08/2024	£843	Full
24/08/2024	31/08/2024	£883	Guaranteed departure
31/08/2024	07/09/2024	£883	Guaranteed departure
07/09/2024	14/09/2024	£883	Guaranteed departure
14/09/2024	21/09/2024	£883	Guaranteed departure
21/09/2024	28/09/2024	£883	Guaranteed departure
28/09/2024	05/10/2024	£843	Full
05/10/2024	12/10/2024	£883	Guaranteed departure
12/10/2024	19/10/2024	£883	Full
19/10/2024	26/10/2024	£883	Guaranteed departure
26/10/2024	02/11/2024	£883	Guaranteed departure

## Price details

- Flights are not included.

- The prices are per person, sharing a double room, full board, and based on two 2-hour trails per day. For other programme, please see below.  
Natural western & Mountain training programme (6 lessons of 2h each): £840/€970/\$1020  
Please note these are only available on certain dates - please contact us.

- Single supplement £155/€180/\$190 per week.

This fee will not be charged if you are willing to share a room with another rider.

- Groups are made up to 8 riders of varying nationalities. Your guide will speak Italian and English.

- The transfers to and from Rome airport to the guesthouse are not included in the price and vary according the number of people (prices are per

person, return rate):

> 1 Pax - £225/€260/\$275

> 2 Pax - £190/€220/\$230

> 3 Pax - £155/€180/\$190

> 4 Pax - £130/€150/\$160

> Saturday pick-up in Rome Ciampino: 3:00 pm. or Rome Fiumicino: 4:00 p.m.

> Saturday departure from the centre at 9:30 a.m, arrival in Rome between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m.

- It is also possible to take the train from Fiumicino airport to Chiusi Chianciano - tickets found here <http://www.trenitalia.com/tcom-fr>. Return tickets cost around €40-€50 and the trip takes around 2 hours 40 to 3 hours. The return transfer from Chiusi Chianciano to the guesthouse is €40/£35 (1 hour drive). Transfers to and from Chiusi Chianciano train station are on Saturday between 9:00 and 10:00 am and between 17:30 and 18:30 pm. Private transfers can be organised outside of these hours but at an extra cost of €80/£70 return rate per person.

Please Note

The itinerary may be modified at anytime for security reasons, meteorological or events beyond our control such as blocked roads, rivers in flood, drought, strikes and local holidays. Equus Journeys, our local partners and their local guides will always strive to find the best solution and will alter the itinerary as needed.

The names of the hotels and accommodation are given for information only and depending on availability, they may be modified without notice and replaced by another of a similar standard.

## Price includes

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### SUPPORT TEAM

1 English speaking horse guide

### ACCOMMODATION

Double rooms in a guest house on the Ranch grounds.

### MEALS

Full board from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on the final day (day 8). Water included at meal times.

## Price doesn't include

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### MEALS

Beverages and personal extras

### TRANSPORT

International flights that we can book for you upon request

### EXTRAS

Tips to the local team

### INSURANCE

Cancellation and travel insurance are not included in the above listed price. Please note that insurance is mandatory. We recommend taking out an insurance policy as soon as your trip is booked to cover you in case of cancellation

## Optional

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### ACCOMODATION

Single room supplement

### TRANSPORT

Airport transfers

# Horses

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A herd of 60 horses: Halfingers, Appaloosas, Pintos, Maremmano and Arabs. They have all been trained for outdoor western riding and trekking in particular. They are all very well trained, docile and reliable. They live year-round outdoors in small herds.

## Guide & local team

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Fabio has been raising, breaking in and training horses for over 30 years. He has made a reputation for himself through his skills starting young horses as well as reeducating, so-called, problem horses. Specialised in outdoor western riding; it is Fabio who supervises the horses' care and acts as blacksmith, as well as teaching horse riding and the taking care of the general management of the farm.

The team are all English speakers.

## Minimum riding ability

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To take part in this riding holiday, you must be an intermediate rider or above.

On specific programmes:

- > Riders should be at ease at all 3 paces across uneven terrain. You will spend around 12 hours in the saddle over the course of your 5 riding days.
- > Lessons will take place in the morning and you have the option of joining the riding excursions in the afternoon - the afternoon rides are not included in the price.

There is a rider weight limit of 100kg/ 15½ st/ 220 lbs

### PACE

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You will ride at all 3 paces over sometimes rocky terrain.

### TACKING ABILITY AND PARTICIPATION

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Each person is responsible for grooming their horses. Horses will be tacked and untacked for you. You also have the option to assist with feeding and watering.

### TRIP CONDITIONS AND REQUESTED EXPERIENCE

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Previous experience of Western riding is a plus, but is not necessary.

### EQUESTRIAN EQUIPMENT

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Western saddles and saddle bags

Helmets are mandatory for minors. We recommend all our riders to wear a helmet to the correct standard and you should bring your own to ensure a proper fit.

## TRAVEL INFO

### COMFORT

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You will be staying in a comfortable and welcoming guest house in the grounds of a horse farm. You will be staying in double rooms with either a private or shared bathroom.

### MEALS

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The chefs always search out fresh and healthy products for their traditional Tuscan cuisine. The day's menu is never the same twice and each day there are delicious meat and vegetarian options. The dining room is also open to people who aren't staying at the guest house, giving you the chance to get to know the locals!

Water is included at meal times and wine can be paid for locally.

### CLIMATE

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Tuscany has a Mediterranean climate with hot summers, cold winters and a rainy season from the start of autumn to the beginning of winter. The

months that are the most humid are October and December - often seeing heavy rain that can last for several days. However, autumn and in spring, it is still likely that it will be hot during the day, with a lot of sunny days. July and August are the hottest and driest months.

## TIPS

Tipping is not obligatory, however one can be made to the local team at your discretion.

## PACKING LIST

### Head

- A riding helmet is strongly recommended, and mandatory for minors. Helmet makers (GPA, HKM, LAS Helmets, Lamicell, Troxel, Equithème) now offer horse-riding helmets that are ventilated, strong, light and comfortable.
- Sunhat: cap for when not riding
- Sunglasses - with a cord attached so they don't fly off when riding
- Buff or bandana for protecting your neck and face from the sun and dust

### Upper Body

- Thermals in case of cold weather (long or short-sleeved T-shirts)
- Short or long-sleeved cotton shirts (to provide protection from the sun) or T-shirt in a quick-drying material
- Lightweight fleece or jumper
- Warm polar fleece or equivalent (plus a spare in case one gets wet)
- Warm Goretex-style jacket (water-proof and breathable)

### Legs

- 2 pairs of jodhpurs or long leather trousers
- 1 change of trousers (riding trousers or jeans)
- 1 pair of waterproof over trousers
- A swim suit may be useful
- Cotton or synthetic underwear (non-irritant)

### Hands and feet

- 1 pair Comfortable riding boots. We recommend short boots with half chaps but you may wish to take long chaps or long boots.
- 1 pair of sandals
- Lightweight shoes or trainers for the evenings
- Several pairs of socks
- Gloves - your hands are particularly exposed to the sun, wind or rain whilst riding

### Night gear

- Pyjamas, tracksuits or thermals for sleeping in

### Other useful items

- Small bumbag to be worn whilst riding
- A soothing cream may be useful to treat areas irritated by long hours in the saddle
- Backpacks are not to be worn whilst riding. Everything should be kept either in pockets or in a bumbag : lip balm, sun screen, small camera, glasses, rope etc.
- Water bottle (1.5 litres or 2 equivalent)
- Toiletries
- Swiss army knife or equivalent (in checking-in luggage!!)
- Small plastic bags for your rubbish
- Ear plugs (may be useful)
- Camera and high capacity memory card. Spare battery
- A pair of binoculars

### Medical kit

- Sunscreen and lip balm - should be high factor
- Insect repellent
- Any medication you regularly take
- Vitamin C tablets
- Blister plasters in case of any rubs
- Antiseptic cream, plasters, aspirin, anti-histamine, insect-bite salve etc..
- 10cm wide bandage

- Painkillers
- Spare prescription glasses/contact lenses
- Eye drops
- Imodium or similar anti-diarrhoea medication
- Re-hydration sachets
- Antiseptic wipes
- Handwash gel

#### General information

- Any liquids, such as shampoo, moisturiser, deodorant over 100ml and all bottles can be decanted into small, clear, plastic ziplock bags. We recommend biodegradable washing products where possible.
- We recommend taking a copy of your passport and insurance documents with you in case you lose your originals
- In your hand luggage carry any valuables, such as your camera, ipod, ipad etc.
- Travelling in your riding boots and carrying your hat and some riding clothes is highly recommended - then if your luggage goes astray you are still able to ride!

## SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

1. **Travel light.** It's a little known fact, but the lighter you pack, the better for the environment as heavy bags will produce higher emissions (when flying a plane or driving a car!).
2. **Reduce plastic waste.** Take your favorite reusable bottle with you. Avoid single-use bags, cups, or straws.
3. **Preserve nature.** Always take your rubbish with you during the ride and recycle them. Leave all the flowers or plants as you found them, and never get too close when observing wildlife. Make sure to use eco-friendly products such as body wash or laundry detergent (if camping) to protect both your skin and the environment.
4. **Choose your experiences carefully.** Respect animal life by not participating in any activities that abuse wild animals (shows, elephant rides, etc.).
5. **Support local populations.** Buy local handicrafts, be respectful of customs, and learn about the culture of local communities.
6. **Share!** Raise awareness among your family and friends about sustainable tourism.

For more information please [see this page](#) .