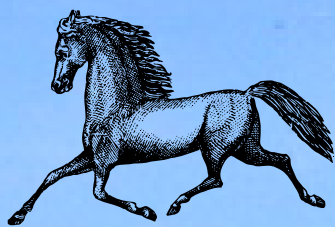


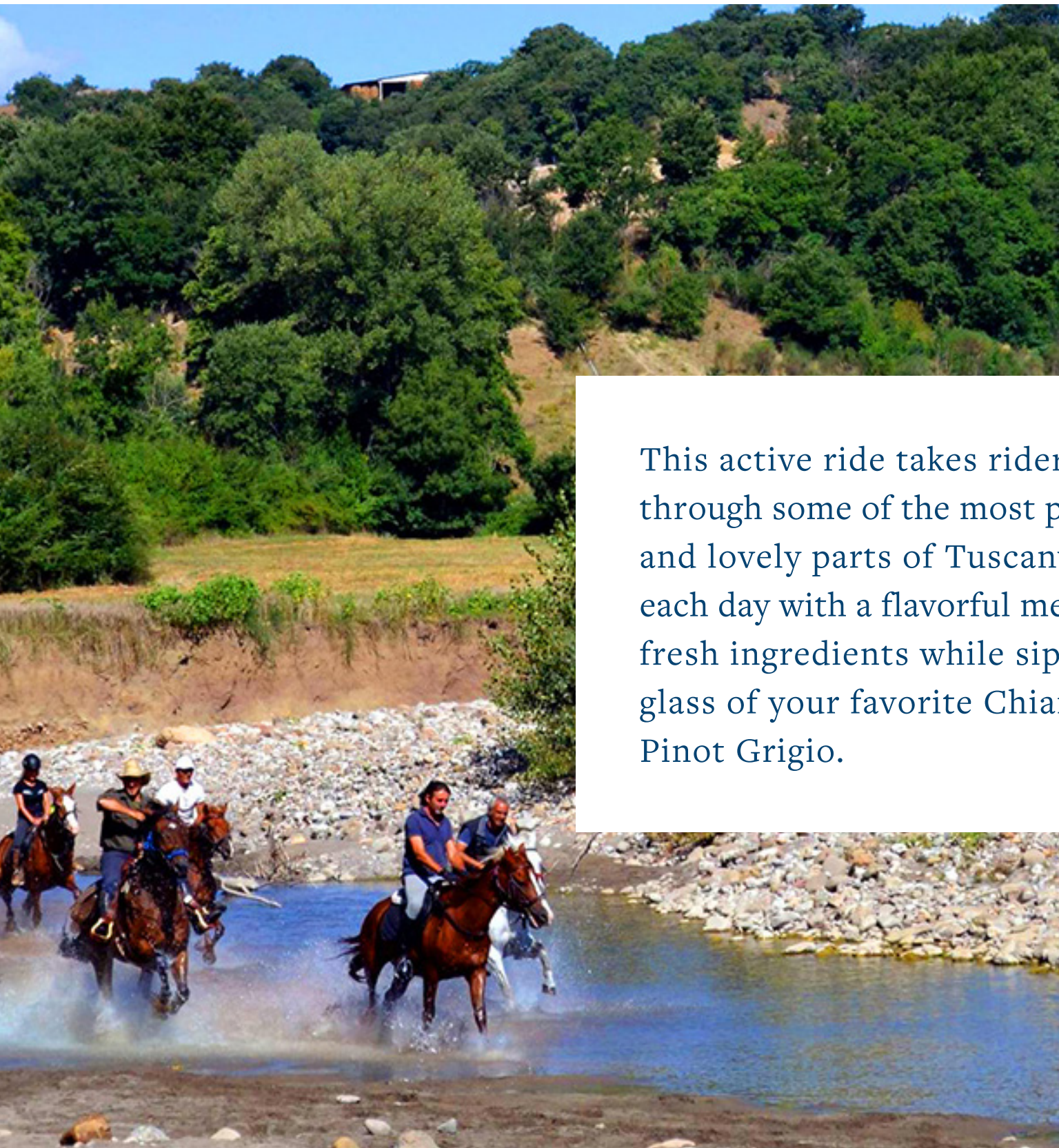
ACTIVE



RIDING TRIPS

ITALY'S
TUSCANY INN TO INN 7 NIGHT
TRAIL RIDE





In the heart of Tuscany; a colorful region between mountains, valleys, hills and forests, you will discover the ridges of the Sienna Mountains or “Sienna’s costum” which were, until the year 1800, the border between the great duchy of Tuscany and the Papal State.

This active ride takes riders through some of the most pristine and lovely parts of Tuscany. End each day with a flavorful meal from fresh ingredients while sipping a glass of your favorite Chianti or Pinot Grigio.

The paths and trails are scenic and around every bend is a new village situated on the hillside, or a panoramic view of the rolling hills dotted with the noble Cypress trees.



duration:
6 DAYS



2-10
MEMBERS



country
ITALY



airport
ROME or
FLORENCE



accommodation
B&B



all meals
INCLUDED



Suggested ITINERARY

Day 1 Sunday: Arrival

Meeting in Tuscany at the lodging at Sovana Hotel. Aperitif, briefing, dinner and night at the hotel.

You will enjoy natural and typical Tuscan cuisine: almost everything that will be served during the ride is produced by local farmers or the owners of the farms you will ride through and around each day!

Day 2 Monday: Sorano–Proceno castle

After breakfast, you will ride along the river Lente to discover the Middle Age castle Caste Ottieri, named by a very established and old family of this historical country. It's an ideal spot for a stop to appreciate an amazing lunch.

In the afternoon, you will ride through stunning hills and forests and enjoy the peace and tranquility of the landscape as you make your way to the Casel Proceno, where you will stay for the night.

Day 3 Tuesday: Proceno–Lake Mezzano

After breakfast, you will cross the Stidolone River heading to Vitozza, through the Montorio's property (Mussolini's nephew).

Lunch break at the village with some time to discover all the treasures of Vitozza: an old Etruscan necropolis, Roman church from that time, a fortress from the Middle Ages, but also 200 caves - still inhabited until the 19th century.

In the afternoon, you will ride through the mysterious and fascinating Lamone Forest to your next lodging at the "Mezzano" resort. Night in B&B by the lake, near the pretty little village of Farnese.

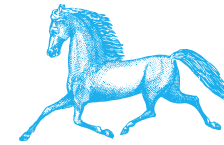
Day 4 Wednesday: Selva Del Lamone – Vulci

After the discovery and visit of the Castro Etruscan-Roman ruins in the morning, you will have worked up an appetite and appreciate a good lunch.

In the afternoon, you will follow the old Castro's Etruscan way to Vulci, a typical Tuscan village. From there, you will step on the "outlaw way" the same way as Tibursi, a famous 19th century bandit.

After crossing the property of Prince Torlonia, with its old Roman bridge "ponte diavolo" (devil's bridge), you will reach the "Vulci's Park", an important Etruscan archeological area.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel "Cascine".



HOURS RIDING PER DAY

5-7 hours per day

PACE OF RIDE

60% trotting/cantering

40% walking



Suggested ITINERARY

Day 5 Thursday: The Park Of Vulci

You begin by enjoying a Visit of Vulci's Park before your departure on horseback to visit the archeological park where you will discover the Etruscan tombs and other interesting wonders of the period.

Relax over a first class lunch in the park's restaurant before a free afternoon. Several fun activities are at your disposal: visit the Etruscan Museum, spend leisure time in the park, or just rest in this peaceful area.

Day 6 Friday: Vulci –Selva Del Lamone

Today, you will ride along Fiora's River until reaching Romitori, an old place where monks used to pray and worship. You can't help but be in a rather mystic mood as you sit down for lunch.

In the afternoon, you will discover different landscapes: fields, hills, small trails ... all to reach the village of Farniese where the likes of the Duque Bonaparte, Napoleon's brother, resided. Dinner and overnight in Frà Viaco's guesthouse.

Day 7 Saturday: Selva Del Lamone –Sorano

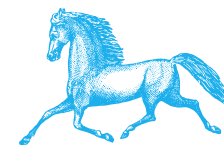
You will have a fun and active morning ride through the Mezzano's property, and reach Vitozza where a succulent lunch will be waiting for you.

The afternoon ride follows along the "Lente" river and you will admire the "Città del Tufo" - the famous archeological park.

Going through Sorano, you will reach your destination at Caggio's farm. After taking care of the horses, your companions during this wonderful week, you will meet for a last night at Castel Serano's lodging.

Day 8 Sunday: Departure

After the breakfast, independent transfer to the airport or train station.



BREEDS OF HORSES

Maremma and crossed breeds,
trail ride horses

TYPE OF TACK

English with limited
western on request



Rider REVIEWS



I've now taken a total of five riding vacations and I still call my ride through Tuscany "the best week of my life." I had such a fabulous time that I'm considering doing it again!

I'll never forget dining with the three-generation family at their farmhouse just outside of Proceno and eating the Gradmother's hand-made pasta....or tasting their very own wine made from the grapes of their very own vineyard....or that clip-clop sound of my horse's hooves on the old cobblestone streets and the little old lady who was tending her garden looking up, smiling and saying "Bella, Bella!"....or encountering a sweet elderly man who proudly gave us an impromptu tour of the town's centuries-old church that was every bit as beautiful as the churches I saw in Rome....or the time the local shop owner cut cheese and sausages and opened wine for us and refused to let us pay....or the unexpected finding of a goat farm where we tied our horses up and feasted on the best cheese I've ever tasted....or the breathtaking views of the Tuscan farmland and trees that I see in all the artwork here at home....or the dreams that went through my head of fixing up the old farmhouse ruins we rode by....or the naps under a tree after a lovely lunch and a glass of wine....or the excitement of looking up at a hilltop fortress and our guide telling us we'd be there by dark and lo and behold – we made it! And last but not least, the tears that went down my face on that last canter as I was so overwhelmed with the blessings of the week.

In short, it was the best adventure of my life. Riding to a different town every day was just thrilling. I can't say enough about the guides, the horses, the food, the wine, the accommodations, the scenery. What an extraordinary way to soak up Tuscany. You simply must experience it!! **Holly G.**



Additional INFORMATION



INCLUDED:

7 nights accommodation
6 days of riding | All meals
Drinks during meals
Horse and all tack | Guiding services
Luggage transfers | All local taxes

NOT INCLUDED:

Airfare | Travel Insurance
Drinks outside of meals,
sodas, hot drinks
Visits not outlined
on the itinerary
Transfers on the first
and last night
Gratuities for the team
at the end of the week

