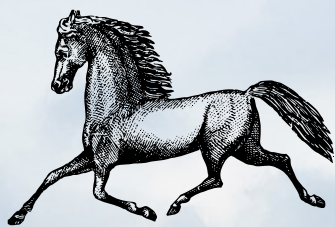


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RIDING TRIPS

# SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNTRYSIDE RIDE







OK all of our Scotland fans – THIS is your ride – it doesn’t get any better than this from the time you wake up until you slip between the sheets in your luxurious room after a relaxed gourmet dinner.

Three or more hours each day you will gallop the incredible and expansive country - the area known as the Scottish Borders. The Scottish Borders, or normally just “the Borders”, designates the area of southern Scotland and northern England that bound the Anglo-Scottish border.

Long (yes l-o-n-g) canters, rolling hills, woodland and even some beach riding await you! It’s a paradise for folks that want almost limitless riding on top notch sport horses.



duration:  
7 DAYS



10  
MEMBERS



country  
SCOTLAND



airport  
EDINBURGH



accommodation  
LUXURY HOTEL



all meals  
INCLUDED





# Suggested ITINERARY

## Arrival

If there is one place we want to land after a short or long (or overnight) flight - THIS is it! Your priority today is to make your way the scant 30-45 minutes out of Edinburgh and into the vast and jaw dropping countryside of the Scottish Borders. As you make your way to your luxurious hotel, you'll pass through adorable villages that date back hundreds of years and filled chock full with the region's dramatic and turbulent history.

The manager amazing team will be looking for you and show you to your room. Check in is 3PM and later but you'll definitely want to be there no later than 6PM so you have ample time to rest and get ready for your first exquisite dinner in the dining room - a sumptuous multi course affair that will leave your palate oh so very satisfied.

Other than the first day, described below, the other days may be rearranged or changed entirely to account for weather, footing, etc. The descriptions are meant to give you an idea of what you'll experience.

## Day 1

After breakfast (be sure you don't miss it - it's as wonderful as dinner, in our opinion), you'll make (on your own) the short drive to the equestrian center, where you'll find your guide and the fit and fun team of horses. During the week, you'll be riding different

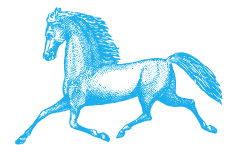


horses which affords you the chance to really see how well trained, responsive and utterly sweet every single one is.

You'll have a quick safety briefing and then it's time to mount up! These horses are all very tall and solid, so perfectly fun for this varied ride! You'll head off down the road and into the first of the forested rolling hills above the local village. After you've had a chance to get comfortable, the guide will afford you ample bursts of fun canters - and to feel the prowess of your equine partner.

## Day 2

Today's ride takes you to a different area of this lush countryside. Long trots and canters afford a great way to experience the fells, see some bucolic moors and marvel at the 360 degree views. Everyone talks about the Scottish Highlands but this area, with the common lands, is equally enchanting and vast - don't be surprised if it bewitches you.



**HOURS RIDING PER DAY**

3 hours per day





# Suggested ITINERARY

## Day 3

What's it like to gallop up a vast hill - stop to catch your breath (and let your horse do the same), turn your head in every direction and see nothing but sheep dotted rolling hills that go on as far as the eye can see? It's almost impossible to express in mere words how utterly vast this area is....

And when you think about the hundreds of years of history - people that have marched and ridden in the same spot you are now - people that have loved and created families on their centuries old estates and farms - you are riding through history in a way that few people ever will. And while this history is utterly gorgeous, it's filled with stories of struggle, battles, failures as well as epic successes. Look around, take in the view, listen to the whisper of all the stories, listen to your horse's gentle breath, feel yourself connecting to this land, this culture, this life.

## Day 4

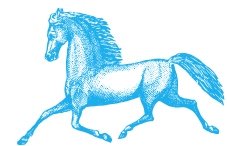
Here's hoping the sun shines brightly for you again today - but even if you get a bit of liquid sunshine - the hues of the Borders are still remarkable. Today's ride takes you through common land, down old country lanes that were once used for getting to market and past quaint village homes. It's not hard to forget you are in the 21st century as everything you see and the trails you ride will cast you back to a quieter, more provincial time when these lands were controlled by the wealthy landowners and the staff all lived on the estates.

## Day 5

Now that you've had the chance to really get the feel for the horses, today's ride takes you further afield - over to the coastline of Scotland! The beach awaits you - and your horses love being there as much as you - the salt air, the breeze off the water, the verdant farmland - and the best of all - the wide open and endless beach! Riding on the beach is, and remains, not just an all time favorite of clients, but in the top 3 bucket list items for most riders - and if you've not experienced it before - you are in for a treat!

## Departure

Enjoy one last wonderful, relaxing and sumptuous breakfast before you have to check out to make your way onward or back to the airport with all the best of the Scottish Borders and its rich history running through your veins.



## EXPLORE THE AREA

During the week, a packed lunch will be provided and you'll have a few hours each morning or afternoon (depending on the riding schedule) to explore the area or simply relax.





# Non-riding activities & ACCOMMODATION

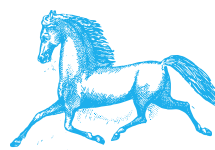
## Activities

A scant 40 minutes south of Edinburgh, it's crazy easy to get there from either Edinburgh or Glasgow and the expanse of common lands for riding are like few we've seen. Afternoons are at your leisure and can be spent relaxing in and around the Manor House, fishing, sporting clays, cycling (can also be arranged for the day) golfing at nearby courses, or touring local sites such as Abbotsford House (the home of Sir Walter Scott), seeing the Scottish Tapestry, visiting local distilleries or the "home of tweed" in Hawick. Anything can easily be arranged by the concierge service onsite – and the staff are a true wealth of knowledge.

And we'd be remiss if we didn't mention the local masseuse who will come right to your room for an hour of utter bliss!

## Accommodation

And when you aren't riding, your base for the week is your own luxury manor house. With only 13 rooms plus an additional 2 bedroom, 2 bath guest house, you'll feel like royalty entertaining a few of your closest friends for a week. The rooms are exceptionally well appointed (homemade shortbread, a dram of whisky, luxury bath amenities, turn down service, etc.) and each morning a full breakfast awaits you. But we'd certainly be remiss not to mention your evening meal – a culinary delightful five course dinner – catering to all dietary palates.



### LOCATION

The hotel is a grand manor house and from the moment you step through the door, you'll feel as though you're walking into your ultimate dream.





# Rider REVIEWS



**T**he trip to Scotland and interaction with Manor House and stable was great. The guide was a hoot as far as ride guide goes and I am happy to note that the rides were a lot less strenuous/low difficulty level compared to what I had expected. It was very neat to hear the horse acquisition stories from Ireland as well as the training regimen for the horses. I really enjoyed the rolling hills and heather vistas the most. As a group, we were able to take a jumping lesson, which also felt once in a lifetime (re the horses, a new language/terms for things and the cost of the horses--I'm not sure when and if I will have opportunity to ride 50-70,000 dollar horses again).



*"I seemed to be the MOST HAPPY about the amount and types of food provided. I don't think I will ever have the opportunity to have full course meals with local ingredients and hours to sit and talk ever again (let's hope that's not true, but it truly felt once in a lifetime on that front). We had so many great meals!!"*

*"As for our nights in the castle/manor...it was so cool to see 3 different rooms (our crews) and enjoy the amazing hospitality (special thanks to Harriet, Hubert and Murray). The trip is totally possible to do with carry-on only. Of note though is that riding gear was readily available for replacement at a few tack stores we found between Edinburgh and Peebles."*  
**Liz G.**





# Getting THERE



**From Edinburgh Airport:** It's about a 30-45 minute drive and very easy. Using any map app on your mobile phone, enter Peebles. The entire drive is very well signed.

Daily transfers to/from the Manor House to the Equestrian Centre are not included. For this reason we recommend renting a car.

**I**f we have arranged for a car service to meet you, the pick up sign with your name.



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# Riding Trip DATES



**Dates:** Open year round, Sunday arrival (other dates on request). We can offer a shorter stay - anywhere from 2-6 nights but the package is based on a 6 night stay.

Itinerary may be changed if necessary. This is an indicative description of the trails to be explored on your amazing week. Due to weather, footing or unforeseen circumstances, this itinerary is subject to change. Days listed are not necessarily in the order of riding during your stay and some days may not be available every week.



## INCLUDED:

- 6 nights luxury hotel accommodation
- 5 days of guided riding
- Full Scottish Breakfast daily
- 5 packed lunches
- 5 course dinner each evening
- Horse and all tack
- All local taxes

## NOT INCLUDED:

- Airfare
- Travel Insurance
- Alcoholic beverages
- Airport transfers
- Gratuities for the riding staff at the end of the stay

