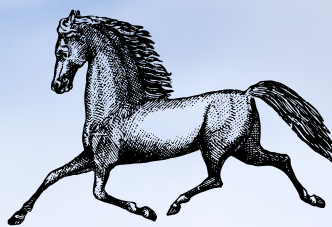


ACTIVE



RIDING TRIPS

WALES
BLACK MOUNTAIN
EXPLORER TRAIL





This unique 5 day/ 6 night holiday offers an ideal introduction to longer trail riding.

Riders start with a warm-up weekend based at the farm, riding out into the National Park each day, before setting off on an adventurous three-day trail ride, venturing further afield into the stunning and wild Black Mountains.

Perfect for all intermediate riders, but especially those who perhaps haven't yet experienced an inn to inn progressive trail, this holiday offers a magical mix of scenic exploration, thrilling riding, and true countryside hospitality. AND, our favorite part – the chance to combine the best of all worlds when it comes to seeing what an inn to inn ride is like!



duration:
7 DAYS



8
MEMBERS



country
WALES



airport
MANCHESTER



accommodation
B&B / HOTEL



all meals
INCLUDED



Suggested ITINERARY

Friday evening:

Independent arrival to the farm around 5-6PM and a chance to settle into the cozy farmhouse with a drink by the fire, and meet your fellow riders. Enjoy a relaxed dinner, explore the grounds, or unwind by the fire.

Saturday & Sunday:

Morning grooming and tacking-up sessions to bond with your horse before heading out on stunning trails through ancient green lanes, dense woods, common land area (perfect for good canters) and mountain paths - all at a variety of paces.

Midday breaks are taken at local pubs or cafes for lunch.

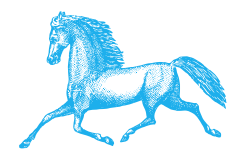
Tea & cake await you back at the farmhouse after you've untacked, groomed and fed your horse.

Home-cooked dinners are always a well liked and can cater to most dietary needs, followed by relaxed evenings around the fire, or perhaps a stroll to the local pub.

Monday:

Today you start the point-to-point trail exploring the Black Mountains, Llanthony Valley, and Hay-on-Wye. All amazing!!!!

Wind through the foothills of the Black Mountains, enjoying long canters on the open commons, arriving in the small and picturesque market town of Hay-on-Wye, famous for its second-hand bookstores. After settling our horses in their field for the night, we stay in a beautiful historic pub, combining old-world charm with modern-day comforts.



TACK
English

RIDING LEVEL

Intermediate to advanced.
Riders are also responsible
for grooming, tacking and
cleaning tack daily.



Suggested ITINERARY

Tuesday:

Today you climb up out of the Wye Valley, and up onto the Offa's Dyke Path, high on the border of Wales and England.

After crossing the open commons, you'll follow the magical Llanthony Valley down, with its serene beauty and captivating views, to arrive at our next destination, the village of Llanvihangel Tal-y-Llyn (we'll teach you how to say it!), enjoying dinner at the oldest pub in Wales, and staying in a wonderfully hospitable bed and breakfast.

Wednesday:

Today's ride follows the 'Golden Horseshoe' of the stunning Black Mountains along ridges and valleys, mile after mile of undulating hills with fantastic views, before dropping back down to the farm where well-earned tea & cake await. It will feel like coming home, after the adventures of the last three days.

A final dinner, a good night's sleep, and then time after breakfast to say goodbye to new friends both human and horse.

Thursday:

Departure by 10AM

***Program may be changed a little according to the season and weather conditions.

Facilities and Terrain:

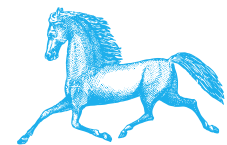
This is a challenge for competent and experienced riders only. We cross from the Black Mountains to the Irish sea, over several mountain ranges, covering great distances, mostly off-road, and riders must be fit, have good stamina, and be comfortable riding at speed.

The route passes through four mountain ranges – The Black Mountains, Mynydd Epynt, the Elan Valley and over Plynlimon before a final gallop on the beach near Aberystwyth and uses mostly forgotten bridle-ways, some open moorland crossings and several specially-negotiated trails over private land.

Horses:

Approximately 30 homebred Welsh Section D Horses await you (14h-16h) - our farm is a registered stud farm for the breed and all of the herd have been born and raised onsite. Our horses are beautiful, fine, fit Welsh cobs who will surprise you with their sureness of foot and superb balance. Compact, intelligent and strong, they are ideally suited to the hills and mountains that surround us. They have big characters and we guarantee you'll love getting to know them.

We ask riders to get involved with all aspects of riding, not just the sitting on top part! So together we catch the horses, groom them, and tack them up. This gives horse and rider a chance to build a relationship before your bottom hits the saddle. Don't worry if you haven't done much of this sort of work before – we work together as a team, and help you with every stage.



BREEDS OF HORSES

Welsh Section D

ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodations are in local hotels and historic inns, some do not have ensuite bath on one or two nights.



Rider REVIEWS



I loved this ride – so much, that I took it 3 times with the father of the current guide – many many many years ago.....
From small towns to vast open moors to the seaside the landscape is always changing and fun. The Turner family gives you a very wonderful trip! J.G.



Other items of INTEREST

Hay on Wye

- this is a not-to-be-missed town, famous for the second-hand bookshops that line the street, and lovely for an all-day wander. Plenty of fantastic food options too, from Booths' Bookshop Cafe to Tomatitos Tapas Bar. Market Day on a Thursday is well worth getting to if you get the chance.

Walks

There are a couple of nice walks that you can do from the farm, including one that takes in some small waterfalls - just ask one of us to point you in the right direction.

You can also wander up through our 'dingle' - just head away from the guest annex to the kitchen end of the house, and then up across the lawn past the greenhouse. There is a small waterfall up there. Do feel free to explore.

There are maps that you are welcome to borrow - usually in the guest lounge, or just ask us.



INCLUDED:

Accommodation with all meals from the evening of your arrival until breakfast on your departure, horse and all tack, guiding services, all local taxes.

NOT INCLUDED:

Airfare

Travel Insurance

Alcoholic beverages

Airport/Train Station transfers

Gratuities for the team at the end of the stay

****Alcoholic beverages are not included however you are welcome to bring your own for the first and last evenings (all other nights are at local hotels that have bar service).**

The Co-op or The Old Papershop down in the village have supplies; it is a one mile walk down the lane



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