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In the heart of Southwestern France, Discover Natural Horsemanship and Trail Riding

6 days/7 nights



Join us in the heart of Lot-et-Garonne to experience the multitude of horseback riding trails through the countryside as well as learn about or advance your natural horsemanship skills.

While in this historic region, you will discover the bastides (fortified villages) of the Middle Ages, explore the diverse landscapes that are rich in culture and heritage, ride through the farm lands which produce hazelnuts, plums for Agen prunes, purple Perigord vineyards with wines from Monbazillac, Bergerac, Pécharmant and villages filled with traditional architecture (pigeon houses, farms, character houses).

Non-riders, walkers and mountain bikers will enjoy the many marked trails and surrounding activities such as: golf, visits to historical sites and castles, and wine tastings.

Program:

Motorized riders may arrive in the late afternoon at the charming cottages of the Hermance Farm. Riders without personal transportation should schedule their arrival in the afternoon by train to the Villeneuve sur Lot train station and they will be transferred to the guesthouses.

1st day

After breakfast, guests will have the opportunity to observe the herd of horses in their natural environment of grass meadows. Then guests will be matched with a horse and have time to get to know each other with groundwork. Lunch is served on site at the equestrian farm. In the afternoon, you will enjoy a 2 hour outing on your horse around the farm. Dinner will be at the restaurant and then an overnight stay at the guesthouses.

2nd day



In the morning, we head towards the village of Monflanquin. It is a picturesque 13th century bastide, perched on its "pech", located in a hilly region between Agenais, Périgord and Quercy. This village is compared by Stendhal to "a small Tuscany". This medieval village is classified among the most beautiful in France. We have lunch in the village. In the afternoon enjoy a visit to the bastide and learn its ancient history as told by a storyteller. Dinner is at the restaurant and then transfer back to the guesthouses.

3rd day

Today we meet the horses in Monflanquin and ride back to the farm through this varied and hilly landscape of the Lot-et-Garonne. There are many opportunities for long gallops along these trails. We have lunch at the cottages. In the afternoon, we continue our introduction to the behavioral approach with the horse: observation, complicity, trust. Dinner at the restaurant.



4th day



This day is devoted entirely to horseback riding through the many paths that surround the equestrian farm, including the GR 654 on the road to Santiago de Compostela. We discover the traditional architecture of the Haut Agenais Périgord: dovecotes, farms, the unique character of houses such as the 16th century stacking house in Bournel, or the 13th and 18th century priory of the Mesnil Saint Martin. It was restored in 1980 by a religious community. Today, it is a private residence. Picnic in the countryside. Dinner at the restaurant.

5th day

To reach our lunch appointment, we travel by minibus, leaving the Lot-et-Garonne to reach the Dordogne and its vineyards: Bergerac, Pécharmant, Monbazillac. We discover the landscape of the Perigord Pourpre, which owes its name to the red color of the vine leaves in autumn. The castle of Monbazillac welcomes us with a picnic followed by a wine tasting and a tour of the castle. In the afternoon, we visit the city of Bergerac, the wine museum and the boat house. Transfer to the cottages in the late afternoon. Dinner at the restaurant.



6th day

We continue our discovery of the landscapes around the Ferme d'Hermance. We ride to Cancon, a 13th century military village, the hazelnut capital of France today. Lunch at Cancon Lake. In the afternoon, we take the shaded paths back to the farm. Dinner at the restaurant - overnight stay at the cottages.

7th day

After breakfast, departure or transfer to Villeneuve-sur-Lot or Bergerac train station.

PRICE: room for two (6 days/7 nights), single with supplement. This price does not include visits or beverages in hotels and restaurants.

Please note that this program is for information only. Changes due to weather, security, technical criterias and other imponderables may occur.

ACCOMMODATION

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