

RIDING ABILITY

Our rides are for the experienced rider who has mastered all 4 paces (walk, rising trot, canter/gallop in a forward seat) on a varied terrain, in open spaces. The experienced rider rides regularly, has good physical fitness, has good soft hands, a good attitude, and self-confidence. He controls the speed and direction of the horse in all circumstances. He can ride long distances including gallops of several minutes in open terrain.

HORSEBACK RIDING

Riding groups have a minimum of 5 and maximum of 10 riders , plus the Guide and the Translator.

The itinerary may be modified at any time for security reasons, meteorological or other events beyond our control such as blocked roads, rivers in flood, drought, strikes, and local holidays. We 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.

HORSES

Our horses are pure- or cross-bred Paint, Arabian, or Thoroughbreds and warmbloods. They live in a 70 acre field with the herd all year long, and most of them were born at Cheval Voyages' equestrian farm. They are well-behaved and suitable for all types of rider.

MINIMUM RIDING ABILITY

Riders must be at ease at all 4 paces across varied, uneven terrain and be in good physical condition. You must be secure in the saddle and be comfortable riding for long hours.

Rider weight limit: 220 lbs.

PACE

The pace is varied depending on the terrain, with long periods of walk and plenty of opportunities to canter and gallop.

TACKING ABILITY AND PARTICIPATION

The Cheval Voyages team prepares the horses.

TRIP CONDITIONS AND REQUESTED EXPERIENCE

Previous experience of trail rides over a number of days would be beneficial.

Riders who, on their own initiative, ask not to ride during the stay will be charged **300 euros** for the transport of the horse.

EQUESTRIAN EQUIPMENT

Comfortable trail riding saddles, saddlebags, poncho, and water are provided. Horses are ridden in "Myler" bits. Helmets are not mandatory but are strongly recommended.

LOGISTICS

The support van follows the horseback riding trail to prepare your arrival for lunch and dinner. The ride assistant prepares the lunch buffet and is at your service if you have a special need. The luggage is transported in the vehicle and transferred to each accommodation.

BAGGAGE

We ask the riders to have only one suitcase (size 69x47x27) and one handbag.

COMFORT

Accommodation is in B&B or hotels. Double or Twin room, possibility of single but with supplement (**360 euros**). We try our best to match you with a roommate, but if this is not possible you may be placed in single room with a supplement to be paid.

MEALS

Continental breakfasts served at your accommodation.

The lunches are buffets with a wide choice (adapted to particular diets) with wine, coffee and water, organized by the support assistant.

Dinner in the bed and breakfast, restaurant or hotel (wine not included and other extras).

GUIDE AND LOCAL TEAM

David is a qualified equestrian tourism guide. He speaks and knows equestrian technical terms in English.

Britta is a translator: English, German, Dutch, Spanish and loves to share her knowledge of the history and culture of France as you traverse the countryside.

TIPS

In France it is customary to tip. Regarding the teams of equestrian coaching, tips are appreciated but they remain at your discretion and appreciation.

NOT INCLUDED

The price of the trail riding does not include wines and other extras of evening meals, visits, or tastings.

Transfer from/to train station or airport is not included, to be paid upon service: **20 euros per person round trip**