

Welcome to the 16th edition of the Book of World Rides.

We continue to strive to bring you the best riding experiences from around the world. On our travels we have found some great new rides, run by enthusiastic and committed people who share our belief that the world really does look better from the back of a horse.

We are as passionate today about exploring the world on horseback as when we set up In The Saddle in 1995. It's our firm belief that travelling on horseback adds an extra dimension to a holiday. Thank you to everyone who has travelled with us and spread the word about how special riding holidays can be.

If you haven't tried a riding holiday before make this the year you take the plunge. We have rides for all levels of experience and a wide range of budgets. The one consistent theme throughout all our holidays is that the horses will always be well cared for and a pleasure to ride. Our knowledgeable team have checked out the rides so they can talk from first-hand experience. Call or email and you will get to speak to someone who can answer your questions and give you plenty of up to date impartial advice. Our aim is always to help you choose a ride that matches your individual riding ability.

Hopefully we will see you at an equestrian event throughout the year, maybe at the In The Saddle Riding Holiday Show in London in November or come and visit us at our office in Shropshire. See page 275 for a list of events we plan to attend.

We look forward to hearing from you and helping you choose your next riding holiday!

*Sheila Alaw, James Sales*

### Prices

The prices shown on each page of this book exclude travel to the destination. In addition to the riding and accommodation the price normally includes all meals and sometimes drinks and transfers.

Please check the website or call the office to obtain current prices and to check specific inclusions as these vary from ride to ride.

### Financial Security

In The Saddle is fully licensed and bonded so you can book your holiday with us in total confidence.

We are fully licensed by the Civil Aviation Authority and hold an Air Travel Organisers Licence (ATOL). This means that we are permitted to sell you holidays which include air travel. The licence is renewed annually and we are required to go through a rigorous inspection before it is granted.

We are members of The Travel Association (ABTA), the most widely known standard setting body of the travel industry. As with the ATOL licence we must renew and be checked annually. ABTA sets extremely high standards to which tour operators should comply. We are also bonded with ABTA for the holidays we sell which do not include flights.

### Responsible Travel and Tourism

One of the most wonderful things about travelling by horse is that we can pass through a place and leave nothing but hoofprints. It's a totally environmentally friendly way to travel. Group sizes are small and so any impact is minimal and sensitive interaction with local communities is possible. As far as we can we employ local guides and staff.

In The Saddle, together with our partners overseas and local ground handlers, is committed to an active conservation policy that respects and protects local environments and contributes to the welfare of the communities with whom we work.

[www.inthesaddle.com](http://www.inthesaddle.com)

All the detailed information about each ride is on our website, including trip reviews, maps, photo galleries and magazine features.



# Ten Reasons to Book with In The Saddle

**1 Our travel consultants are experienced horse people.** Many have their own horses and ride regularly. They visit the rides and can describe the holiday from first hand experience.

**2 The rides are tested by someone from In The Saddle** so you can be confident in the quality of the horses, guiding and accommodation. Not all rides we visit meet our requirements, only those that pass our rigorous standards make it onto our website and into our brochure. We revisit the rides on a regular basis to keep up to date with changes in local conditions, guides and horses.

**3** We believe in giving you all the facts. When you call us we won't just tell you the good bits, **we will give you the full picture**, warts and all. In fact we are the only UK travel company to publish on our website, unedited, all the reviews we receive.

**4** Booking with In The Saddle is a **personal experience**. We tailor the holiday to the individual. If you prefer to arrange your own flights or extend your holiday after the riding trip that's fine.

**5** Having the right kit can make or break a riding holiday. Our overseas riding partners tell us that **In The Saddle clients are better informed** than those from other companies. Don't just take our word for it, next time you are on holiday, compare your trip dossier and kit list with those from others on the trip.

**6** Our holidays will **cost you no more than if you booked direct**. This is backed up by our Price Match Guarantee: should you receive a lower quote from another company for the same holiday, we undertake to match the price. Also, we do not surcharge. In these times of fluctuating exchange rates we guarantee the price of your holiday once it is confirmed.

**7** In The Saddle sends more people abroad on riding holidays than any other UK company. Because of this we carry significant influence with overseas riding centres. As an In The Saddle client you will be **part of a select and influential club**.

**8** **We reward you for loyalty**. For every holiday you book with us you earn hoof miles which can be used to discount future holidays. When you have been on three or more holidays you get additional benefits like airport lounges.

**9** Our service doesn't stop when we send you your final documents. We have a **24 hour support line** just in case something goes wrong when you are overseas.

**10** As accredited members of ABTA and ATOL the two best known holiday financial protection schemes, **any money you pay to In The Saddle is safe**; that's guaranteed by the government.



Olwen Law



Chris Day



Sarah Davies



Cathy Holloway



Tanya Johnson



Abbie Wood



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Jo Verth



James Sales

## Our Overseas Agent Partners

If you live outside the UK you may prefer to contact one of our local partners.

### Australia

Tig has come to Australia from Germany, via a 13 year lay-over in Hong Kong and China. Leaving behind corporate law and living on a farm outside of Sydney with her partner and their collection of dogs and horses is the fulfillment of a life-long dream. Tig loves competing on her dressage horses as much as exploring the local bush on her little stock horse.



Tig Lungerhausen

Previously an avid diver, Tig now can't think of a better way to travel than exploring a new country on horseback. You get off the beaten track, get in touch with the locals, have great fun on horseback and make new friends in the process. Having recently explored Peru, Namibia and Botswana, Tig now has a long list of "must do" holidays for the next decade or so.

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### België

Ik trainde volop endurance wedstrijdpaarden en vond een vakantie te paard een mooie afwisseling voor de dagelijkse wandelingen op de Vlaamse wegen. Zo belandde ik in Zuid Afrika waar ik deelnam aan een ruitersafari (Dinaka in combinatie met Limpopo in Botswana). Dit was meteen ook mijn eerste contact met In the Saddle en al gauw groeide het idee om samen te werken en de 'wereldwijde vakanties te paard' in België bekend te maken.



Stephanie Sap

'Vakantie te paard' is een product van reisbureau Perlan, waarbij ik van mijn twee passies (reizen en paardrijden) een fulltime job heb gemaakt. A perfect match!

Onbekend, is onbemind ... doch het is een unieke ervaring, en eens geproefd, smaakt het naar meer, zo getuigen de ruiters die reeds één of meerdere In the Saddle bestemmingen uitgetest hebben.

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### Brasil

Paulo Junqueira Arantes, aprendeu andar a cavalo ainda criança, em fazendas dos avós no interior paulista e mineiro. Participou na época das tradicionais caçadas no interior de Minas e de gincanas a cavalo em São Paulo. Seguindo essa paixão foi fazer intercâmbio nos Estados Unidos, para aprender inglês e a procura de novos conhecimentos. Nesta época teve a oportunidade de cavalgar no Texas e no Wyoming.

Foi durante alguns anos criador de cavalos Mangalarga (principal raça brasileira) e diretor do Núcleo de Criadores. Nesta função participou da organização de inúmeras cavalgadas. É um dos fundadores da ABTE – Associação Brasileira de Turismo Equestre. Como apaixonado por cavalos e cavalgadas, fez inúmeras viagens a cavalo em diversas regiões do Brasil, além de vários destinos internacionais como Argentina, Chile, Equador, Peru,

Portugal, Espanha, Canadá, Estados Unidos, África do Sul, Botswana e Namíbia, sempre procurando identificar e conhecer novos roteiros e destinos. Vivendo experiências únicas e inesquecíveis em suas viagens, resolveu aliar sua paixão a seus conhecimentos empresariais e criou em 2004 a Cavalgadas Brasil, agência cujo objetivo é oferecer uma nova oportunidade para quem quer conhecer os melhores roteiros a cavalo no Brasil e no mundo. Organizou em diversas regiões do Brasil e em alguns países da América do Sul, roteiros exclusivos de cavalgadas para venda no Brasil e no exterior. Em 2010 passou a representar com exclusividade no Brasil, a maior agência do mundo especializada em viagens a cavalo, a In The Saddle, com sede na Inglaterra.

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## Danmark

Melina voksede op på en gård nær Vejle og havde egen pony allerede fra de tidlige barneår. Senere blev hun tiltrukket af den store verden og at rejse, hvilket ledte



Melina Woo

hende til en karriere indenfor rejsebranchen. Hun flyttede til København og har bl.a. arbejdet i Kastrup Lufthavn, på flyselskaber og på rejsebureauer.

Melina rejste på sin første riderejse i 2000.

Hun blev fuldstændig

fascineret af denne måde at rejse på og efterfølgende kom alle hendes rejser til at handle om at opleve verden på hesteryg. I 2005 tog hun orlov fra sit job i Danmark for at prøve arbejdet som guide på hesteryg i Namibia.

Frustrationen over at der i Danmark ikke fandtes et rejsebureau med erfaring i riderejser i kombination med hendes passion og erfaring i at arrangere rejser, fik hende til kontakte In The Saddle i 2008. Et samarbejde blev indgået og dermed blev riderejsebureauet Rid & Rejs skabt.

Det er nu med stor glæde at hun kan tilbyde andre de fantastiske rejseoplevelser hun selv har haft på hesteryg.

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## Italia

Annuska lavora nel settore del turismo equestre da oltre 6 anni, è appassionata di viaggi e cavalli, ha preso il brevetto di Guida Equestre e ha lavorato diversi anni all'estero.

Ora vive in Italia e lavora per In The Saddle, tour operator internazionale, leader nell'organizzazione di vacanze a cavallo nei luoghi più caratteristici e spettacolari al mondo.

Ogni singola vacanza è pensata su misura per voi, offriamo escursioni esclusive per i cavalieri esperti e ottime



Annuska Ghidotti

alternative anche per i principianti. Annuska è a vostra disposizione per fornirvi tutte le informazioni necessarie per organizzare la vacanza a cavallo dei vostri sogni.

I nostri viaggi vengono promossi su [turismoequestre.com](http://turismoequestre.com), nella sezione dedicata alle vacanze a cavallo all'estero.

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## Nederland

Patricia Bakker is met paarden opgegroeid in Nieuw Zeeland. Wanneer ze naar Nederland verhuist, rijdt ze in de Bergense duinen en in de



Patricia Bakker

Hollandsche Manege in Amsterdam. Ze beoefent dressuur, springen, carrousel, dameszadel, grondwerk en maakt buitenritten in Nederland en in het buitenland.

Patricia heeft geschreven voor Hemel op Paarden en Dressagedirect. Later werkte ze als directiesecretaresse voor de KNHS, de hippische bond en de FEI, de internationale hippische bond. Met haar eigen bedrijf Paardenpas organiseert ze hippische clinics, sportreizen naar EK's, WK's en Olympische Spelen en sinds 2010 vertegenwoordigt ze exclusief In the Saddle in Nederland met de allermooiste paardrijdvakanties.

Paarden, paardensport en reizen zijn haar passie en die deelt ze graag met haar vrienden en klanten. Ze verzorgt graag op maat en tot in de puntjes uw paardenbelevens. Zelf heeft ze een merrie met wie ze graag in het Amsterdamse Bos rijdt.

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## Norge

Ingunn er utdannet sivilingeniør med geologibakgrunn og jobb i oljebransjen. Hun har arrangert flere helgeturer og lengre rideferier også tidligere før hun begynte for XXL Adventure.

Ingunn gikk på rideskole som barn og tok opp ridningen igjen i voksen alder. De siste årene har hun ridd regelmessig og vært på flere rideferier i året sammen med gode ridevenner. Hun har hovedsaklig dratt til Portugal, Spania og Frankrike og har en forkjærlighet til ridning på de portugisiske

Lusitanohestene. Det har også blitt noen

kortere turer i Sør Afrika, USA og Canada. I tillegg til en del helgeturer i Norge og Danmark - ofte på islandshester i nærområdet til Stavanger hvor hun bor. Veldig morsomt og behagelig når får



Ingunn Julseth Kvamme

til skikkelig tølting.

Å sitte på hesteryggen er en fantastisk måte å se steder og natur på som du ikke kommer til på annen måte. Det må bare oppleves. Det er det gode liv - i tillegg til god terapi. Den ultimate opplevelsen må være ridesafari i Afrika.

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# Symbols Used in this Book

## Riding Experience

We have classified riding ability into three broad groups, Beginner, Intermediate and Experienced. For each ride the coloured circles give you a quick guide to the level of experience that holiday would suit. Also on each page is a more detailed description of the riding that you should expect. However, this is still a guide and we always recommend that you call us before booking to speak to someone who has been on the ride so that you get exactly the type of riding you are looking for.



**Beginner or Novice Rider** This includes those who are learning to ride and those with limited riding experience.



**Intermediate Rider** Confident and in control on a forward going horse at a steady canter in the open over even ground.



**Experienced Rider** Confident and in control on a forward going horse at a fast canter in the open over rough and variable ground. There are likely to be long stretches of fast riding and/or you will be riding in areas with potentially dangerous game.



Small tents, sleeping bags, limited or no washing and loo facilities.



Simple camping, sleeping bags. On most nights there are shower and/or loo tents.



Comfortable camping. Walk-in tents, made-up beds, shared loo and showers.



Beautifully furnished spacious tents with made-up beds and private showers and loos.



**Centre Based Ride** Rider and horses return to the same place each night.



**Trail Ride** Riding from place to place. You may not move accommodation every night.



**Game Viewing / Horseback Safari**



**Beach Riding** May not be beach riding every day.



**Ideal for families** Minimum riding age varies from ride to ride.



**Instruction Available**



**Working Ranch**



**Suitable for Non riders**



**No Single Supplement** No extra charge for singles if you are prepared to share



**Free Single Rooms** Some single accommodation available at no extra charge



**Short Breaks** Shorter trips available (see website for details)



**New Ride** Featured for the first time in this edition.



Basic dormitories or huts. Often mixed sex. Usually sleeping bag accommodation. Limited or no washing facilities and loos.



Comfortable accommodation, maybe twin, triple or quad sometimes with shared bathrooms. Single rooms may not be available.



Comfortable accommodation. Rooms have private bathrooms.



Luxury accommodation. Elegantly furnished en-suite rooms with superb service.

# Flights

We have negotiated excellent rates with a number of airlines, including South African Airways and British Airways; however to give you increased flexibility all of our holidays can be booked with or without flights. The prices shown on each page are excluding flights.

Particularly within Europe low cost airlines have greatly increased the options available. It is not always necessary to make the trek to London and there is a wide choice of flights from regional airports.



Choose how you fly with British Airways. British Airways' extensive flight network means you can connect to hundreds of worldwide destinations. On the ground and in the air, British Airways sets itself the highest standards. So whichever cabin you choose to travel in, you can be sure that your holiday will get off to a flying start.



We are pleased to advise you on the best route and to book the flights for you. Alternatively you can make your own arrangements although before confirming flights, please check with us to ensure your place on the ride is confirmed.

On most routes upgrades to business class are available and may not be as expensive as you think. Please call us for individual quotes.



SAA offer convenient flight times from London Heathrow departing early evening and arriving early morning the next day. Enjoy the flight in the comfort of knowing that South Africa is only a dinner, movie and breakfast away.



# Booking your riding holiday

## 1. First choose your ride

Please call 01299 272 997 or email [rides@inthesaddle.com](mailto:rides@inthesaddle.com) if you have any questions. Each ride page on the website gives details of how to contact the In The Saddle consultant for your ride.

## 2. Check availability and the price for your chosen ride

- Check the individual ride page on [www.inthesaddle.com](http://www.inthesaddle.com) for dates, prices and to see if there is availability on your preferred date, or
- Email the In The Saddle expert for that ride or our general email address [rides@inthesaddle.com](mailto:rides@inthesaddle.com), or
- Call us on 01299 272 997

## 3. Hold a Provisional Booking

When we have confirmed the date and the price for your holiday we will normally hold a provisional booking for seven days to allow you time to complete and return a Booking Form.

## 4. The Booking Form

- You can either complete a booking form online at [www.inthesaddle.com](http://www.inthesaddle.com) or
- We can email or post you the booking form to complete and return to us.

Please provide us with detailed information on your riding skills and

experience to help us establish that you have the appropriate ability for the ride and to forward to our partners overseas to ensure that you are matched with the right horse.

## 5. Payment

The usual deposit is 20% but some trips require a deposit of 30%, or higher, and we will clarify this with you when you call to make a booking. If you book within 10 weeks of departure, then you should forward full payment for your trip with your booking form.

Payment can be made by cheque, bank transfer, credit card or debit card. A 1.5% fee is added for payments by credit card.

## 6. Confirming your Booking

After receipt of your Booking Form, we will send you a Confirmation Pack. This contains your Confirmation Invoice which will show the date on which your final balance is due. We will also include comprehensive information on the ride, an equipment list, maps (where possible) and an itinerary confirming the details of your trip.



Luxury tented horse safari in the Okavango Delta,  
headed by the renowned PJ & Barney.

## Botswana - Kujwana



**Open all year**  
**Set departures**  
**5, 7 and 10 night safaris**  
**4 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £2,150 (5 nights)**

### The Riding

Since you are riding in an area of dangerous game you need to be an experienced rider. It is important to be comfortable and secure in the saddle at all paces and to be able to stay on your horse should you need to react quickly. The pace is moderate to fast.

### Nearest Airport

Maun. Transfers available at set times at extra cost.

To ride in the Okavango Delta, considered to be the Jewel of the Kalahari, is a magical experience. Imagine yourself on equal terms with the game, cantering with herds of wildebeest and zebra or watching quietly as your horse grazes while a family of giraffe browse nearby. At night the lion's roar accompanies your fireside reverie and a hippo's watery grunt punctuates your dreams.

These highly personalised safaris, run by PJ and Barney Bestelink, explore this astonishing maze of papyrus lined waterways, meadows and woodland rich in birdlife and game. When the water is high the horses wade from island to island but along the margins the going is good and firm allowing the ride to move on at a trot and canter.

A unique feature of these rides is the chance to ride to other camps in different areas of the concession. During a five or seven night safari you normally stay in two camps, whilst on a ten night safari, water levels permitting, you stay in all three camps. From December to February riders stay at the main camp throughout.



See [inthesaddle.com](http://inthesaddle.com) for prices, itinerary, trip reviews and photo galleries.



A mobile horse safari staying at Two Mashatus camp and family-owned lodges on the Mashatu Reserve.

## Botswana - Limpopo Lodge Safari



**Runs February to December**  
**Set departures & private groups**  
**Arrive Sunday**  
**7 nights / 6 days riding**  
**4 - 7 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £2,660**

### **The Riding**

You are riding in an area of dangerous game. Only experienced riders and those with a spirit of adventure should choose these rides. These are challenging rides which include gallops, jumping trees (optional) dislodged by elephants, and descending the steep river banks.

### **Nearest Airport**

Johannesburg. Transfers available at set times at extra cost.

The Mashatu Game Reserve in the Tuli Block in the southeast corner of Botswana offers some of the most exciting game viewing in Africa. It is particularly famous for its great herds of elephant, currently estimated to total over 1,200.

On the Limpopo Lodge Safari you ride one of the exceptional safari horses schooled by Louise Carelsen of Limpopo Valley Horse Safaris. You should choose this safari if you want a mobile safari in this area with more comfortable accommodation. You stay at three different lodges (each with a swimming pool), a farmhouse and the semi-permanent camp at Two Mashatus (see p 93).

Ride out early in the mornings and in the afternoons game drives and bush walks are organised for some close up viewings of the game of Mashatu. Non-riders are welcome and each morning may have game drives, guided walks or bush cycle rides to see the reserve from a different perspective.

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Fast and fun riding in the Okavango Delta, the ultimate riding playground.

## Botswana - Macatoo



**Open all year**  
**Arrive/depart any day**  
**4 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £2,695 (7 nights)**

### The Riding

Since you are riding in an area of dangerous game you must be a fit and experienced rider.

It is important to be comfortable and secure in the saddle at speed and to be able to stay on your horse should you need to react quickly. The pace can be fast and challenging at times.

### Nearest Airport

Maun. Transfers available at set times at extra cost.

Fed by seasonal rains, the Okavango river fans out into the Kalahari desert to create the world's largest inland delta, supporting a diverse profusion of plant and animal life. The Delta is a mosaic of palm islands, grassy flood plains, mopane forest and streams. In this magical landscape, seated high above the long grass and reeds, riders see giraffe, elephant, buffalo, many species of antelope and even lion.

The riding is varied, sometimes quietly walking, stalking big game and admiring the bird life; sometimes galloping through the water-meadows alongside giraffe and lechwe.

Each day riders return to Macatoo's luxurious main camp, complete with refreshing plunge pool.



See [inthesaddle.com](http://inthesaddle.com) for prices, trip reviews and photo galleries.





Play host to an inquisitive meerkat and ride the desolate wilderness of Africa's largest salt pans.

## Botswana - Makgadikgadi Pans



**Open all year**  
**Set departures**  
**5 nights / 4 days riding**  
**4 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £1,871**

**The Riding**  
Elephant and lion are occasional visitors to the Makgadikgadi. In addition the pace is varied with extended fast canters so you need to be an experienced rider, secure in the saddle at all paces.

**Nearest Airport**  
Maun. Transfers available at set times at extra cost.

This fabulous ride offers the chance to interact with habituated meerkats, view the reclusive brown hyaena and spend a morning learning bushcraft from Kalahari Bushmen. On top of this there are opportunities for long, loping canters across the wide open grasslands and faster canters across the salt-encrusted pans. During the wet season (November to April) you may encounter the herds of zebra and wildebeest on their migration across the Kalahari while during the dry season (June to September) the rides venture far into the pans where the landscape seems more like the Moon than anything you might encounter on Earth.

Rides start and finish at Camp Kalahari and include two nights camping on the vast open plains of the pans.

Although close to the Okavango Delta the Makgadikgadi Pans experience is very different to any of the riding safaris in the wetlands so this ride provides a real contrast and combines well with Macatoo, Kujwana or Motswiri camps.



See [inthesaddle.com](http://inthesaddle.com) for itinerary, trip reviews and photo galleries.



Horseback safari in the world famous Selinda reserve on the fringes of the Okavango Delta

## Botswana - Motswiri Camp



**Open all year**  
**Arrive/depart any day**  
**4 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £2,310 (7 nights)**

### The Riding

Riders need to be experienced, confident and able to control a horse in a big game area. You need to be able to keep up with the group, rise to the trot and be capable of riding at all paces. You may be required to gallop out of trouble so the riding is definitely not suitable for nervous riders. Children of any age are welcome at camp but to ride they must be aged 12 or over and good riders.

### Nearest Airport

Maun. Transfers available at set times at extra cost.

Located to the north east of the Okavango Delta this riding camp offers riding in a completely different area to existing safaris.

The camp setting on the edge of the Selinda Spillway is inspired as it promises a wide diversity of habitats to explore. To the west and north are the open flood plains that typify the Okavango Delta but to the east there are contrasting riverine forests. Wildlife is plentiful and varied with herds of elephant, a wide range of antelope, lion, zebra, cheetah and wild dog.

A great deal of care has been taken not only in the siting of the camp but within the camp itself. Each tent has its own veranda overlooking the spillway where elephants regularly come to bathe and drink.

Taking a maximum of just ten guests at a time ensures a personal and tailored experience. The guides are equally adept at guiding walking safaris as well as riding so this is an ideal safari for groups or families where there is a mix of riders and non-riders.

See [inthesaddle.com](http://inthesaddle.com) for prices, detailed itinerary, trip reviews and photo galleries.





A mobile horseback safari through the Mashatu Reserve, renowned for large herds of elephant.

## Botswana - Tuli Trail



**Runs April to October**  
**Set departures & private groups**  
**Arrive Sunday**  
**7 nights / 6 days riding**  
**4 - 7 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £2,310**

### **The Riding**

You are riding in an area of dangerous game. Only experienced riders and those with a spirit of adventure should choose these rides. These are challenging rides which may include gallops, jumping trees (optional) dislodged by elephants, and descending the steep river banks.

### **Nearest Airport**

Johannesburg. Transfers available at set times, extra cost.

There is little to match the adventure of the Tuli Trail, a mobile safari covering 120 miles of the Mashatu Reserve. The area is known as "the Land of the Giants" not only for the many elephants but also the baobab studded plains. It is also home to a wide variety of wildlife species including lion, cheetah, leopard, African wild dog and a multitude of plains game like zebra, wildebeest and giraffe.

Your first and last nights are spent in Two Mashatus camp (see p 93) and each night your safari tents are moved to different wilderness camps. A highlight for many is spending a night or two under the stars in an old tribal court called the Kgotla.

Each morning you rise early and ride out at first light arriving at the new camp for lunch. In the afternoon relax in camp and later explore the area on a game drive or bush walk.

The horses are well schooled, versatile and athletic; a pleasure to ride.

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Enjoy a week of safari riding from  
Two Mashatus camp.

## Botswana - Two Mashatus



**Runs March to November**  
**Set departures & private groups**  
**7 nights / 6 days riding**  
**3 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £2,205**

### The Riding

You are riding in an area of dangerous game. Only experienced riders and those with a spirit of adventure should choose these rides. These are challenging rides which may include gallops, jumping trees (optional) dislodged by elephants, and descending the steep river banks.

### Nearest Airport

Johannesburg. Transfers available at set times, extra cost.

This is one of three different horse safaris offered by Limpopo Valley Horse Safaris in the Mashatu Game Reserve, famous for its elephant population but also home to a wide variety of other mammals, birds and reptiles.

The centre-based safaris from Two Mashatus semi-permanent camp are normally scheduled for the summer months of February, March and November but can also be arranged for private groups at any time. Summer is a lovely time to be in Botswana. The bush is in full bloom, there is water in the water holes and sometimes the river too, the young animals are finding their feet and all the animals are relaxed and well fed.

The riding schedule varies but usually includes an early morning ride, when the game is more active, and sometimes also a late afternoon ride. There is the opportunity to try different horses if you wish. During your stay you also have the chance to go on a game drive.

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The variety of game you are likely to see on this ride through Amboseli is equal to anywhere in Kenya.

## Kenya - Amboseli Mobile Safari



**Runs Dec-Apr and Jun-Oct**  
**Set departures & private groups**  
**7 nights / 6 days riding**  
**3 - 7 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £3,259**

### The Riding

Since you are riding in an area of dangerous game you need to be an experienced rider. It is important to be comfortable and secure in the saddle at all paces, fit for long hours of riding on some days and to be able to stay on your horse should you need to react quickly. There may also be some optional jumping for those with confidence.

### Nearest Airport

Nairobi. Transfers available at extra cost.



This exhilarating and often fast-paced safari starts on a private game conservancy to the south-west of Amboseli National Park, and traverses 120 miles of wilderness en route to the Chyulu Hills. Amboseli is famous for its proximity to Mount Kilimanjaro and for the large breeding herds of elephant that visit the Park. Many other large mammals can be seen, including buffalo, hippo, plains game and predators such as lion and hyena.

The terrain around Amboseli is flat and sandy, so this safari provides ample opportunity for fast riding across open spaces with big game, as well as a few long days in the saddle. The ride ends in the Chyulu Hills, a picturesque landscape of volcanic hills and woodland that is in stark contrast to Amboseli.

While on safari your tented camp is supported by a friendly crew of chefs, waiters and grooms to ensure your comfort. Though the focus is on riding, day and night game drives, and bush walks are on offer. You may also like to stay on at Ol Donyo Lodge (see p 105) after the safari.

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A luxury lodge-based safari in the foothills of Mount Kenya, adjoining the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy.

## Kenya - Borana



**Open all year except November**  
**Arrive / depart any day**  
**4 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £2,649 (7 nights)**

### The Riding

There is a good selection of horses to suit a wide range of riding abilities, including children. Guest numbers are small and the guides will tailor the riding to suit everyone. There is plenty of fast and exhilarating riding for experienced riders.

### Nearest Airport

Nairobi. Transfers available at extra cost.

Ride over the 35,000 acre ranch and see a wide diversity of wildlife while staying in a fabulous lodge. On morning and afternoon rides explore the length and breadth of the ranch and experience the excitement of viewing game from horseback.

Lion, elephant, buffalo and herds of antelope roam the plains while the cooler forest areas shelter bushbuck, colobus monkey and leopard.

If you wish to take a break from riding, then you might opt for a game drive or a guided bush walk. Or simply relax by the pool and pamper yourself with a massage or beauty treatment. Borana is an ideal holiday for mixed groups of riders and non-riders.

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A mobile tented safari in the shadow  
of Mount Kilimanjaro.

## Kenya - Chyulu Hills Safari



**Runs Dec-Apr and Jun-Oct**  
**Set departures & private groups**  
**6 nights / 5 days riding**  
**4 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £2,648**

### The Riding

The horses are highly schooled, accustomed to the wildlife and terrain and are a pleasure to ride. To join these safaris you should be a competent rider, fit and secure in the saddle. Due to the coarse volcanic sand and open terrain, there is plenty of faster riding and jumping (jumping is always optional) interspersed with quiet meandering amongst the wildlife.

### Nearest Airport

Nairobi. Transfers available  
at extra cost.



This safari is aimed at riders who want to explore an exclusive corner of southern Kenya, rich in variety and experience.

Lead guide, Patrick Stanton, is a great horseman and inspiring guide but what makes the Chyulu Safari unique is the breadth of landscapes and diversity of wildlife. Mount Kilimanjaro provides the backdrop as the ride progresses through savannah dotted with plains game, into thick acacia woodland, along dry river beds and up into volcanic hills topped with pockets of mist forest. Each ecosystem you ride through is the habitat of different wildlife, birds and plants. There are 38 species of large mammal in this area, including some of the largest tusked-elephants left in Africa.

The tented camps are very comfortable, with wrought iron twin or double beds, fine linen, en-suite bathrooms, a central dining tent and a high standard of food and drinks.

You may wish to add on a few days at Ol Donyo Lodge (see p 105) either before or after your mobile safari. See [inthesaddle.com](http://inthesaddle.com) for prices, itinerary, trip reviews and photo galleries.



This is the safari to choose if you relish the opportunity to ride fast with large herds of game.

## Kenya - Maasai Mara with Offbeat



**Runs Jan-Mar and Jun-Oct**  
**Set departures & private groups**  
**from 7 nights / 6 days riding**  
**3 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £3,550**

### The Riding

You should be an experienced rider, fit and secure in the saddle at all paces. Much of the riding is at a walk due to the terrain, but there are also fast gallops.

Tailor-made itineraries will go at a pace to suit the group; however, since you are riding in an area of dangerous game these safaris are not suitable for novice riders.

**Nearest Airport**  
Nairobi. Transfers available at extra cost.



Tristan and Lucinda Voorspuy have organised horse safaris from their base at Deloraine since 1990. They are active polo players and some of their best polo ponies go on safari.

These safaris are mobile tented safaris in the Maasai Mara, one of the most outstanding game reserves in the world and home to large concentrations of wildlife. An exciting time to ride in the Mara is during the annual migration, one of the most impressive natural events in the world. Between June and October immense herds of wildebeest, Thomson's gazelle and zebra migrate along their annual, circular route followed by predators, such as lion and hyaena. To witness the Mara plains filled with these animals is an unforgettable experience.

Longer ten night safaris include two nights at Deloraine.

Offbeat also run riding safaris in Laikipia in the centre of the country and Amboseli which lies to the south east of the Mara.

See [inthesaddle.com](http://inthesaddle.com) for prices, itineraries, trip reviews and photo galleries.



A horseback adventure through the Maasai Mara accompanied by one of Kenya's legendary guides.

## Kenya - Maasai Mara with Safaris Unlimited



**Runs Jan-Feb and Jun-Sep**  
**Set departures & private groups**  
**from 6 nights / 6 days riding**  
**3 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £3,504**

### **The Riding**

Due to the abundance of game and pace of riding, these safaris are not suitable for novice or nervous riders. The pace is varied, you will often be at a walk especially when among the herds of plains game, but there are opportunities to canter and riders must be confident at all paces.

### **Nearest Airport**

Nairobi. Transfers available at extra cost.

The Maasai Mara is perhaps the most outstanding game reserve in the world. As well as vast herds of zebra and wildebeest there are topi, gazelles, giraffe and the giants of Africa - the elephant.

These safaris are guided by Gordie Church, a third generation Kenyan and son of Tony Church who pioneered long distance riding safaris in Kenya in the 1970's. Meandering across the wide grassy plains and onto the escarpments you can ride for a hundred miles without seeing a single fencepost.

Gordie has a genuine and natural understanding of the indigenous Maasai and their environment. His safaris involve close interaction with local tribesmen as well as thrilling encounters with the wildlife that migrate through the Maasai Mara.

See [inthesaddle.com](http://inthesaddle.com) for prices, itinerary, route map and photo gallery.





A truly luxurious lodge in a spectacular setting.

## Kenya - Ol Donyo Lodge



**Open all year**  
**Arrive/depart any day**  
**4 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £2,081 (7 nights)**

### The Riding

There is a wide selection of well-schooled, athletic and fun to ride horses. The horses suit intermediate to experienced riders, including children. Rider numbers are small and the guides will individually tailor the riding.

### Nearest Airport

Nairobi. Transfers available at extra cost.

Ol Donyo Lodge is the perfect choice for anyone looking to combine riding in Africa with luxury accommodation and a wide range of activities to suit non-riders.

Situated in the Chyulu Hills of Southern Kenya, Ol Donyo Lodge offers adventure, relaxation and privacy in abundance.

The riding pace and terrain is varied, see Chyulu Hills Safari page 99 for description of the landscape and wildlife in this area. Anyone not wishing to ride can enjoy day/night game drives, walking, mountain biking, swimming, massage, day trips to Amboseli National Park or to Maasai villages and schools. Each guest at the lodge has a personal daily itinerary designed to suit them, with as much or as little riding as they would like.

It is possible to combine a stay at Ol Donyo Lodge with either a Chyulu Hills (p 99) or Amboseli Safari (p 95) or extend your stay relaxing on the beautiful Kenyan Coast (p 254).

See [inthesaddle.com](http://inthesaddle.com) for prices, itinerary, route map and photo gallery.





A very relaxing riding holiday over tropical beaches with white sand, palm trees and azure waters.

## Mozambique - Tropical Sands



**Open all year**  
**Arrive/depart any day**  
**7 nights / 6 days riding**  
**2 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £1,818**

### The Riding

You should be comfortable at all paces and able to control your horse in the open. You will probably get wet when riding along the beach and it may be possible to unsaddle the horses and swim with them. There is a rider weight limit of 85kgs.

### Nearest Airport

Vilanculos.  
Transfers included.

This riding holiday is in keeping with the casual holiday feel of the area. You ride along deserted beaches, along rugged cliffs, through uninhabited bush and past countless inland lakes. Riding on horseback provides an exhilarating and marvellous way of experiencing the beautiful scenery.

You can be based at either Vilanculos on the mainland or on Benguerra Island. With a mixture of half day and all day rides your itinerary has plenty of free time for other excursions. Many visitors combine the riding with fishing, diving or just soaking up the African sun.

See [inthesaddle.com](http://inthesaddle.com) for prices, a suggested itinerary and photo galleries.





An expedition on horseback across the desert from Windhoek to Swakopmund on the coast.

## Namibia - Across the Namib



**Runs April to October**  
**Set departures**  
**10 nights / 9 days riding**  
**3 - 10 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £3,250**

### **The Riding**

You should be a fit and experienced rider. The pace depends upon the terrain and temperatures but there are many long fast trots, canters and gallops. There is a rider weight limit of 92kgs with a surcharge for riders over 85kgs.

### **Nearest Airport**

Windhoek.  
Transfers included at set times.

This famous ride is a 400km adventure which takes you through some of the most remote and spectacular parts of Namibia. The expedition starts near to Windhoek and from here passes through gentle undulating hills and mountain escarpments out onto rocky desert and finally to Swakopmund and the sandy beaches of the Atlantic coast.

Luggage is transported by truck and a simple camp is set up each evening. Tents are provided, although a highlight for many is the opportunity to sleep out under the spectacular stars of the African sky.

The horses are strong and fit. You are responsible for grooming and tacking up your horse throughout the expedition and you will continually marvel at their willingness and sure-footedness.

See [inthesaddle.com](http://inthesaddle.com) for prices, detailed itinerary, trip reviews and photo galleries.





An expedition across an iconic area of Africa, home to some unique desert adapted wildlife.

## Namibia - Damaraland/Skeleton Coast



**Runs April to June**  
**Set departures**  
**10 nights / 8 days riding**  
**6 - 8 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £3,500**

### **The Riding**

You should be a fit and experienced rider. The pace depends upon the terrain and temperatures but there are many long fast trots, canters and gallops. There is a rider weight limit of 92kgs with a surcharge for riders over 85kgs.

### **Nearest Airport**

Windhoek.  
Transfers included at set times.

More a test of endurance than a riding holiday this trail takes in some of the most inaccessible parts of Namibia; vast open spaces, granite outcrops, gorges, craters and remnants from prehistoric times.

Damaraland supports populations of elephant, black rhino and plains game which have developed special characteristics to enable them to survive in this harsh arid landscape.

Travelling west you reach the Skeleton Coast known for its numerous shipwrecks, the result of dense fogs which commonly form here and hazardous offshore rocks.

Be prepared for simple camping, sleeping in small dome tents or out in the open under a clear African sky.

See [inthesaddle.com](http://inthesaddle.com) for itinerary, trip reviews, route maps and photo galleries.





A lodge based ride exploring the dramatic wind sculpted landscapes of the Namib Desert.

## Namibia - Desert Homestead



**Open February to November**  
**Arrive/depart any day**  
**3 - 5 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £1,603 (7 nights)**

### The Riding

The riding is tailored to the experience of the riders. Novice riders will have shorter walking rides. Fit and experienced riders can enjoy miles of long canters across the desert landscape.

### Nearest Airport

Windhoek.  
Transfers available at extra cost.

The Namib-Naukluft Desert Park is one of the largest game parks in Africa, covering almost 50,000 sq km. It is also home to some of the rarest and most unusual plant and animal species in the world.

From Desert Homestead explore this unique and magical landscape on horseback, cantering across endless open plains, over high sand dunes or following ancient water courses. The itinerary is very flexible. Some days you may ride, on others opt to visit the world's highest sand dunes at Sossusvlei standing at around 300 feet high, or explore Sesriem Canyon and the Naukluft mountains by vehicle. The horses are mainly Boerperds, well schooled with lovely paces.

Accommodation is in comfortable thatched en-suite chalets. You can also choose to spend nights out at a simple tented camp in the desert.

See [inthesaddle.com](http://inthesaddle.com) for prices, itinerary, trip reviews and photo galleries.





An opportunity to compete on a fit Arabian horse in an endurance ride in Namibia.

## Namibia - Endurance Rides



**Runs February to October**  
**Set departures**  
**7 nights / 5 days riding**  
**2 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £2,316**

### **The Riding**

You should be a confident rider capable of handling a responsive forward going horse in open country across varied terrain. The pace includes walk, trot, canter and faster riding on tracks and dried up rivers beds. Rider weight limit is 90kgs (14 stone).

### **Nearest Airport**

Windhoek.  
Transfers available at extra cost.

Your guides Ingeborg and Sacha are advanced level endurance riders and regularly compete the Okapuka Arabians at endurance races throughout Namibia. Join them and compete at an official endurance ride. The race distance you enter will depend on whether you have competed at endurance before, your fitness level and the local conditions. It can range from 30kms up to 75kms. You will be accompanied throughout the ride by either Ingeborg herself or one of her staff who will set the riding pace to help guide you.

To prepare for the endurance event you have three days training at Okapuka (see p 117) to become accustomed to your horse, the pace of riding and have time to learn about the horse vetting process. You will also be able to explore the game reserve on safari rides.

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A lodge based riding safari near Windhoek on endurance trained Arabian horses.

## Namibia - Okapuka



**Open all year**  
**Arrive/depart any day**  
**4 - 5 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £1,722 (7 nights)**

### The Riding

You should be a confident rider capable of handling a responsive forward going horse in open country across varied terrain. The pace includes walk, trot, canter and faster riding on tracks and dried up river beds. Children who are experienced riders may be accepted on private rides. Rider weight limit is 90kgs (14 stone).

### Nearest Airport

Windhoek.  
Transfers available at extra cost.

Explore one of the best private game reserves in Namibia. Game is plentiful with animals including white rhino, zebra, giraffe, baboon and many species of antelope. There are also leopard, although they are very elusive and seldom seen.

The riding trails traverse an area of more than 85,000 acres of savannah and mountains. Ride along open sandy tracks and dried-up river beds, fantastic for faster riding. Another day climb high into the mountains for spectacular views over the plains below. All the horses are purebred Arabians, super fit and responsive. Many compete to a high level at endurance rides within Namibia. It is possible to combine a riding safari at Okapuka with competing at an endurance ride (see p 115). There are also usually options to do some cattle work during a stay at Okapuka.

Accommodation is at Okapuka lodge in spacious en-suite rooms. Non riders are welcome and have game drives and walks in the reserve.

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Luxurious lodges on their own private game reserves offering a very personal experience.

## South Africa - Ant's Lodges



**Open all year**  
**Arrive/depart any day**  
**4 - 5 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £1,456 (7 nights)**

### The Riding

The length and pace of rides is tailored to suit ability and experience. The well-schooled horses range from Thoroughbreds and Arabs to Boerperd crosses. There are also steady ponies for children. Even those who have booked as non-riders may be encouraged to ride at least once during their stay since one of the best ways to get close to game is on horseback.

**Nearest Airport**  
Johannesburg. Transfers available at extra cost.

Ant and Tessa Baber have perfected the art of the luxurious and personal safari. Activities are tailored to suit each person and non-riders are welcome. Both Lodges are beautiful and set in their own private game reserve surrounded by a diversity of game including rhino, buffalo and the iconic sable.

For families or groups with non-riders there is a range of activities including guided bush walks, vehicle game drives and mountain biking. Groups are typically limited to a maximum of six riders and different abilities are not mixed on the same ride.

The horses live out so the game are not nervous when riders come close, allowing for a unique opportunity to observe them in their natural habitat. Equally thrilling are fast canters on long sandy tracks when the giraffes may just join in!

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A two centre safari combining the Waterberg in South Africa with the Tuli Block in Botswana.

## South Africa/Botswana - Big Five Combination



**Runs February - November**  
**Set departures**  
**8 nights / 7 days riding**  
**4 - 7 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £2,360**

### The Riding

This is a challenging ride which may include gallops, jumping (optional) and negotiating steep river banks. In addition, you are riding in areas of dangerous game. This ride is therefore only suitable for experienced riders with a spirit of adventure.

### Nearest Airport

Johannesburg. Transfers available at extra cost.

On this riding adventure in search of the Big Five, the combination of responsive, well-loved horses and the magic of riding with game in stunning wilderness areas makes for an unforgettable experience.

Your safari starts at Dinaka (page 127) in the heart of the Waterberg mountains, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and one of the last true wilderness areas of South Africa. Species to be seen include rhino, buffalo, giraffe, ostrich, zebra, brown hyaena, hippo and plains game.

The second half of your safari takes you to the riverine terrain and the mopane bushveld of the Tuli Block (page 91). The area is famous for its elephant, but you should also see eland, impala, giraffe, hyaena and hopefully also leopard, lion and perhaps cheetah and wild dog.

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Enjoy your own little bit of Africa on these small group personal safaris.

## South Africa - Blakeney



**Open all year**  
**Arrive/depart any day**  
**3 - 5 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £945 (7 nights)**

### The Riding

The horses are well trained, forward going Boerperd crosses. Riding is suitable for all abilities and tailored for each safari. The pace is dictated by the terrain and the group's level of riding experience. For experienced riders there are opportunities for long trots and canters.

**Nearest Airport**  
Johannesburg. Transfers available at extra cost.

Your base is the beautifully renovated farm house, Blakeney, set in a gorge on the banks of the Tambotie river. The surrounding private reserve lies on the edge of the Waterberg Biosphere. Tracks weave through the Bushveld of the mountains down to the more open Sweetveld where the nutritious grasses and acacia thorn attract a range of wildlife including giraffe, zebra, kudu, waterbuck and many other species of antelope. Canters and trots alternate with slower rides when you encounter wildlife or where the bush is thicker.

The number of guests is limited to six. Your guide Corne is extremely knowledgeable. He and his wife Pam have many years of experience and together they provide a very personal yet professional safari with great attention to detail.

A real treat is to spend a night or two out in the bush with Corne and his horses. The support team travel ahead to set up a simple yet elegant fly camp with beds under mosquito nets, a camp fire and a table for dinner under the stars.

See [inthesaddle.com](http://inthesaddle.com) for itinerary and photo galleries.





One of our most fun and returned to rides, with excellent horses, variety and flexibility.

## South Africa - Horizon



**Open all year**  
**Arrive/depart any day**  
**4 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £980 (7 nights)**

### The Riding

Horizon is suitable for novice to experienced riders. There is a wide selection of horses to suit all abilities. The pace of rides is varied to suit the rider with plenty of challenging riding for the experienced rider.

### Nearest Airport

Johannesburg. Transfers available at extra cost.

Our rides at Horizon are some of our most popular. The horses and riding are great, the climate is good all year round and you receive a welcome and hospitality second to none.

Horizon is based on Triple B ranch in the Waterberg. You have a variety of riding options to choose from which include polocrosse, western games and hacking out along sandy tracks and through the bush.

The daily activities are organised to suit everyone and all abilities are catered for, so this makes for a wonderful riding holiday - whatever your level.

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Classic African lodge based safari with outstanding game viewing across open plains.

## South Africa - Horizon Safari at Dinaka



**Open February to December**  
**Set departures & private groups**  
**4 nights / 3 days riding**  
**4 - 7 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £1,080**

### **The Riding**

You must be a confident and competent rider at all paces. The pace is varied with walking for game viewing and over uneven terrain, with faster riding along sandy tracks. Riders should be confident and secure in the saddle.

**Nearest Airport**  
Johannesburg. Transfers available at extra cost.

Situated at the base of the Waterberg escarpment, Dinaka's views are mountainous but its environment consists mainly of fertile plains. Riders have the opportunity to view larger herds of game than would normally occur in Southern Africa's bushveld areas and it is not uncommon to see groups numbering hundreds of individuals.

Dinaka provides a truly magical game experience and there may be opportunities to canter with some of the game if the right conditions prevail. There are also long sandy tracks, perfect for faster riding.

You stay in a stone and thatch hunting lodge, set high on a ridge overlooking a picturesque hippo-filled lake, with spectacular views across the plains.

Dinaka combines well with a few days at Horizon (page 125).

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Ride top level endurance horses through some of the most scenic parts of South Africa.

## South Africa - Moolmanshoek



**Open all year**  
**Arrive/depart any day**  
**5 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £938 (7 nights)**

### The Riding

To make the most of the riding at Moolmanshoek you should be a fit and competent rider, confident at all paces. However, less experienced riders can be accommodated on shorter rides from the lodge.

**Nearest Airport**  
Johannesburg. Transfers available at extra cost.

Situated in the shadow of the Witteberg Mountains near the border with Lesotho this game reserve and conservation area has been converted from farmland and is now home to a wide variety of wildlife and over 230 bird species. But it's the horses that are the real highlight at Moolmanshoek. They are some of the best you are likely to come across on a riding holiday. In total there are over 300 horses at two studs based at the farm, one Boerperd and the other Arabian endurance.

The breeding programme over the past 15 years has produced some of South Africa's top endurance horses. Enjoy long canters, either on the plains amongst the wildlife or on tracks climbing into the mountains. You also ride through the herds of young horses which are raised wild on the mountain sides, resulting in characteristic sure footedness.

For non-riders there is some great hiking, game drives, excellent offroad tracks through mountain passes and flyfishing. There is also the option to observe meerkats up close in the company of the lodge's resident meerkat expert.

See [inthesaddle.com](http://inthesaddle.com) for itinerary, trip reviews, route maps and photo galleries.





A two centre ride combining the untamed beaches of the Wild Coast with a reserve in the Waterberg.

## South Africa - Surf and Turf



**Runs September to May**  
**Set departures**  
**8 nights / 7 days riding**  
**4 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £2,080**

### The Riding

You must be a confident and competent rider at all paces. The pace is varied with walking for game viewing and over uneven terrain and rocks, with faster riding along the beaches and sandy tracks. All riders should be confident and secure in the saddle.

### Nearest Airport

East London.

Transfers available at extra cost.

This holiday combines riding on some of South Africa's most spectacular beaches with the magic of riding with game in a stunning wilderness area.

The Wild Coast (p 135) is famous for its rugged, unspoilt beaches, rolling hills of tribal lands and impressive cliff top vistas. Well off the regular tourist route, rural African village life goes on much as it has done for centuries.

The lodge at Dinaka (p 127) is on a private game reserve in the heart of the Waterberg Mountains in a UNESCO biosphere reserve, one of the last true wilderness areas of South Africa. On this fertile plain you will see large herds of plains game that would not normally occur in southern Africa's bushveld areas.

See [inthesaddle.com](http://inthesaddle.com) for prices, itinerary, reviews, photo galleries and ideas for add-ons to your ride.





A safari on two private game reserves with the chance to see the Big Five from horseback.

## South Africa - Wait A Little



**Open all year**  
**Set departures & private groups**  
**Arrive Saturday**  
**7 nights / 6 days riding**  
**4 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £2,520**

### The Riding

This is a challenging ride. You must be an experienced and fit rider comfortable at all paces. You are riding in an area of dangerous game and it is important that you are secure on your horse. There are some long canters on the sandy tracks with the possibility of jumping. You should be riding fit for up to six hours in the saddle.

### Nearest Airports

Hoedspruit or Phalaborwa.  
Transfers available at extra cost.

Based on large private game reserves near to Kruger National Park, this safari offers excellent potential to see the Big Five - elephant, rhino, lion, leopard and buffalo. The rivers that run through the reserves are the lifeline of the region, supporting an impressive array of wildlife.

Your guide Philip Kusseler leads an exciting and, where the terrain permits, fast safari. The itinerary is usually split into morning and late afternoon rides to avoid the heat of midday. The horses are beautifully schooled, brave and responsive to ride. On safari you stay four nights at a luxury tented camp, two nights at Phiva Lodge and one night in a simple bush camp.

Between June and September it is possible to dedicate a week to improving your riding skills as well as experiencing some exciting game viewing on a 'Fit for Safari' week. On other dates throughout the year there are safaris of up to nine nights into the Makalali Reserve with the highlight of staying three nights at Garonga Safari Camp.



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A trail ride along some of the most dramatic coastline and unspoilt beaches in South Africa.

## South Africa - Wild Coast



**Open all year**  
**Set departures & private groups**  
**7 nights / 6 days riding**  
**4 - 5 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £1,455**

### The Riding

You should be comfortable at walk, trot and canter. There are opportunities for some long trots and canters on the beaches and grassy tracks.

Novice riders (who are able to trot and canter) and children may also be accepted on private rides.

### Nearest Airport

East London.  
Transfers available at extra cost.

This has to be the most spectacular beach ride in the world. Ride along mile after mile of deserted sandy beaches along the crashing surf of the Wild Coast.

Most itineraries start at Endalweni, a private reserve overlooking the Kei River Valley. Here you ride and explore the reserve in search of giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, impala and many other antelope species. Later ride to the beach and cross the Kei River to the Transkei to find a world of rolling green hills where rural African village life goes on much as it has done for centuries. At night you stay in simple beach hotels, by day you ride along this spectacular coastline, sometimes cantering along the water's edge, at other times meandering along the hills overlooking the ocean.

If you like the idea of this ride then also look at the Surf and Turf (page 131) which combines four nights on the Wild Coast with a four night horseback safari in the Waterberg at Dinaka.

See [inthesaddle.com](http://inthesaddle.com) for prices, itinerary, trip reviews and photo galleries.





A combination of game viewing on horseback with a ride through the vineyards of the Western Cape.

## South Africa - Wildlife and Winelands



**Open all year**  
**Set departures**  
**8 nights / 7 days riding**  
**4 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £2,280**

The first part of the ride takes place on Dinaka, one of the Waterberg's pioneering and most impressive wildlife reserves. See page 127 for a description of the riding and wildlife at Dinaka.

### **The Riding**

You must be a confident and competent rider at all paces. The pace is varied with walking for game viewing and canters along the sandy tracks and through the vineyards. All riders should be confident and secure in the saddle.

The second part takes you through the winelands of the Western Cape around Paarl where rugged mountains form a dramatic backdrop to lush vineyards and gabled Cape Dutch homesteads. With its magnificent natural beauty, rich cultural heritage and world-renowned wines, the winelands is synonymous with all the best that the Cape has to offer. Combining the pleasure of riding great horses with wine tastings, fine cuisine and luxurious spa treatments makes for an unforgettable holiday.

### **Nearest Airport**

Johannesburg, Cape Town  
Transfers available at extra cost.

See [inthesaddle.com](http://inthesaddle.com) for itinerary, trip reviews, route maps and photo galleries.





Ride with the herds of wildebeest and zebra as they move between the Serengeti and the Mara.

## Tanzania - Singita Grumeti Safari



**Open May-Oct and Dec-Mar**  
**Arrive/depart any day**  
**4 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £3,941 (4 nights)**

### The Riding

You should be a confident and fit rider, capable of controlling a horse at all paces over variable terrain. The riding pace is moderate with the opportunity for faster paced canters in places. The horses are mainly Thoroughbreds and Boerperds and there is a choice of English, Western or South African trail saddles.

### Nearest Airports

Arusha, Nairobi or Kilimanjaro.  
Transfers available at extra cost.

The Singita Grumeti Reserve offers an unparalleled horseback safari teeming with magnificent wildlife encounters on the western corridor of the Serengeti. On this vast private concession you stay in exclusive luxury lodges ideally positioned on the epic migratory route traversed annually by two million wildebeest. The first night is at Singita Sasakwa Lodge offering pure luxury, where exquisite views of the Serengeti dominate every setting.

From Sasakawa you ride on to Singita Faru Faru Lodge. Here, open-style suites, each with an outdoor shower or bath, allow you to view game without even leaving your suite, and a Swahili-inspired 'beach' offers the opportunity for pure rest and relaxation.



This is an ideal safari for non-riders who can enjoy game drives morning and afternoon, meeting up with the riders for lunch.

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One of our fastest trail rides with plenty of opportunities for fast canters and gallops across the desert.

## Tunisia - Oasis to Oasis



**Open October to May**  
**Arrive Saturday**  
**8 nights / 6 days riding**  
**5 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £1,238**

### **The Riding**

You should be a fit and experienced rider since much of the ride is at a fast pace and you are riding forward going horses. There are also times when you need to dismount and lead your horse over rough mountainous terrain. It is not suitable for nervous riders.

### **Nearest Airport**

Tozeur.  
Transfers included.

Ride across wild wind blown desert landscapes to welcoming oasis towns which appear on the horizon. These include the mountain oasis towns of Chebika, Tamerza and Mides and the desert oasis towns of Tozeur and Nefta.

The horses are Arabian/Barb crosses and you will be impressed at their overall fitness and stamina for both the sand and mountainous terrain. One can only marvel at their ability to withstand the daytime heat of the desert and the extreme cold of the night.

You walk where the terrain is soft sand, stony or full of marmot holes but each day there are opportunities for fast canters and gallops over flat salt pans or dried up river beds.

If you like the idea of this fast desert ride then you may also enjoy *Across the Namib* on page 109 or *Wyoming* on page 161.

See [inthesaddle.com](http://inthesaddle.com) for prices, itinerary, trip reviews, route map and photo galleries.



# Group Bookings

Whether getting together with a group of friends or arranging a social event for your riding club or hunt, we can take the hassle out of organising your trip. So, if you and your friends have a shared interest in riding why not plan your holiday around it?

Group sizes for a riding holiday can be as small as eight or even less, while some destinations have the experience and horses to cater for groups of up to 30 riders.

Booking as a group means that the riding and itinerary may be tailored to what you and your friends want to do.



Why book a group holiday?

- Names can be changed free of charge, if we haven't yet booked flights.
- We can hold options for longer than the normal week while you collect deposits.
- We provide a dedicated support contact to ensure that everything goes smoothly and efficiently.
- If your group is spread around the country we can organise flights from different regional airports to meet up at the destination.
- We offer discounted rates for groups. Sometimes a free place for the coordinator, the person gathering everyone together, or an across the board discount for each person.

You also have the security of knowing that your money is completely protected as In The Saddle is bonded with ABTA and ATOL.

All you need to do is nominate one person in the group to act as co-ordinator. So why not contact us and speak to our groups specialist today. Call Chris on 01299 272 237 or email [chris@inthesaddle.com](mailto:chris@inthesaddle.com).

# Going Solo

Some people may be put off the idea of booking on their own but riding holidays are great if travelling solo. In fact over a third of people who go on our holidays are travelling alone.

The great thing about riding holidays is you are travelling as part of group who have a common passion for riding and horses.

Shared experiences bring everyone together very quickly and by the end of the second day anyone looking at the group would be hard pushed to identify those who had booked together and those who booked on their own.

On many of our rides there are no single supplements if you are prepared to share and on others singles get their own room without having to pay any extra. Look for the 🧑 and 🐾 symbols on each ride page. Each holiday is different so please contact us and we can answer any questions and make some suggestions.

Group sizes are typically around eight on a riding holiday and we find this is an ideal number for a group. We have many people who have met on riding holidays and made lifelong friendships.

So, if you are thinking of a riding holiday but don't relish the idea of convincing your non-riding partner that they will enjoy it, why not take the plunge and just book it for yourself.



## Honeymoon Riding Holidays

A riding holiday makes a truly memorable honeymoon. Whether it's a luxury lodge on a game reserve in Africa or a ride along the beaches of Andalusia; many of our destinations make wonderful honeymoons.

Please ensure that you let us know when booking that this is your honeymoon so we can notify your hosts on the ride.

The price is the same as if you book as a holiday but there is always that little bit of extra care and attention to detail that goes into organising honeymoons.

A number of the horseback safaris have honeymoon suites but it is essential to reserve these early as there are usually only one or two per camp or lodge.

We also operate a guest gift service where instead of buying you a traditional wedding present your friends and family can contribute to your once in a lifetime holiday by giving you a honeymoon voucher.

Honeymoons tel: 01299 272 240

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*Honeymoon suite at Ant's Hill, South Africa, p 115*

## Weddings on Horseback

A wedding on horseback has to be the most romantic way to start your life together.



We only do a few weddings each year so each one is unique. There is no set wedding package and it can be as simple or flamboyant as you like. It may be just the two of you or a full plane of friends and family but we can help make the most important day of your life even more memorable.



If you would like to discuss some ideas and suggestions please give us a call.

Weddings tel: 01299 272 237

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We have been privileged to arrange a number of weddings over the years with venues ranging from a ranch in the Rocky Mountains of Montana to an escarpment in the middle of the African bush.



## Azores | Extensions

### Swimming with Dolphins

The Azores offer the once in a lifetime opportunity to swim with dolphins. The four species regularly sighted in the waters off Sao Miguel are Common, Bottlenose, Risso and Atlantic Spotted.

These encounters are organised with respect for the animals, with only one person allowed in the water at a time and no actual contact with the dolphins permitted.



### Whale Watching

The Azores are one of the best places from which to see whales. The emphasis of these trips is not only to view these magnificent mammals but also on understanding and conservation. Frequently seen species are sperm and pilot whales, beaked whales and false killer whales. Whale watching excursions can be arranged during your ride or as additional days; alternatively you can extend your stay and join a Whale and Dolphin Research Trip from the island of Faial.



### Scuba Diving

You may also want to explore the underwater world around the islands through a PADI certified dive centre. The volcanic origins of the Azores has created a fascinating landscape inhabited by a wealth of marine life. There are arches, vertical drop offs and numerous sea caves to explore. As well as reef fish many other species abound including rays and sharks as well as large groups of tuna and amberjacks. The diving in the Azores is very uncrowded and best in the warm summer months of June to September.



## Iceland | Extensions

### Reykjavik

The most northern capital in Europe is a friendly, vibrant and modern city worthy of a few extra days either before or after your ride. There are world class galleries, a choice of top restaurants and the city boasts some iconic architecture. Activity tours vary from river rafting and quad biking to whale watching or a jeep tour combined with a snowmobile tour on a glacier.



### Iceland - Self drive

Explore this fascinating country with the freedom of your own vehicle. We can arrange only the car rental, or provide you with detailed itineraries highlighting "must sees". If you prefer we can arrange the complete package and prebook your accommodation along the way. There are a variety of routes depending on how long you have and where you want to go.



### Greenland

You can visit Greenland on a day trip from Iceland but we recommend a stay of at least two nights. Flights from Reykjavik arrive at Kulusuk, the gateway to East Greenland and the small settlement is an excellent introduction to the way of life. The town lies on a small rocky island between saw-toothed mountains and extensive fjords and is almost always surrounded by icebergs and a glittering Arctic Ocean. Ammassalik lies just south of the Arctic Circle and is the largest town in East Greenland. The ten minute helicopter ride from Kulusuk is one of the most scenic flights imaginable as you cross the ice-filled seas separating two mountainous islands.



## Botswana | Extensions

### Mashatu Camps

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If you've been on one of the Limpopo Valley rides and feel like you've done enough on horseback but want to spend some more time on safari then Mashatu Main Camp (14 air conditioned suites) or Mashatu Tented Camp (8 luxury tents) are ideal. The camps are located on the same reserve so its just a 30 minute drive through the game park. As well as 4x4 game drives there a guided walking safaris and mountain bike safaris.



### Tree Lodge

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Tree Lodge is situated just outside Maun and in its own mini reserve. If you are booked onto one of the riding safaris in the Okavango Delta this is an ideal stopping off point for a night or two before flying into the Delta. The rooms are large and spacious and you can even start your riding safari here as there is a stable of good quality horses based at the Lodge.



### Camp Kalahari

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This small very comfortable tented camp lies on the edge of the vast Makgadikgadi salt pans. Expert guides bring the natural history alive, assisted by the Kalahari bushmen who demonstrate how they have survived in this harshest of environments using their ancient understanding of plants and animal behaviour. Spend some time with the habituated meerkats, explore the pans on quad bikes or search for stone tools, fossils and learn about the origins of early man.



## Victoria Falls | Extensions

### Stanleys Safari Lodge

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Stanleys Safari Lodge is a wonderful oasis for visitors to Victoria Falls. With only ten private cottages it is able to give you an unrivalled level of personalised service. The lodge borders the Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park and the open-sided design affords a unique view across the Park to the Zambezi River and Victoria Falls.



### Tongabezi

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On the banks of the Zambezi, upstream from Victoria Falls, Tongabezi is a unique upmarket lodge, perfect for a few days before or after a riding safari. Five cottages are situated close to the river. A further five open-fronted thatched houses offer spectacular views of the river, with open air sunken baths, loos with a view and open decks for private dining.



### The River Club

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This beautiful lodge is in an idyllic setting on an island at the meeting place of the Chobe and Zambezi Rivers. The surrounding area is an amazing mosaic of waterways, floodplains and bushveld - host to exceptional game viewing and the waters provide outstanding fishing opportunities.



## Kenya | Extensions

### Ngong House

Ngong House is just outside Nairobi only a few minutes away from what used to be Karen Blixen's coffee farm. This is an ideal base for your first night in Kenya, or if you need to overnight between safaris. Accommodation is mainly in luxurious tree-houses raised from the ground to gain an uninterrupted view of the Ngong Hills.



### Offbeat Mara Camp

A traditional small safari camp in the Mara North Conservancy, adjacent to the Maasai Mara National Reserve. This is an area rich in wildlife but with one of the lowest tourist densities in the entire ecosystem. The camp itself is situated on the Olare Oruk, a tributary of the Mara River. Game viewing is exceptional with four of the big five regularly seen around camp (Buffalo, Lion, Leopard and Elephant).



### The Driftwood Beach Club

This fun and relaxed beach lodge near Malindi offers superb value accommodation for a beach extension after your riding safari in Kenya. The spacious cottages are all air conditioned and set back from the shore, amongst the palm trees. Between October and February whalesharks are often seen offshore and there is deep sea fishing, diving and snorkelling year round.



## Mauritius | Extensions

Mauritius has some of the best beach hotels in the world and all offer snorkelling, diving, fishing and sailing. With regular direct flights between Johannesburg and Mauritius the island is an ideal add-on to a riding safari in South Africa, Botswana or Namibia.

### Le Saint Geran

Le Saint Geran, on the east coast, is the very embodiment of high luxury and style. Set on a sixty acre private estate, it is fringed by an impressive crescent of pure white sands and the turquoise waters of a reef-protected lagoon.

Boasting spacious and luxurious suites (175 in total) with handmade individual features, every conceivable comfort is provided. All suites have a private terrace or balcony facing either the ocean or bay, with a sliding door opening onto Le Saint Geran's secluded tropical garden. It is a Leading Hotel of the World. Perhaps the crowning glory at Le Saint Geran is the unforgettable food. A virtuoso chef and his talented team produce exquisite creations in which to indulge.



### Paradise Cove

On the northern tip of Mauritius, next to the fishing village of Cap Malheureux, you will find Paradise Cove, a small and secluded resort built around a lovely horseshoe-shaped lagoon, just three miles from Grande Baie. Personal service is of the essence at Paradise Cove and guests are welcomed with heart-warming hospitality and treated as honoured visitors in a private home. The hotel has 97 luxury rooms and suites.

The rooms and suites scattered around the bay are decorated with chic simplicity. Stone tiled floors, fine polished wooden furniture and wonderful artworks all create an ambience that is casual yet elegant.



## Mozambique | Extensions

Lying a few miles off the coast of Mozambique, the Bazaruto Archipelago is famous for its pristine white beaches, warm clear waters, game fishing and water sports.

There are regular flights between Johannesburg and Vilanculos and then easy transfers to the beautiful lodges dotted around the islands. Benguerra and Indigo Bay make an ideal add-on to a southern Africa riding safari. The warm tropical waters surrounding the islands support a huge variety of fish, coral, marine mammals and plants. There is reef diving for novice to advanced divers and tag and release game fishing.

Dolphins, sharks and dugongs are all prevalent in the waters at various times of the year. Humpback whales migrate through the islands between June and November. Sightings of whale sharks are common from April to July and four different species of dolphins can be seen year round.

### Benguerra Lodge

Benguerra Lodge lies on the sheltered north-west side of Benguerra Island. This small intimate lodge has all the charm of a luxurious but rustic African safari lodge and is the ideal destination for romantic, private, relaxing holidays. All 12 suites have private decks with plunge pools and direct beach access. A recent addition are two villas each with four bedrooms.



### Indigo Bay Resort

Indigo Bay is on Bazaruto Island, the largest in the archipelago. The resort comprises 29 chalets and 12 suites, all are thatched and blend in with the natural surroundings. The chalets are situated on or around the beach. They are sheltered and secluded, with interlinked chalets available for families. The suites are privately positioned higher above the beach with glorious views of the bay. The resort offers many activities, both land and sea based and children are welcome. Their Sanctuary Spa boasts an extensive treatment list and is well worth visiting.



## Namibia | Extensions

### Ongava Safari Lodge

Ongava is situated on the edge of Etosha National Park, Namibia's premier game viewing destination. A huge variety of game from elephants to meerkats congregate around the waterholes in the dry season.

The lodge has 14 very comfortable rock and thatch built chalets. There is also an inviting pool to cool off in. Outdoor dining under the stars, whilst viewing game drinking at the waterhole, is something never to be forgotten.



### Wild Dog & Crazy Kudu Safaris

These great value safaris take in the highlights of Namibia and range from a three day visit to the Kalahari to a two week odyssey that really gives you a feel of the entire country.

You can join one of the small group set departures alternatively we can arrange private group itineraries or self-drive trips of any duration.



### Sossusvlei Wilderness Camp

This nine room camp is situated on a private reserve on one of the most remarkable sites in Africa. In the park, huge towering dunes, said to be the highest in the world, rise dramatically above the plains. Early morning drives take you to this spectacular desert scenery with possible sightings of the wildlife which has adapted to these harsh conditions. For the ultimate scenic view, we can also arrange balloon safaris from the camp.



## South Africa | Extensions

We have picked two of our favourite lodges but there is a wide range of options if you wish to extend your holiday in South Africa, including exclusive safari lodges, luxury hotels and welcoming guest-houses.

### Rocktail Beach Camp

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Rocktail Bay lies on the edge of the Maputaland Marine Reserve, a World Heritage Site. The area offers extraordinary diving and snorkelling, including exciting encounters with dolphins and whales. Accommodation is in 17 en-suite rooms, tucked away just inland amongst the trees.

During summer the lodge is integrally involved in the ongoing loggerhead and leatherback turtle research that has been going on since the 1960s. You may be able to accompany the resident turtle expert at night helping to monitor the turtles' nesting numbers and behaviour.



### Jaci's Safari Camps

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Jaci's comprises two separate, eight room lodges in the Madikwe Reserve. The Safari Lodge masterfully blends into its surroundings, with thatched rooms and a magnificent main area built around an ancient termite mound. The Tree Lodge is constructed amongst the Riverine forest on stilts, up to six metres above the ground.

Jaci's is renowned for the quality of its guides and the special programmes for children, making it especially good for families.



### The Blue Train & Rovos Rail

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The Blue Train combines the luxury of a quality modern hotel with the charm of train travel. Think of it as an all inclusive rail cruise with an opportunity to view spectacular landscapes along the way. The train runs once, sometimes twice, a week between Johannesburg/Pretoria and Cape Town, departing in the morning and arriving early afternoon the following day.

The Rovos Rail service on the same route is a more leisurely journey using rebuilt classic trains. The cabins are even more spacious and furnished traditionally with period decor. The service and style is reminiscent of the golden age of rail travel.



### Cape Town

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Cape Town is a vibrant and bustling city with plenty to see and do. The cable car will take you up Table Mountain for the best view over the bay, take a boat to Robben Island or visit the Waterfront for great shopping and restaurants. There are a number of world class hotels like the Mount Nelson and Twelve Apostles as well as great value boutique hotels and charming guest-houses.



### The Garden Route

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Between Cape Town and Port Elizabeth lies the Garden Route, one of the world's most scenic drives. You can easily spend a week exploring the area, staying at some of the many lovely guest-houses along the coast. This is also a great place for whale watching. Between July and November this is the breeding ground for Southern Right whales. The shallow sandy-bottomed and sheltered bays are perfect for mating, calving and nursing their young.

## Calgary | Extensions

### Calgary Stampede

The ten day Calgary Stampede in July is billed as “The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth”. Each day there is a world class event from bareback riding to bull riding, and the evening Grandstand Show includes the daily chuckwagon races. There are stages and venues around the Stampede which include an authentic First Nations village, a recreated frontier town and a variety of agricultural events. Visits to the Stampede can be arranged from Lucasia Ranch (page 147).



### Rocky Mountaineer Train

The Rocky Mountaineer takes you between Vancouver, Calgary, Banff and Jasper on one of the most spectacular train trips in the world. The route goes through the valleys and mountain passes of British Columbia, Alberta and the Canadian Rockies. The Gold Leaf service has clear domed carriages for 180 degree views of the scenery and wildlife, whilst the Red Leaf carriages have large picture windows.



### Banff, Lake Louise and Jasper

An alpine community nestled in the Rocky Mountains, at an elevation of 1,383m, Banff is the highest town in Canada. Lake Louise, with its famous turquoise waters, is a spectacular 40 minute drive from Banff through the Bow Valley. Dominated by the majestic Victoria Glacier this is probably the most photographed scene in the Canadian Rockies. The road north to Jasper is also renowned for its breathtaking views with mountain peaks crowning the horizon in every direction.



## Arizona | Extensions

### Grand Canyon

It stretches a massive 227 miles in length, zig-zags from four to eighteen miles across and at its deepest, drops for more than a mile beneath your feet. Nothing prepares you for that first glimpse of the Grand Canyon. A visit to the Grand Canyon combines perfectly with a stay at Tanque Verde (page 141) as part of a longer trip including Monument Valley and Las Vegas.



Two nights at the Grand Canyon is the bare minimum to give you time to walk down as far as Plateau Point and see the Colorado river. This is a safe day's hike and although you descend 3,800ft, it is easily walkable in a day, taking a picnic lunch and lots of water. By just going as far as Plateau Point you will get a very special view over the canyon's 1.8 billion year old inner gorge. Stay longer, if you can, as there are endless hiking opportunities. If you are determined to dunk your feet in the river you can go a further five miles but then you must stay at Phantom Ranch, actually in the Canyon, and extend your expedition by 24 hours. This hotel needs to be booked well in advance.

Upon leaving the Grand Canyon we suggest you drive along the rim, heading east along Desert View Drive to the Grand View Point and beyond. Then head south taking the scenic route to Sedona which comes as a real surprise, just when you think nothing will ever be as impressive again.

### Las Vegas



By either flying into Las Vegas and back from Tucson or vice versa you can choose to visit before or after your ranch stay. One way car hire is easy to arrange and we can pre-book all of your accommodation enroute. In Las Vegas we suggest you fully immerse yourself and stay in one of the themed hotels on The Strip, perhaps at The Venetian or the Luxor Hotel.

## Montana | Extensions

### Yellowstone National Park

One of the first visitors to Yellowstone was John Colter in 1807. He discovered a region of steaming geysers bounding with wildlife. In 1872 that same area became the first national park in the world. If you are staying at one of the Montana ranches then the perfect extension to your holiday is to hire a car and explore the area in and around Yellowstone National Park.

There are various routes into the park and Cody on the eastern side is an ideal stopping point. Cody hosts a rodeo each night throughout July and August. This is the home town of Buffalo Bill and the museum is definitely worth a visit. Have tea at the Irma hotel which he built in 1902 and named after his daughter Irma Louise Cody.

It is a short drive between Cody and Yellowstone and two loop roads take in the best of the park. The scenery is spectacular at any time of year but is particularly stunning in September as the aspen trees turn a deep yellow. The Old Faithful geyser erupts on average every 74 minutes and there are a host of other geothermal features, including terraced springs, mud volcanoes and brightly coloured mineral pools.

You can choose to stay in the park itself but accommodation is limited and therefore gets booked up early, particularly in the peak months of July and August. The town of West Yellowstone on the western side of the park boundary also makes a great base from which to explore the area.

Other sights worth visiting while you are in southern Montana are the Wild Horse Range in the Pryor Mountains and the Little Bighorn Battlefield, scene of Custer's Last Stand. The Battlefield exudes a powerful aura and honours the fallen from both sides. Today it exists as the most moving memorial of the struggle by the Native Americans to retain their lands against encroachment by settlers.



## Chile/Argentina Cruises | Extensions



The Mare Australis, Via Australis or Stella Australis will take you through the Straits of Magellan and the Beagle Channel, exploring one of the wildest and most beautiful regions of the world - Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego. The cruises run between October and April and are an excellent way to start or finish your ride in Patagonia.

The voyages take you through channels, bays, fjords and past glaciers, snow-capped mountains, islands and unexplored forests of incomparable beauty. Each day you disembark on various excursions to experience the flora and fauna of this area - native forests, sea lions, penguins, seals, cormorants, exotic flowers and dolphins.

### Punta Arenas to Ushuaia

Day 1: Check-in at Punta Arenas.

Day 2: Arrive at Ainsworth Bay and enjoy a walk in the Magellanic forest. On the beach you will hopefully see a colony of elephant seals. Continue on to Tucker Islet.

Day 3: Enter Pia Fjord and continue through Glacier Alley.

Day 4: Sail through the Beagle and Murray Channels visiting Cape Horn National Park and later Wulaia Bay.

Day 5: Arrival in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world.

### Ushuaia to Punta Arenas

Day 1: Check in at Ushuaia.

Day 2: Sail through the Beagle and Murray Channels to Cape Horn National Park and later Wulaia Bay.

Day 3: Sail through the desolate Brecknock and Ocasion Channels. Later arrive at Chico Sound to observe great glaciers.

Day 4: Early morning visit to Magdalena Island the home of an immense colony of Magellanic Penguins. Arrive Punta Arenas late morning.

## Argentina | Extensions

### Buenos Aires

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With its broad avenues Buenos Aires has been dubbed the Paris of the west. This is a very easy and welcoming city to explore on foot, with great shopping, restaurants and nightlife. The Palermo and Recoleta districts are especially worth exploring but each area of the city has its own identity and places of interest. In the evening take in a Tango show, the Buenos Aires equivalent of London's West End theatre.



### Iguazu Falls

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Iguazu Falls regularly tops lists of the most impressive waterfalls in the world. Situated on the border between Argentina and Brazil, the falls are strung out for two and a half miles along the rim of a crescent-shaped cliff. Some 275 individual cascades and waterfalls plummet up to 269ft into the gorge below. Walkways allow visitors to get up close to the falls and experience the roar and spray of the thundering water.



### Valdes Peninsula

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The Valdes Peninsula in northern Patagonia juts out into the Atlantic and is one of the premier wildlife viewing areas in South America. The image that typifies Valdes is of killer whales breaching themselves in attempts to catch sea lions. From June to November, during their breeding season, it is one of the best places to see Southern Right whales. There are also large populations of elephant seals and penguins as well as guanacos and rheas on land.



## Brazil | Extensions

### Rio de Janeiro

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Rio de Janeiro is one of the most spectacular cities in the world. The heady mix of stunning beaches, historical city centre, awe-inspiring Sugar Loaf Mountain and Corcovado combine to create a fabulous experience whether you can stay for a week or just one night.



### Bonito

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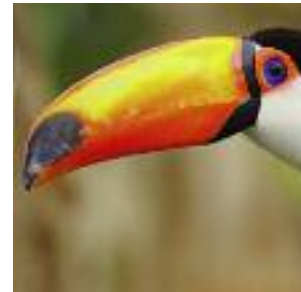
Bonito makes a great extension to the adjacent Pantanal. In Bonito the lime rich soils create some of the clearest and most transparent rivers in the world. A relaxing snorkelling float down the Rio da Prata reveals shoals of fish in the most amazing clarity. There are also arial walkways through the treetops and impressive cave systems.



### Amazon

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The Amazon Rainforest is the largest tropical forest in the world, covering six million square kilometres in nine different countries. Occupying a vast portion of the northern part of Brazil, the Amazon is an unrivalled natural paradise of incredible vegetation and rich biodiversity. Cruise along the Amazon River in an air conditioned cabin and let your naturalist guide show you the wondrous creatures and flora of this captivating place. Or stay in a comfortable jungle lodge and set out in search of astounding creatures like howler monkey, dolphin, macaws, sloth or caiman.



## Chile | Extensions

### Santiago

Enjoy a couple of nights in a downtown hotel in this impressively located city, sitting between the coast and the Andes. The city is full of hustle and bustle and the historic part contains some impressive colonial buildings.

Chile's immense length gives rise to huge geographic contrasts, from the driest desert in the world in the north of the country to the forests, lakes and glaciers of the south.



### Chilean Lake District

The scenic lakes and volcanoes of the Chilean Lake District are an easy stop-off en-route to the southern tip of Chile and our rides in the Torres del Paine National Park. Fly to Puerto Montt and base yourself at Puerto Varas on the shore of Llanquihue Lake. There are day excursions around the lake visiting Osorno volcano and the Petrohue Falls.

You can also take a ferry across to Chiloé Island and the town of Ancud, with its traditional shingle tiled houses and brightly coloured churches.



### Atacama Desert

San Pedro de Atacama, at an altitude of 2,400m, has easy access to some of Chile's spectacular wilderness areas. From here you can visit the salt flats where the air is so clear and dry that perception is distorted and the far side of the flats which is 70kms away, appears much closer. The flats contain several lakes, including Laguna Chaxa, home to a great number of flamingos. Other attractions include the Moon Valley, Tatio geyser and the Banos de Puritama thermal springs.



## Ecuador & Galapagos | Extensions

### Quito

We recommend a few days in Quito to acclimatise to the altitude and also to experience the city. Quito's large, well preserved historic quarter of cobbled streets and impressive colonial buildings, many with ornate facades and richly decorated interiors, is an UNESCO Cultural World Heritage Site. Half or full day guided city tours can be arranged.



### Galapagos Islands

Six hundred miles off the coast of Ecuador far into the Pacific lie the thirteen major islands of the Galapagos. On these isolated volcanic islands life has adapted in ways that helped to inspire Darwin's theory of evolution. Today there has been such little contact with man that the animals have no particular fear of humans and allow you the great privilege of getting close to them in their natural habitat.

Walking on the islands can bring you right up close to courting or nesting seabirds, sun bathing iguanas, relaxing sea lions or perhaps even a rare giant tortoise. Snorkelling is wonderful with the thrill of swimming with penguins, turtles and curious young sea lions.

We recommend either Ecoventura who have a fleet of first-class motor-yachts, or Haugan Cruises who offer week-long and shorter cruises on luxury catamarans. Both operators boast experienced naturalist guides, the exclusivity of small groups and so you experience the islands in a highly personal way



## Peru | Extensions

### Lake Titicaca

Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world, is well worth a visit. Board the Andean Explorer train in Cusco early in the morning; sit back and relax as you travel all day through some of the most beautiful scenery in Peru before arriving at Puno on the shores of Lake Titicaca.

We recommend at least two nights at Lake Titicaca so that you have time for a full day sailing tour of the lake exploring the floating islands of Uros.



### Reserva Amazonica

Reserva Amazonica on the banks of the Madre de Dios River is a short flight from Lima or Cusco and a great spot for exploring the Amazon jungle.

The lodge has one of the longest canopy walkways in South America, where you can walk for a quarter of a mile suspended at over 100ft. The biodiversity is astonishing with an estimated one third of the entire world's animal species living in the Amazon basin, while a single tree is home to more species of insects than exist in the whole of the UK.



### Colca Canyon

The Colca Canyon in the south, near Arequipa, is a real highlight of Peru; twice as deep as America's Grand Canyon, but with less steep walls. It is a dramatic landscape of deep valleys, natural lagoons and rushing rivers. Condors can be seen at close proximity as they glide on thermals up the sides of the canyon. The best times of the day to see them are early morning and late afternoon when they are hunting.



## India | Extensions

### Ranthambore & Bandhavgarh National Parks

If you have a passion for nature then visiting one of the National Parks is a must. Tiger can be spotted in both Ranthambore and Bandhavgarh alongside many other interesting flora and fauna. Ranthambore is easily reached after any of our rides. Bandhavgarh requires a longer journey but you will be rewarded with the highest density of tiger population in India.



### Taj Mahal

The Taj Mahal on the banks of the Yamuna river in Agra was built by Emperor Shah Jehan in memory of his consort Mumtaz Mahal. Today it is one of the seven wonders of the world and the white marble of the Taj at any time of the day is a breath-taking sight.



### Tribes of northeast India

The hilly forested areas of Assam are home to over 20 separate tribes and a number of sub tribes, each having their own language and cultural identity. Many of these tribes originate from Tibet to the north and Burma and Thailand to the east. Local guides accompany you into the community where you can spend time with individual families and experience their traditional way of life.



# A - Z of Useful Information

## ACCOMMODATION

There is sometimes confusion over the terminology of bed arrangements. "Double" is recognised as meaning a room with a double bed (this may be two beds pushed together); "Twin" as having two separate beds. We will always pass on requirements for a double bed but we cannot guarantee this, particularly as many of the hotels and lodges we use take only a small number of guests and choice of accommodation is limited. In Shared Accommodation, for example in Iceland, you may be sharing your room with several other people of both sexes. A bathroom means a toilet and shower or bath tub. Bathrooms are shared unless specified as "en suite" or "private". Private bathrooms may not be adjoining your room.

## BOOKING YOUR HOLIDAY

See page 17 of this book for details of how to book your holiday. Our booking conditions are on [www.inthesaddle.com](http://www.inthesaddle.com) or we will post or email these to you. The useful information on pages 270 - 274 of this book form part of our booking conditions.

## CHILD RATES AND FAMILY GROUPS

Discounted child rates where available are shown on [www.inthesaddle.com](http://www.inthesaddle.com). Usually it is assumed that the family will wish to ride and enjoy their holiday together and so if you would like a child minding service for part or all of a day, this needs to be specially arranged.

Where a child rate is offered, then it is presumed that the child will be sharing the

same accommodation as the parents.

If there is no child rate offered, then we may be able to offer a group discount for your family.

There may also be discounted flight rates for children under 12 at the time of travel.

## DATA PROTECTION

Before you confirm your booking please read the booking conditions which are included on the booking form or on our website at [www.inthesaddle.com](http://www.inthesaddle.com). The booking conditions set out our policy on how we manage the personal information you provide us with when we arrange your holiday.

## FLIGHTS

If you are making your own flight arrangements you must not confirm a flight booking until your riding holiday has been confirmed by us in writing. You must also ensure the flight times will coincide with the transfer times for the rides, which may be at a set time.

If you have asked us to book flights, please note that we are not always in a position to confirm the airline, aircraft type and destination airport which is to be used. When this information is provided at the time of booking or subsequently, it is subject to change. The flight times given on booking are for general guidance only and are subject to change by the airlines. The actual flight times will be shown on your final itinerary which will be sent to you approximately two weeks before your departure. You must accordingly check your itinerary very carefully immediately upon

receipt to check you have the correct flight times. It is possible that flight times may be changed even after the final itinerary has been sent and we will contact you as soon as possible if this occurs. You must also ensure you observe any instructions for reconfirming your return flight.

## FOREIGN OFFICE TRAVEL ADVICE

From time to time the British Foreign Office (0845 850 2829 or [www.fco.gov.uk](http://www.fco.gov.uk)) issues Travel Advisory Notices giving advice regarding travel to a particular destination, which you should consult before making a booking. If the FCO advises against travel to the country, then following the advice of our insurers, we may have to cancel your holiday.

## GROUPS

Many of the holidays can be booked by private groups, some from as few as two people. In these cases the itinerary can be tailored for your group. We offer discounts depending on the size of group.

## MEDICAL PROBLEMS/DISABILITY

If you have any medical problem or disability which may affect your booked arrangements you must advise us in writing at the time of booking giving full details. If we feel unable to properly accommodate your particular needs, we must reserve the right to decline/cancel your booking.

Any medical or physical condition that is not disclosed at the time of booking but which, in the opinion of the guide, could affect your ability to ride safely, will result in you being refused to ride.

## PASSPORTS

A full passport, valid for at least six months beyond the date of your return travel, is essential for all the holidays in this brochure. If you expect to need to renew your passport you should leave plenty of time for it to be processed. Information on how to apply for or renew a passport can be obtained by calling the UK Passport Office on 0870 521 0410 or online at [www.passport.gov.uk](http://www.passport.gov.uk). All children under 16 who are not already included on a valid ten year passport will need to hold their own passport since it is not now possible to add children onto British passports. If you are 16 or over and have not yet obtained a passport, our recommendation is that you should apply for one at least six weeks before your holiday.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

We are always interested in seeing photographs of your holiday and the best may be printed in a future brochure. We also reserve the right to use in our brochure any photographs taken during your holiday which may include you.

## RANCH HOLIDAYS

Ranch holidays are a highly personal affair. You may dream of being a cowboy and rounding up cattle, galloping across the prairies, camping out under the stars or riding into the mountains. We will do our best to help you choose a ranch to fulfil your dreams. However, it is important that you tell us what it is you really want to do. For example, if you want to meet other people and have quite a

sociable holiday, then you will not wish to pick a ranch where you might be the only guests. If you want to work cattle, then it is important that you visit at certain times of the year. It is not possible to guarantee a specific activity, since ranch work is dependent on the weather and local conditions.

At many ranches you are a guest of the family. You may eat with the rancher and his family and spend most of the day with either the rancher or one of the wranglers. They welcome you into their lives and take great interest in sharing their lifestyle and knowledge of the mountains and ranch life. The vast majority of people find the ranchers totally charming; however, we cannot guarantee that you will find them so and occasionally there are personality clashes. We are confident that we offer excellent riding holidays; but we cannot guarantee that you will enjoy the rancher's company. The ranchers are characters and they may have different beliefs and attitudes to you.

### **RIDING EXPERIENCE**

When completing the Booking Form, please provide us with detailed information regarding your riding skills and experience to help us establish that you have the appropriate ability for the holiday. This information will be forwarded to our partners overseas to ensure that you are matched with the right horse.

If you have overstated your ability the guide may refuse to take you on the ride if he/she considers it would be unsafe to do so.

### **SAFETY WHEN RIDING**

We recommend for your own safety that you wear a hard hat that meets current PAS and BSEN safety standards. Some establishments may have hats to hire but you must not rely on these hats and you should always take your own. It is important that your hat fits properly. Some riders choose to wear a lightweight endurance style hat, such as those made by Troxel or Champion. Alternatively, wide brimmed covers in a range of materials which are designed to fit over a skull cap are available to purchase in the UK. We would be pleased to advise you on where to obtain either.

Whilst riding or in the vicinity of horses, you must comply with the instructions of your guide. It is a condition of your booking that you accept that the guide is entitled to require you to dismount or to refuse to allow you to ride if for any reason, such as ability, behaviour or health, they consider that you may endanger the safety or welfare of the horses or any person.

There are inherent risks involved in horse riding. At many of the riding holidays you may be required to sign a separate acknowledgement of this and acceptance of personal liability. If you are not allowed to ride because you refuse to sign this disclaimer or to wear a hard hat, you will have no claim against In The Saddle and will not be entitled to any refund or compensation.

### **SINGLE ACCOMMODATION**

On some holidays a limited number of single rooms are available at no extra charge. On others, paying a single supplement will guarantee you a single room and in some cases, if you are willing to share then no single supplement is charged. On other holidays single accommodation is not available and you will be expected to share. For further explanation please look at the explanations of the symbols used throughout this book on pages 14 and 15.

### **SPECIAL REQUESTS**

Special requests should be noted on your booking form. It is unrealistic to expect special diets to be effectively catered for in many of the locations we feature; some cannot be accommodated and you must be prepared to compromise. Whilst we will advise our suppliers of such requests, we can never guarantee their availability.

### **TIPPING**

Where tips to overseas staff are obligatory they are included in the prices. Otherwise tipping guides, wranglers or other staff is at your discretion. We give guidelines along with your booking confirmation.

### **TRANSFERS**

Transfers from the nearest airport are sometimes included in the price of the holiday and sometimes they are quoted separately. The web site [www.inthesaddle.com](http://www.inthesaddle.com), states exactly what is and what is not included for each ride. The transfer may be at a specified time so if you

are making your own flight arrangements you must ensure that the flight times coincide with the times of the transfers.

### **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

Travel insurance is obligatory for all clients and you must confirm to us in writing that you have cover for the riding activities to be undertaken.

You are responsible for arranging your own insurance with protection for the full duration of your vacation in respect of at least; medical expenses, injury, death, repatriation, cancellation and curtailment. Protection of at least £50,000 emergency medical evacuation plus £50,000 medical expenses is mandatory.

In The Saddle reserves the right to cancel the booking if you have not taken out appropriate insurance.

### **VACCINATIONS**

You should familiarise yourself before departure with the precautions recommended by health authorities. If travelling directly from the UK, no vaccinations are legally required for any of the countries featured in this brochure, but most medical experts will advise precautions against tetanus, hepatitis, typhoid and polio for travel to Africa, Latin America or Asia. Malarial protection is strongly recommended if visiting India or Africa, however our rides in Namibia and South Africa are in areas considered to be non-malarial, except for Wait A Little.

Full information about health requirements for travellers is available from 'MASTA' (Medical Advisory Service for Travellers Abroad) at the

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Tel: 0906 822 4100 or [www.masta-travel-health.com](http://www.masta-travel-health.com).

### VISAS AND PERMITS

If you are a British Citizen you will need to obtain a visa in advance of travel for Australia, India, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia and Tibet. Visas are issued on arrival for Jordan, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Turkey and Zambia.

You must have a machine readable passport to visit the USA. All travellers to, or via, the United States must complete a Visa Waiver Form (known as ESTA) at least 72 hours prior to departure.

Other countries featured in this brochure do not currently require British Citizens to purchase a Visa; however regulations can change so you should check with the relevant consulate or embassy prior to travel. The cost of the visa is not included in the price of the holiday but we will supply full details and the relevant application forms on request. Visas need to be applied for around two to three months prior to departure.

It is important that non-British citizens check with the relevant consulate or embassy as visa requirements may differ.

We regret we cannot accept any liability if you are refused entry onto any flight or into any country due to failure on your part to carry the correct passport, visa or other documents required by any airline or authority.

### WEIGHT LIMITS

On most rides there is a weight limit of 15 stone (approx. 100kgs or 220 pounds) and on some rides it is less than this.

Furthermore, there may only be one or two horses suitable for this weight but since it does depend on your experience and riding ability you must check with us before booking. Please inform us if your weight changes significantly prior to your holiday since this may affect horse allocation.

### YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of all necessary travel and health documents before departure. All costs incurred in obtaining such documentation must be paid by you. We regret we cannot accept any liability if you are refused entry onto any transport or into any country due to failure on your part to carry correct documentation.

If you or any member of your party is not a British citizen or holds a non British passport, you must check passport and visa requirements with the Embassy or Consulate of the country(ies) to or through which you are intending to travel. If failure to have any necessary travel or other documents results in fines, surcharges or other financial penalty being imposed on us, you will be responsible for reimbursing us accordingly.

## The Riding Holiday Show

The Riding Holiday Show takes place in London in November. Riding guides from the Americas, Asia, Africa and across Europe come together to share stories about their rides. It's a great place to learn about new trips, plan your next adventure and to meet up with old friends.

Tickets can be requested online at [www.ridingholidayshow.com](http://www.ridingholidayshow.com), by email [rides@inthesaddle.com](mailto:rides@inthesaddle.com) or call us on 01299 272 997. For the latest information about the event visit [www.ridingholidayshow.com](http://www.ridingholidayshow.com)

If you are unable to come to the Riding Holiday Show in November we hope to see you on our tradestand at one of these other equestrian events throughout the year.

March | Flanders Horse Expo, Belgium  
May | Badminton Horse Trials, Gloucestershire  
May | Rolex Three Day Event, Kentucky, USA  
June | Bramham Horse Trials, West Yorkshire  
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August | Burghley Horse Trials, Lincolnshire  
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October | JKB Horse Show, Denmark  
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