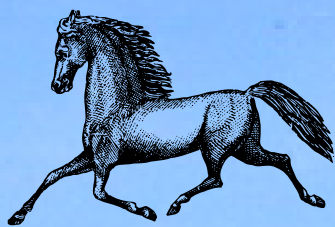


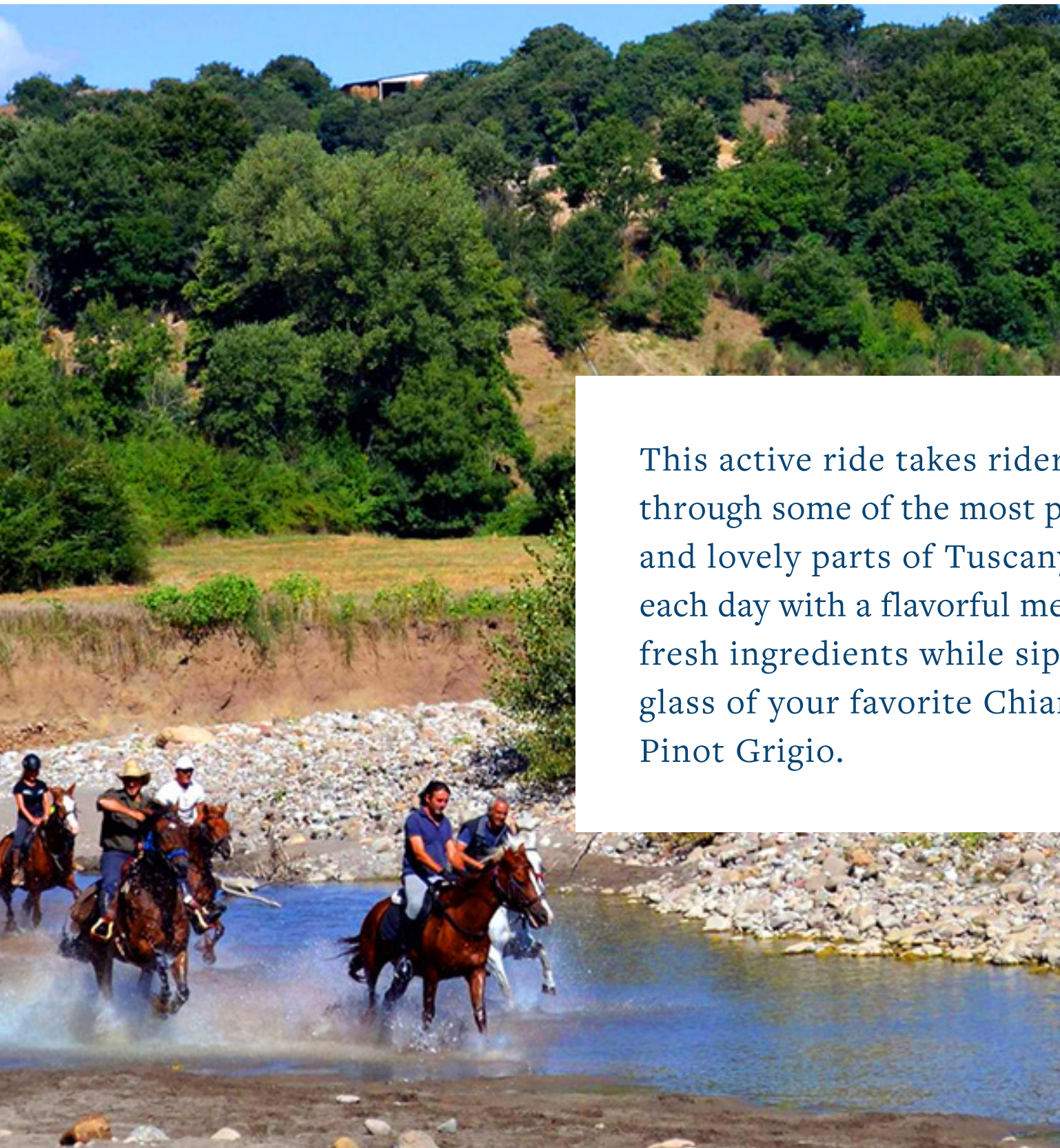
ACTIVE



RIDING TRIPS

ITALY'S
TUSCANY INN TO INN 6 NIGHT
TRAIL RIDE





In the heart of Tuscany; a colorful region between mountains, valleys, hills and forests, you will discover the ridges of the Sienna Mountains or “Sienna’s costum” which were, until the year 1800, the border between the great duchy of Tuscany and the Papal State.

This active ride takes riders through some of the most pristine and lovely parts of Tuscany. End each day with a flavorful meal from fresh ingredients while sipping a glass of your favorite Chianti or Pinot Grigio.

The paths and trails are scenic and around every bend is a new village situated on the hillside, or a panoramic view of the rolling hills dotted with the noble Cypress trees.



duration:
5 DAYS



2-10
MEMBERS



country
ITALY



airport
ROME or
FLORENCE



accommodation
B&B



all meals
INCLUDED



Suggested ITINERARY

Day 1 Sunday:

Arrival in the evening before dinner, at the Sovana Hotel. Meeting with your guide and presentation of your ride.

Day 2 Monday:

You will start your ride near the archaeological park of "citta del tufo", the birthplace of the Etruscan civilization. You will ride toward totally different landscapes, passing by two typical and authentic small villages : Castell'otteri, with the remains of its medieval fortress, and S. Giovanni Delle Contee.

You will then ride along a riverbed to the agroturismo of "La Franciola". Relaxing with a glass of wine, you'll enjoy the beautiful sight of the medieval village of Proceno, situated just across the canyon. Dinner and night in "La Franciola".

Day 3 Tuesday:

Today, you are heading to Radicofani, passing by the small village of Celle Sul Rigo. You will ride across hills of various heights on clay paths, since this is an ancient volcanic terrain - you'll love this area - a typical Siena landscape!

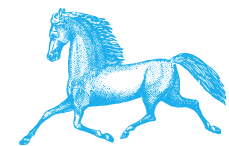
You will stop on the way to enjoy a copious lunch... and then in the afternoon, admire beautiful sights of the perched village of Radicofani. Dinner and night in a hotel in Radicofani.

Day 4 Wednesday:

Departure after breakfast for a ride around Radicofani. You will cross the Orca Valley, the centre of SienaTuscany .

A lovely picnic lunch awaits you along the crests of the hill with the breathtaking sight of Radicofani fortress (you can see it up to 20 km away).

In the afternoon, you will ride back to your hotel and will have the opportunity to visit Radicofani, its medieval castle and to climb up to the top to see the views in all directions. There is ample time to wander in the village and admire its stone houses, characteristic of the charm and authenticity of Tuscany. Night and dinner in a hotel in Radicofani.



HOURS RIDING PER DAY

5-7 hours per day

PACE OF RIDE

60% trotting/cantering

40% walking



Suggested ITINERARY

Day 5 Thursday:

Back to “La Franciola” taking a completely different route - today you will ride across big hills spreading as far as the eye can see ... You will ride on the ancient “Cassia”, the road that used to link Florence to Rome, and keep going along the new Cassia.

After some nice canters, you will make your way back up towards “La Franciola”.

Day 6 Friday:

Today is an unforgettable experience ! You will ride towards S. Quirico and Prato Lungo before taking lunch by Vitozza (an ancient Etruscan necropolis, made out of over 200 caves), and the remains of a Roman church and fortress : this is the heart of the archaeological parc of “Citta del Tufo”.

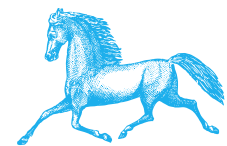
After lunch you will hand-lead your horse down the narrow trails of the park. You will then get back on and ride along a river bed, which will lead you at the bottom of the impressive village of Sorano, built on a cliff.

A beautiful Etruscan road created in the “tufo” (volcanic rock) and surrounded by impressive overhanging cliffs - all of which will lead you up to a Roman church.

You will go up the Etruscan road on foot and let your horse climb by on their own. It's an amazing view of Sorano that awaits you. After you have had a chance to relax and take photos, you mount back up to head to the equestrian center in the late afternoon. After feeding your travelling companions you will let the horses loose in the fields to roll and rest. Night and dinner in agriturismo.

Day 7 Saturday:

After the breakfast, independent transfer to the airport or train station.



BREEDS OF HORSES

Maremma and crossed breeds,
trail ride horses

TYPE OF TACK

English with limited
western on request



Rider REVIEWS



I've now taken a total of five riding vacations and I still call my ride through Tuscany "the best week of my life." I had such a fabulous time that I'm considering doing it again!

I'll never forget dining with the three-generation family at their farmhouse just outside of Proceno and eating the Gradmother's hand-made pasta....or tasting their very own wine made from the grapes of their very own vineyard....or that clip-clop sound of my horse's hooves on the old cobblestone streets and the little old lady who was tending her garden looking up, smiling and saying "Bella, Bella!"....or encountering a sweet elderly man who proudly gave us an impromptu tour of the town's centuries-old church that was every bit as beautiful as the churches I saw in Rome....or the time the local shop owner cut cheese and sausages and opened wine for us and refused to let us pay....or the unexpected finding of a goat farm where we tied our horses up and feasted on the best cheese I've ever tasted....or the breathtaking views of the Tuscan farmland and trees that I see in all the artwork here at home....or the dreams that went through my head of fixing up the old farmhouse ruins we rode by....or the naps under a tree after a lovely lunch and a glass of wine....or the excitement of looking up at a hilltop fortress and our guide telling us we'd be there by dark and lo and behold – we made it! And last but not least, the tears that went down my face on that last canter as I was so overwhelmed with the blessings of the week.

In short, it was the best adventure of my life. Riding to a different town every day was just thrilling. I can't say enough about the guides, the horses, the food, the wine, the accommodations, the scenery. What an extraordinary way to soak up Tuscany. You simply must experience it!! **Holly G.**



Additional INFORMATION



INCLUDED:

6 nights accommodation
5 days of riding | All meals
Drinks during meals
Horse and all tack | Guiding services
Luggage transfers | All local taxes

NOT INCLUDED:

Airfare | Travel Insurance
Drinks outside of meals,
sodas, hot drinks
Visits not outlined
on the itinerary
Transfers on the first
and last night
Gratuities for the team
at the end of the week

