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LOVE TO RIDE? LIVE TO TRAVEL?

WE'RE A TRAVEL AGENCY that specialises in horse riding holidays, horse riding safaris and unique cultural horse experiences from all over the world. Globetrotting has a portfolio of horse riding holidays and safaris on offer in Australia, Mongolia, Canada, Kenya, Botswana, Namibia, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Japan and New Zealand.

We've been fortunate to spend a lot of time discovering various horse riding safaris in Africa, Mongolia, South America, Australia and leading groups of up to ten riders throughout these countries. So, we know what makes these horse rides unforgettable. We're constantly researching new countries and rides to make sure that we have the best selection of horse riding holidays and horse riding safaris on offer.

The properties that are listed under each country are all unique in their own right. In our opinion they are the bee's knees of horse riding safaris in the world. Each establishment achieves the perfect balance between intelligent horses, spice of culture, shifting and challenging landscapes, colourful characters, foreign wildlife and a pinch (sometimes a handful) of adrenalin. Remarkable horse

properties that are run by people that truly understand what their fellow horse people look for in a horse riding holiday.

Please note that we specialise in these countries because we know them inside and out and this country list continues to grow. It must also be mentioned that we have formed close relationships with the hosts who offer the horse rides. However, we also remain totally independent and will give you honest and impartial advice as to which ride will suit you best. Since we don't run the horse rides ourselves, we're free to provide you with an unbiased, genuine opinion of each. We can also advise on flights, travel insurance that specialises in horse riding, visas, accommodation and suggested itineraries to do before or after your horse riding holiday.

And finally, the prices quoted throughout the brochure are a guideline only, please refer to our website - www.globetrotting.com.au - for current prices and departure dates.

We hope to welcome you as a globetrotter in the near future.

KATE & STEVEN PILCHER





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GLOBETROTTING'S GUIDED GROUP RIDES

Some of our clients prefer the safety net of a guided group trip to ensure they are well looked after from when they arrive at their chosen country to when they leave after the ride. It takes the guess work out of travelling so that you can truly relax throughout your holiday. Typically the day before the ride starts your guide will spend a day with you and the group visiting the tourist attractions of the capital. Also if you have any problems throughout the ride,

it's the guide's job to fix them. The guided component also includes a disc of professional images and video of your riding holiday, photographed and filmed by your guide and a globetrotting safari shirt (very stylish!). Each year we schedule guided group rides to Africa and South America led by either Kate & Steven Pilcher, owners of globetrotting or Angus Johns who has ridden extensively around the world.

UPCOMING GUIDED GROUP RIDES

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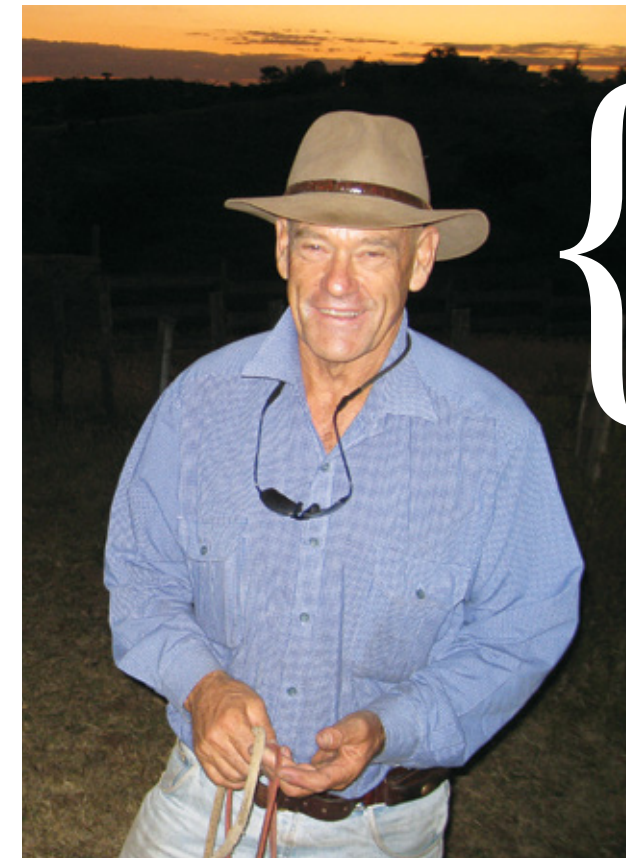
This guided group ride that runs every year is fast becoming our #1 ride amongst globetrotting guests. This awe inspiring safari takes riders into Kenya's heartland for seven days where they become entwined in the most phenomenal wildlife migration of its kind in the world. This is without a doubt a once in a lifetime ride. This seven day horse riding safari is *\$8000 USD and is guided by experienced GT guides, Kate & Steven Pilcher or Angus Johns. Price includes everything while on safari except for staff tips and specific air charters. Internal flights and transfers on the first and last day of the safari are included.

* Prices may be subject to change.

SOUTH AMERICA

If you've always wanted to ride through Chile and Argentina alongside handsome gauchos, under the shadows of towering mountain ranges, mounted on the trusting, loyal Criollo horse then this guided globetrotting ride is a holiday match made in heaven.

Refer to the globetrotting website and click on the page Guided Group Rides for current prices, departure dates and to request an itinerary.



MEET YOUR GUIDES

ANGUS JOHNS became addicted to horse riding holidays after a ten-day ride through the Maasai Mara in Kenya ten years ago. Since that fateful safari he has globe trotted around the world to far-flung destinations like Namibia, Brazil, Botswana, Argentina, Chile and Costa Rica. Before becoming a GT guide, he spent years travelling, as a riding guest so understands what a globetrotting client is looking for in there riding holiday of a lifetime.

KATE & STEVEN PILCHER have been roaming the globe on horseback for the past ten years.

Kate has worked as a horse-riding guide in Kenya and Argentina and speaks conversational Kiswahili and Spanish. She has an intimate knowledge of the riding destinations that are in the globetrotting portfolio. Both Steven and Kate are professional photographers and have their cameras constantly poised to capture your riding holiday of a lifetime. They're on the pulse in terms of your needs and what you would like to experience on your riding adventure.





WHY CHOOSE A GUIDED GROUP RIDE?

A LOT OF OUR GLOBETROTTERS are solo female riders that may not have the confidence to travel by themselves. They prefer for us to take the guesswork out of travelling to an unknown country so they can relax.

Our guests love that we take the hard work out of travelling when flying into a foreign country we're there from the get-go. We meet you at the airport (or co-ordinate our international flights together) and that's when you can relax and let us hold your hand throughout your trip.

Before starting your ride we always spend two nights in the capital city whether it be Buenos Aires or Nairobi, we know these cities well. We avoid staying in generic hotels preferring characterful, boutique hotels situated in charming suburbs. With limited time spent in the capital city, we know the best restaurants, artisans and authentic cultural experiences trademark to that country.

What if your transfer doesn't arrive on time? What regional airport do you have to get too? Where is an ATM? Don't worry about it; we take care of all these boring travelling woes.

Steven and I are both photographers and are quite adept at taking photos of you on horseback. Whether you're striking a pose in front of a buffalo herd or swimming your horse across the Mara River, it's our job to film and photograph it all. And this is evidence to your

friends back home that you did swim a horse across the Mara River with hippos and crocs watching on! With us holding the camera you can truly enjoy the moment rather than fiddling around with your camera. When you get home we'll send through an online album of images and a video clip of your journey. This part of the package is priceless.

We make sure you're ecstatic with your safari horse, the pace of the ride and your saddle.

It's our job to know what drink you yearn for after seven hours in the saddle, if you have milk in your tea and make sure your dietary requirements are met.

We want you to absorb the country's culture. It's our aim that you become intimate with the culture and experience every facet of its people, food, landscape, history and horses -warts and all.

You'll be with a group of like-minded travellers. We've found our globetrotters all share a love for horses, travelling, adventure and are looking for a travel experience that is lasting and out-of-the-box. It warms my heart when globetrotters that meet as strangers become firm friends throughout the safari and go on to travel to other riding destinations.

So in a robust nutshell, that's why we offer escorted rides.



GLOBETROTTING THROUGH ARGENTINA

IN ARGENTINA the horse is still king and your horse riding holiday emphasises this. If you turn the clock back on Australia by fifty years this is Argentina today. A country that would make any Australian landowner blush: estancias with oodles of grass, endless amounts of water and fat, happy cattle. Argentine's still live and breathe horses whether it's mustering sheep and cattle, playing polo, breeding

horses or going to amateur race meets, horses are truly an integral part of their everyday lives.

To delve under Argentina's skin, you have to jump on a Criollo horse, learn to drink matte with a gaucho, try your hand at country polo and sing folklorica around a blazing fire under a night sky.



HIGHLIGHTS

LEARNING TO BREAK IN HORSES THE ARGENTINE WAY **PLAYING COUNTRY POLO IN CORRIENTES** DRINKING MATÉ WITH GAUCHOS **FALLING IN LOVE WITH THE TRUSTING, LOYAL CRIOLLO HORSES** CHOWING DOWN ON A FAMOUS ASADO **LOPING ACROSS NEVER-ENDING PANCAKE FLAT PAMPA**



GETTING UNDER THE SKIN

READ *In Patagonia* by Bruce Chatwin

WATCH *Un Novio Para Mi Mujer* (A Boyfriend for My Wife), *No Sos Vos, Soy Yo* (It's Not You, It's Me)

LISTEN to Los Chalchaleros - typical folklorica music

EAT Asado, chimichurri (country's go-to condiment), dulce de leche, empanadas (pastry filled with a savoury or sweet filling)

DRINK Maté (pronounced mah-tay)

TACK UP

The traditional Argentine saddle, the recado, is composed of many layers of blankets, pieces of leather, and sheepskins placed on the horse's back in a particular

order. The last layer of sheepskin serves as a seat for the rider, making it very comfortable to ride. For the Gauchos, this material has a double-purpose, saddle for work, comfortable bed for rest.

HORSE EVENT

The Campeonato Argentino Abierto de Polo (Spanish for Argentine Polo Open Championship) has taken place every year since 1893 at the Campo Argentino de Polo of Palermo, Buenos Aires.

NATIONAL BREED

The Argentine Criollo

HORSE SPEAK

vamos - faster, faster

tranquilo - slow down/stop

cavallo (ka-va-jo) - horse

gaucho - horseman



GLOBETROTTING THROUGH ARGENTINA NORTHERN PATAGONIA

THIS ESTANCIA is a very special place in Argentina that will leave a mark on your heart forever. It can only be accessed by horseback as it lies beyond all roads, deep within Patagonia. The property is exceptionally beautiful with river valleys, jagged cliffs and endless

stretches of rolling pampas. By visiting this estancia you have a unique opportunity to switch off from the outside world; there are no televisions, phones or Internet and limited electricity. It's ideal riding country to lose yourself in and truly relax.



“I AM WRITING TO AFFIRM THAT I HAD A TERRIFIC TRIP TO ARGENTINA WITH GLOBETROTTING.

WE MADE OUR WAY TO AN ESTANCIA IN THE ANDES OF ARGENTINA ARRIVING ON HORSEBACK WITH OUR LUGGAGE CARRIED ON THE BACK OF MULES. THE ESTANCIA WAS A STEP BACK INTO THE PAST WITH A BEAUTIFUL RUSTIC SERIES OF BUILDINGS WHERE WE STAYED IN COZY GUESTHOUSES WITH OUR OWN BATHROOMS AND BEAUTIFUL VIEWS OF THE MOUNTAINS AND RIVER. WE MET AND LEARNED ABOUT THE GAUCHOS AND RODE HORSES THAT HAD ONCE BEEN OWNED AND TRAINED BY THESE ARGENTINEAN HORSEMEN. THE HORSES WERE SOMETHING ELSE, SURE-FOOTED AND ACCOMMODATING. THE PEOPLE I MET MADE IT A VERY MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE AND THE PHOTOS ARE A HIGHLIGHT AS I CAN LOOK BACK AND RELIVE THE EXPERIENCE FROM THE FABULOUS PHOTOGRAPHY OF KATE AND STEVEN. ” Elaine Barbeler



TIME IN SADDLE
Varies day to day

BREED OF HORSES
Criollo, arab, quarter horse

PACE
Varying paces

RIDING ABILITY
Caters for beginners to advanced riders

WEIGHT LIMIT
95kg

ACCOMMODATION
Bedroom suites, which include double bed, fireplace and ensuite.

SEASONS
September and October is Argentina's spring. It can frost at night, but the days are cool. In summer, November

through to March, it's always delightful, warm during the day with refreshing cool nights. April is exceptional with autumn colours and May starts to get cold. June through to August is winter, with some snow.

RIDE PRICES*
from ***\$350 USD** per person, per night.

** This property has a seven day minimum stay required.
* The price includes accommodation in one of the three cottages, all meals and snacks, wine and beer, laundry service, daily maid service, estancia activities, transfers from the trail head by horse.
* The price does not include transfers to and from the ride, flights or travel insurance.
* Prices may be subject to change.*

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GLOBETROTTING THROUGH ARGENTINA SIERRAS CHICAS

This well-run estancia is located in the Sierras Chicas, which is a mountain range north west of Cordoba city in Argentina. It's a 6,500-acre working cattle and stud farm which has been in the same family for four generations. As soon as you arrive at this estancia you'll instantly feel at home by both the owners and staff. Exploring this property on one of the eighty horses is an absolute delight. You'll have the opportunity to ride in the morning and afternoon each day and no two rides are the same.

In between rides there is the opportunity to dine on traditional Argentinean cuisine, swim in the pool, enjoy long, uninterrupted walks or a spot of bird twitching. The estancia also offers polo weeks

three times a year which are specifically aimed at the beginner, novice or occasional player who wishes to learn how to play, brush up their skills or just have some fun in an informal and friendly environment. Half-day polo sessions are combined with stunning trail rides out into the estancia in the afternoon. The polo weeks offer the best of both worlds, learning or honing your polo skills in the morning and then exploring the estancia in the afternoon.

There is also an eight-day, seven-night long distance ride available three times a year, which explores the beautiful Sierras Chicas. The ride takes you over the constantly changing geography of the region, through areas impossible to reach by car.



TIME IN SADDLE
4 to 6 hours a day

BREED OF HORSES
There are approximately 80 riding horses available at this property. The horses have all been bred on the estancia, have exceptionally soft mouths, are well mannered and in excellent condition. They are responsive and sure-footed, and are either Criollos, Paso Peruanos, with some crossbreeds.

PACE
Slow to fast

RIDING ABILITY
Suitable for beginner to experienced riders

WEIGHT LIMIT
Maximum of 90kg for estancia stays and 90kg for polo and trail rides

ACCOMMODATION
Comfortable rooms that are traditionally furnished with plenty of antiques, all individual and with private bathrooms.

Rooms are heated with wood-burning stoves or fireplaces.

GROUP SIZE
4 to 6 guests plus guides

SEASONS
September and October is Argentina's spring. It can frost at night, but the days are cool. In summer, November through to March is always delightful, warm during the day with refreshing cool nights. April is exceptional with autumn colours and May starts to get cold. June through to August is winter, with some snow.

RIDE PRICES*
from ***\$450 USD** per person, per night.

** This property has a three night minimum stay.
* Price includes transfers to and from Cordoba airport, all food, drink and accommodation, daily riding, guides and equipment and all other activities whilst on the estancia. The price does not include transfers to and from the ride, flights or travel insurance.
* Prices may be subject to change.*

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GLOBETROTTING THROUGH AUSTRALIA

Whether you're Australian born and bred or a visitor to this odd-shaped island, a horse-riding holiday is an essential experience. Globetrotting offers three premium Australian riding destinations that tick all the boxes in terms of changing scenery,

bush horses, gourmet food, professional guiding and comfortable accommodation.

The heart of Australia lies within the bush where characters abound, wildlife is prolific and horse riding is at its best.



HIGHLIGHTS

SAMPLING AUSTRALIA'S TWO MOST FAMOUS JEWELS - THE BEACH AND THE BUSH FROM THE BACK OF A HORSE
RIDING A PLUCKY MOUNTAIN PONY THROUGH THE MAN FROM SNOWY RIVER COUNTRY RUBBING SHOULDERS WITH AUSSIE BUSH CHARACTERS OVER A ROARING CAMPFIRE **PISS BOLTING AFTER A RUNAWAY STEER IN AUSTRALIA'S HEARTLAND** CANTERING ALONG VAST, UNTOUCHED BEACHES **PLUNGING THROUGH MOUNTAIN RIVERS THAT ARE CRYSTAL CLEAR**



GETTING UNDER THE SKIN

READ Poetry by A.B (Banjo) Patterson, for a cackle read novels by Bill Bryson, author Tim Winton captures the Australian way of life in all of his books, *Jessica* by Bryce Courtenay

WATCH *The Man from Snowy River*, a cult Australian movie released in 1982

LISTEN to Australia's favourite singer, songwriter Paul Kelly

EAT anything prepared on a BBQ (barbecue), lamb, lamingtons (a square sponge cake dipped in chocolate and covered in coconut), meat pies and vegemite sandwiches.

DRINK Bundaberg Rum (a dark rum made from sugar cane) with coke or any of Australia's regional wines

BREED OF HORSE

Australian Stock Horse
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TACK UP

The Australian Stock Saddle was designed for security and comfort in the saddle no matter how harsh the conditions. While having stylistic roots from the English saddle in the design of the seat, panels, fenders, and stirrups, it has a much deeper seat, higher cantle and knee pads in the front to create a very secure saddle for riders who ride in rough conditions or spend long hours on a horse. Barcoo Bridle, RM Williams boots, Akubra Hat, Drizabone Stock whip

HORSE SPEAK

Jackaroo or Jillaroo - horseman or horsewoman that work on cattle stations



GLOBETROTTING THROUGH AUSTRALIA BUSH AND BEACH RIDE, SUNSHINE COAST

This beach and bush ride on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland is the ultimate Australian bush and beach riding experience. It's the quintessential Australian ride where you're mounted on superbly bred Australian Stock Horses, ride along untouched, vast expanses of beach, tail behind a mob of cattle and experience true bush spirit in outback Queensland.

Owner and guide Alex Watson who is a former Olympian pentathlete selected Australian stock horses as his chosen breed for guests as the breed is regarded as the world's most versatile horse being able to perform at everything from Olympic disciplines such as showjumping, eventing and dressage through to camp drafting,

polo, trail work and cattle work.

Days can vary from cantering through dry creek beds, leaping over fallen logs, pushing a mob of cattle, rubbing shoulders with Aussie bushies to tip toeing through a dense Bunya Pine forest where shafts of sunlight beam through the heavy canopy overhead.

To ride a horse along the beach is a dream all horse enthusiasts yearn for. It's the appeal of galloping along never ending coastlines, thundering through the sea and the feeling of complete abandonment that has riders chomping at the bit to have their very own beach experience.



"I REALLY ENJOYED THE RIDE - THE STAFF WERE GREAT, VERY OBLIGING AND ALWAYS SERVICE WITH A SMILE." Michelle Morphett



TIME IN SADDLE
3 to 5 hours a day

BREED OF HORSES
Australian Stock Horses

PACE
The pace can vary from a walk right through to a gallop

RIDING ABILITY
All riding abilities are catered for from beginner to advanced

WEIGHT LIMIT
Maximum of 100kg

ACCOMMODATION
Four and half to five star holiday accommodation.

GROUP SIZE
Usually between 6 to 8 people

SEASONS
All year round

RIDE PRICES*
From ***\$2,950** for six nights, seven days, all inclusive of meals, accommodation and riding based on twin share accommodation.
* This rate does not include flights, transfers to and from the ride (from Brisbane) and travel insurance.
* Single supplement charge of ***\$350** applies to single travelers.
* Prices may be subject to change.

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GLOBETROTTING THROUGH AUSTRALIA THE MAN FROM SNOWY RIVER, VICTORIA

This five day, four night mountain ride through Victoria's High Country is a dream come true for any horse rider who grew up watching the Man from Snowy River. Originally brought to life by Australia's most famous bush poet Banjo Patterson, the high country has a mystique and majesty about her that is truly intoxicating. It's home to the mountain horseman: dressed in rabbit felt hats, cloaked in drizabones, traversing rugged, unforgiving country to graze their cattle while contending with extreme weather conditions.

There is something deeply romantic about Victoria's High Country and there is no better way to discover this country than from the back of a mountain pony. This packhorse ride is centered around the Howqua Valley a wildlife abundant national park that is supported by the

pristine, clear running Howqua River. With over sixty river crossings on day two of the ride the river is the heart of the valley and riders never get tired of traversing it. There is plenty of short canter bursts on offer between river crossings and swimming your horse through summer.

The regional cuisine on this ride is of gourmet standard. Expect to be completely overwhelmed by the meals that are prepared and served by gastronome Wendy Jubb-Stoney throughout your two-night stay at Stockyard Creek, a pioneer homestead that overlooks a lagoon. The ride is narrated with history of the pioneers who originally settled in the region and guests ride past remnants of the gold mining rush in the 1890's. The colourful history of the region adds another dimension to this ride.



"THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE ONE OF THE BEST HOLIDAYS AND RIDING EXPERIENCES I'VE EVER HAD IN MY LIFE. THE RIDE ITSELF WAS SO STUNNING I WAS IN CONSTANT AWE OF OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY. I RODE A FEISTY LITTLE CHESTNUT ARAB CALLED BERT. I TOTALLY FELL IN LOVE WITH HIM AND HIS BOUNCY PERSONALITY AND STRIDE. OVERALL I FELT THAT THERE WAS A PERSONALISED TOUCH, WHERE OUR NEEDS WERE TAKEN CARE OF, BUT WE WEREN'T TOO RESTRICTED IN THE THINGS WE WANTED TO DO AND SEE.

I WAS ALSO THRILLED TO SEE THE CARE AND EFFORT THAT WENT IN TO THE HORSES. THEY WERE SO WELL LOOKED AFTER AND EVERY NEED WAS TAKEN CARE OF. ANY HORSE THAT WASN'T DOING WELL WAS SWAPPED OUT AND THEY WERE THOROUGHLY CHECKED AND MONITORED. I EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN HELPING OUT WITH THE HORSES AND WAS ENTHUSIASTICALLY INCLUDED, WHICH WAS GREAT." Sarina Stretton



TIME IN SADDLE

5 hours of riding on day one, two and four and 3 hours day five and a rest day on day three where riding is optional

BREED OF HORSES

A variety of breeds from Stock Horses to Quarter Horses

PACE

The pace can vary from a walk right through to a canter

RIDING ABILITY

All riding abilities are catered for from beginner to advanced riders

WEIGHT LIMIT

115kgs

SEASONS

October to April

ACCOMMODATION

Quality, comfortable twin share accommodation at the River House and rustic, pioneer rooms with plenty of character at Stockyard Creek homestead

GROUP SIZE

Minimum of two guests and a maximum of ten guests.

RIDE PRICES*

rustic package *\$1750
per person for 5 days, 4 nights, all inclusive of meals, accommodation and riding.

* The price does not include transfers to and from Melbourne.

* Prices may be subject to change.

* Refer to www.globetrotting.com.au for current prices, departure dates, more images and footage and to request an itinerary.



GLOBETROTTING THROUGH AUSTRALIA TASSIE TIGER TRAIL, TASMANIA

Trust us, once you bite into the Apple Isle, you'll want to pack your bags and move there. Discover for yourself what makes the island of Tasmania so magical. It will make your heart sing, your spirit soar and its beauty will leave you breathless. And what better way to discover the bushland, beaches, the world famous food (maybe the illusive Tasmanian Tiger) but from the back of a horse.

With Quamby Bluff as the backdrop, your hosts Jeremy and Jenny from Gem Farm welcome you to mount up and head out onto the never-ending forestry trails, which traverse through country side, alongside waterfalls, through 300-year-old rainforest which is part of the famous Tasmanian Trail.

The rugged escarpment of the Great Western Tiers majestically dominates the landscape.



"GREAT HORSES, GREAT PEOPLE, BEAUTIFUL FOOD AND AN AMAZING ENVIRONMENT. TIME SPENT ON THE TASSIE TIGER TRAIL WITH JEREMY FORD AND JEN CLINGLY IS TIME WELL SPENT."

Mark Muller, editor of OUTback magazine

On this five-day, four-night itinerary riding guests will experience a true microcosm of the islands history and culture, its raw scenery and wildlife not to mention the culinary delights of the local region. With passionate guides who are infatuated with their island home and a fleet of beautiful pure bred and part bred Arabian horses, your horse-riding holiday to the Apple Isle will be one to treasure for years to come.

Gem Farm horses are trained and fit for endurance riding. The horses are all naturally educated and ridden bitless and barefoot. Part of your holiday experience is to sample the world of natural horsemanship and its training methods. Guests have the opportunity to challenge themselves and their horse on the obstacle course and tricks.



TIME IN SADDLE
Three to six hours a day

BREED OF HORSES
Arabian and Arabian Cross

PACE
The pace can vary from a walk right through to a canter

RIDING ABILITY
All riding abilities are catered for from beginner to advanced riders

WEIGHT LIMIT
90 kgs

ACCOMMODATION
Guests stay in a beautifully, renovated historic hotel in the heart of Deloraine with comfortable rooms and shared bathrooms.

SEASONS
November to April

GROUP SIZE
Minimum of two guests and a maximum of six guests.

RIDE PRICES*
from ***\$3,100** per person for four nights, five days all inclusive of meals, accommodation and riding with a minimum of three riders

from ***\$3,300** per person for four nights, five days all inclusive of meals, accommodation and riding with less than two riders

* This price includes transfers to and from Launceston.

* Prices may be subject to change.

* Refer to www.globetrotting.com.au for current prices, departure dates, more images and footage and to request an itinerary.



GLOBETROTTING THROUGH BOTSWANA

Compared to its African neighbours, Botswana's X-factor is the Okavango Delta which is the world's largest inland delta.

Riding in the Okavango Delta is considered the Holy Grail of horse riding safaris around the world. It's spoken amongst hunting circles in England, race horse trainers in Ireland, polo players in Australia

and endurance riders in America that riding in the delta is an out of this skin experience. It has the perfect blend of well-oiled steeds, a Garden of Eden of animalia, luxurious camps, speed that will turn your knuckles white, oodles of water for horse swimming and a smidgen of adrenalin.



HIGHLIGHTS

SPLISH-SPLASHING THROUGH KNEE-DEEP WATER MEADOWS ON A WELL-TUNED SAFARI HORSE **SWIMMING YOUR EQUINE BAREBACK ON DUSK TO REACH YOUR LUXURIOUS, TENTED CAMP** DISCOVERING THE DELTA IN A MOKORO (TRADITIONAL CANOE) WHILE HIPPOS BOB NEARBY **FEELING THE PRICKLE OF EXCITEMENT AS YOU APPROACH A HERD OF ELEPHANT** GOING TO SLEEP AT NIGHT WHILE LISTENING TO THE WILDS OF AFRICA OUTSIDE YOUR TENT



GETTING UNDER THE SKIN

READ Alexander McCall Smith's popular mystery series, *The No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*

WATCH *The Gods Must Be Crazy* and *March of the Flame Birds* for the Botswana landscape

LISTEN to Nick Nkosanah Ndaba's *Dawn of Bojazz* and Rastafarian Ras Baxton's *Tswana Reggae*

EAT Mabele (sorghum) or bogobe (porridge made from sorghum) which form the basis of most Botswana meals or Mopane worms or Seswaa.

DRINK Bojalwa, a sprouted-sorghum beer that's brewed commercially as Chibuku or Amarula, which is a creamy liqueur made from the African marula tree

BREED OF HORSE

Kalahari Barbs



GLOBETROTTING THROUGH BOTSWANA OKAVANGO DELTA

If you were to pull out a map of Botswana this horse riding safari takes place in the south-west of the Moremi Game Reserve in the middle of the largest stretch of continuous sand in the world, the Kalahari basin. Moremi Game Reserve is in the very heart of the Okavango Delta, Botswana's remarkable wilderness covering more than 15,000 sq km. Each winter (May – August), waters from the Cubango and Cuito Rivers hundreds of kilometres away in Angola combine with local rainfall to create a floodplain. Ten thousand years ago this whole area was a vast lake, but now the waters peter out in

the Kalahari Desert further south. The Okavango is perhaps Africa's last unspoilt wilderness.

The Okavango Delta has been described as a water meadow. Palm islands, grassy flood plains, mopane forests and clear streams. Highest water is normally between May to September. Many of the flood plains are full at this time and the horses wade through from island to island. The going is normally quite good and firm along the edges of the islands allowing the ride to move on at a trot and canter.



“WHAT A BEAUTIFUL PLACE THE OKAVANGA DELTA IS! WE LOVED OUR 8 DAYS THERE, AND AS USUAL WISHED WE COULD HAVE STAYED MUCH LONGER.

THE LUSHNESS, THE WATER, THE PLENTIFUL ANIMALS, THE BEAUTIFUL NATURED, HAPPY HORSES, AND TERRIFIC GUIDES – THEY WERE REALLY OUTSTANDING, ACCOMMODATION, FOOD...SO GLAD WE MADE THE TRIP. LOVED CANTERING THROUGH ALL THAT WATER, GETTING TOTALLY DRENCHED THEN DRYING OUT WITHIN MINUTES! THE WEATHER WAS PERFECT AND WE ARE MISSING THE SOUNDS OF THE LIONS, HYENAS AND HIPPOS AT NIGHT – AND THE VISITS BY THE ELLIES WALKING RIGHT PAST OUR TENT ALMOST EVERY NIGHT.”

Margot Alston



TIME IN SADDLE

4 to 7 hours a day

BREED OF HORSES

TBX, TB, Arab & Anglo Arab

PACE

Medium to Fast

RIDING ABILITY

Minimum riding ability required is mastery of the basic aids, ability to post to the trot for stretches of 10 minutes at a time, to be comfortable at all paces and to be able to gallop out of trouble. It is a great advantage if you are a fit and proficient rider.

WEIGHT LIMIT

90 kgs

ACCOMMODATION

Open air, above ground tree houses with ensuite and fixed safari tents with ensuite.

GROUP SIZE

Maximum of 8 adults

SEASONS

November to April

RIDE PRICES*

Low Season: January, February, March, December, ***GBP £480** per person, per night for a 5, 7 or 10 night safari.

Mid Season: From March 31 to July 17 and November 1 to December 1, ***GBP £540** per person, per night for a 5, 7 or 10 night safari.

High Season: From July 18 to October 31, ***GBP £610** per person, per night for a 5, 7 or 10 night safari.

Single supplement: 50% (only applicable if unwilling to share).

* The price includes all accommodation, meals, drinks, guiding, riding, game drives, walks and concession fees.

* The price does not include international flights, transfers to and from the ride and travel insurance.

* Prices may be subject to change.

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GLOBETROTTING THROUGH BRAZIL

Brazil is a country that has a magical rhythm to it that inspires any visitor to dance right along with it. New comers become inspired to absorb the Brazilian way of life through their open and unabashed love for life. The country offers a plethora of landscapes from the mysterious Amazon to the Pantanal, the biggest wetland in the world.

to the Atlantic Forest that is rich with history right through to the eclectic, groovy Bahia region where the chilled out coastal way of life is infectious. This country really should come with a warning: you will fall in love with its people, culture, wildlife and landscape time and time again.

HIGHLIGHTS

BEAR-HUGGING A SLOTH ON THE BAHIA BEACH RIDING ITINERARY **GALLOPING THROUGH WATER MEADOWS**
THICK WITH LILY PADS IN THE PANTANAL RETRACING CHARLES DARWIN'S FOOTSTEPS FROM THE BACK OF A HORSE
STOPPING FOR A LAZY LUNCH BESIDE A CASCADING WATERFALL DANCING BAREFOOT ON THE BEACH UNDER A
MOONLIT SKY WITH NOT A CARE IN THE WORLD **PLUCKING COCONUTS FROM A TREE WHILE ON HORSEBACK AND**
SUCKING ITS JUICE BEING AMAZED AT THE EXOTIC ANIMALIA THAT YOU RIDE ACROSS IN THE PANTANAL



GETTING UNDER THE SKIN

READ *The Alchemist* by novelist Paulo Coelho

WATCH *Cidade de Deus* (City of God) released in 2002 and *Tropa De Elite* (Elite Squad) released in 2007

LISTEN to bossa nova's founding father, guitarist Joao Gilberto; for something more contemporary, the punk-driven Legiao Urbana

EAT Feijoada (pork stew served with rice and a bowl of beans) or acaraje (peeled brown beans, mashed in salt and onions, and then fried – inside is dried shrimp, pepper and tomato sauce)

DRINK Cafezinho (coffee, served as an espresso-sized shot with plenty of sugar and without milk) and for something heavier order a Caipirinha which is Brazil's

national cocktail, made with cachaça, sugar and lime. In the Pantanal drink terére, which is cold maté

TACK UP The traditional Brazilian saddle is composed of many layers of blankets, pieces of leather, and sheepskins placed on the horse's back in a particular order. The last layer of sheepskin serves as a seat for the rider, making it very comfortable to ride.

HORSE EVENT

In the south of Brazil there is the Freio de Ouro which celebrates the Crioulo breed of horse.

NATIONAL BREED
Mangalarga Marchador

HORSE SPEAK

kissing sound - faster, faster
shhh - slow down/stop
cavalo - horse
peão - horseman



GLOBETROTTING THROUGH BRAZIL BAHIA BEACH

This beach ride has to be one of globetrotting's all time favourite rides. Not only is it set in paradise: just imagine coconut laden palm trees that fringe the beaches, white sand, aqua marine water and eclectic coastal villages it also has an itinerary to satisfy every type of interest. The days are jam packed full of once in a lifetime experiences including swimming horses, dancing with Indians, hugging sloths, full moon beach canters, eating freshly

caught seafood and enjoying spectacular sunsets whilst sipping on a caipirinha. Every day the riding offers diversity from the day before. For example, riding into a traditional Indian community and experiencing their way of life to cantering on beach tracks weaving through monolithic mango trees to relaxing at night in a beachside eatery listening to a local musician.

This ride has it all!



TIME IN SADDLE

5 to 6 hours a day

BREED OF HORSES

A variety of breeds from ex-polo ponies to Brazil's national horse the Mangalarga which is a fifth gaited horse

PACE

Moderate to fast

RIDING ABILITY

Suitable for intermediate to experienced riders

WEIGHT LIMIT

Maximum of 100kg

ACCOMMODATION

Well appointed beach villas ranging from 4 to 5 star

GROUP SIZE

Minimum of 1 rider and maximum of 8 riders

SEASONS

Closed December

RIDE PRICES*

From ***\$4200 USD** for seven days, six nights per person

Single supplement: *\$325 USD.

* The price includes accommodation, transfers to and from Porto Seguro; meals and riding.

* The price does not include international flights or travel insurance.

* Prices may be subject to change.

* Refer to www.globetrotting.com.au for current prices, departure dates, more images and footage and to request an itinerary.



GLOBETROTTING THROUGH BRAZIL CANYONS & WATERFALLS

Nestled along the southern Atlantic coasts of Santa Catarina and Rio Grande do Sul lies Brazil's most expansive canyons. This seven day, six-night ride takes place in a 28,000-hectare conservation area comprising of two parks, Aparados da Serra and Serra Geral.

You'll traverse atop steep mountain ranges, through world-famous canyons and tip-toe on the Atlantic coastline. Throughout the itinerary you'll have the pleasure of staying in traditional ranches with the pleasure of sampling typical southern Brazilian gaucho culture which includes savouring some of the regions famous culinary delights.

During the ride you'll explore a range of diverse ecosystems of rare, untouched beauty and significant biodiversity.

To paint a picture: the Mata Atlantica runs along the lower portion

of the canyons, while bowling-green fields table the plateaus, interspersed by peat bogs, rich in moss, lichen and bamboo. Vegetation, such as ferns, lilies and bromeliads, grow wild and untamed from the mountains.

The region's fauna is exotic to any tourist with rare species like the lobo-guará, the puma not to mention foxes, skunks, armadillos, wildcats, woodpeckers, hawks, bugio monkeys among others, are part of the local fauna. And for the bird enthusiasts there is an assortment of exotic birds

In short, the Canyons & Waterfalls itinerary is the best-selling horse riding holiday of Brazil and it comes as no surprise with its perfect blend of dramatic scenery, exotic flora and fauna and lashings of Brazilian culture.



TIME IN SADDLE

5 to 6 hours a day

BREED OF HORSES

Criollo cross

PACE

Moderate to fast

RIDING ABILITY

Suitable for intermediate to experienced riders

WEIGHT LIMIT

Maximum of 100kg

ACCOMMODATION

A combination of guest houses with ensuites

SEASONS

All year round

GROUP SIZE

Minimum of 2 riders and maximum of 10 riders

RIDE PRICES*

From ***\$3372 USD** for seven days, six nights (5 days riding) per person.

Single supplement: \$240 USD

* The price includes accommodation, meals, riding and transfers to and from Porto Alegre.

* The price does not include international flights, travel insurance or tips.

* Prices may be subject to change.

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GLOBETROTTING THROUGH BRAZIL PANTANAL

The Pantanal is the largest wetland in the world and the only way to explore this expansive delta (that is comparable in size to Portugal) and to get up, close and personal with its inhabitants is on horseback. Pantaneiros (Pantanal cowboy) have been mustering cattle throughout the region on horses and mules for generations so it only seems fitting that this wetland be discovered from the back of the horse alongside the very men that live and breathe the

region. Expect to plunge through knee deep water crossings, gasp in delight when you see exotic Toucans, hyacinth macaws, armadillos and caimans (similar to a crocodile), sip 'tereré' the traditional drink of the Pantaneiro, muster a 1000 head herd of cattle and catch a piranha in caiman infested waters. The wildlife and the hospitality of your hosts are true highlights of this ride; this region is like no other in the world.



TIME IN SADDLE
5 to 6 hours a day

BREED OF HORSES
Quarter horses

PACE
Moderate to fast

RIDING ABILITY
Suitable for intermediate to experienced riders

WEIGHT LIMIT
Maximum of 110kg

ACCOMMODATION
A fazenda (fazenda is equivalent to a homestead) that offers spacious, air conditioned rooms with ensembles and a fly camp

GROUP SIZE
Minimum of 1 rider and maximum of 8 riders

SEASONS

The Pantanal's dry season is from July to October and this is when the wildlife are gathered around the few remaining water holes. The summer rainfall is between November and March.

RIDE PRICES*

From ***\$3360 USD** for eight days, seven nights per person.

From ***\$2888 USD** for seven days, six nights per person.

Single supplement:
***\$250 USD.**

** The price includes accommodation, meals and riding.*

** The price does not include international flights, travel insurance, transfers to and from the ride.*

** Prices may be subject to change.*

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GLOBETROTTING THROUGH BRAZIL

DARWIN'S TRAIL

On this horse riding holiday you'll explore the inner depths of the Atlantic Rainforest (situated 120kms from Rio de Janeiro the city) following the footsteps of English naturalist Charles Darwin. Guests are mounted on exceptional Mangalarga Marchador horses which are Brazil's national horse and are a gaited horse that are extremely fluid to ride and therefore allow the hours in the saddle to sweep past in comfort. You'll tip toe through the forest on trails that were built by the slaves in the logging days. The Atlantic forest is a magical and enchanting forest with its ancient trees that extend high into the forest canopy.

There are 88 recognised waterfalls in this region of the Rio de Janeiro state so swimming togs are an essential item for the saddle bags and swimming becomes a welcome relief in the muggy heat of the forest. The ride traverses through both primary and virgin rainforest where psychedelic coloured butterflies from electric blue winged butterflies to blood red winged butterflies tantalize you. You'll also ride through banana plots fat with fruit that can be picked and eaten without getting off your horse. Riding on well-worn trails that have been stepped by slaves and Charles Darwin himself is an eerie and memorable experience.



TIME IN SADDLE
5 to 6 hours a day

BREED OF HORSES
Home bred Mangalarga Marchador horses and Peruvian Paso horses

PACE
Moderate to fast

RIDING ABILITY
Suitable for intermediate to experienced riders

WEIGHT LIMIT
Maximum of 90kg

ACCOMMODATION
Varies from comfortable chalets at the riding centre to simple guest houses to a well appointed lodge

GROUP SIZE
Minimum of 1 rider and maximum of 8 riders

SEASONS
Darwin's Trail in Rio de Janeiro is available all year round on a five day itinerary from Sunday afternoon to Friday.

RIDE PRICES*
from ***\$3000 USD** for seven days, six nights per person.

Single supplement:
***\$430 USD.**

** The price includes accommodation, all meals and riding.*

** The price does not include international flights or travel insurance or transfers to and from Rio de Janeiro (approximately \$360 USD).*

** Prices may be subject to change.*

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GLOBETROTTING THROUGH CANADA

Canada and cowboys go together like maple syrup and bacon and grizzly bears and wild salmon. It's easy to fall in love with this happy-go-lucky country starting from when you tread the streets of Vancouver and meet the people who call Canada home. As a riding destination it ticks all the boxes in terms of ease of travel, it's well priced and has acres upon acres of untouched, pristine national parks. There is oodles of space that you can sink your teeth into while

mounted on your favourite cow horse, strapped into a western saddle on the look-out for a grizzly bear.

There is so much love to have for the Maple Leaf country and we're delighted to say that we've got the perfect riding locale. Trust us - a few days in the Canadian wilderness and you'll be leaving home forever and moving to Canada to become a cowboy or cowgirl. Giddy up!

HIGHLIGHTS

SUMMITING A MOUNTAIN ON YOUR SURE-FOOTED QUARTER HORSE TO ENJOY A PICNIC LUNCH WITH 360-DEGREE VIEWS **DRIFTING DOWNSTREAM ON THE CHILKO LAKE AND WATCHING THE SHIMMERING SALMON SWIM BENEATH YOUR KAYAK** SINKING INTO THE HOT TUB AFTER SEVEN BLISSFUL HOURS IN THE SADDLE **BEING TOTALLY AWESTRUCK WHEN YOU EYEBALL YOUR FIRST GRIZZLY BEAR**



GETTING UNDER THE SKIN

READ Margaret Atwood's Booker Prize-winning *Blind Assassin*, and Michael Ondaatje's *In the Skin of a Lion*, both set in 1930s Canada.

WATCH Bruce Macdonald's *Dance Me Outside* about contemporary Native Indian life

LISTEN to Leonard Cohen, Neil Young, Ron Sexsmith and the Cowboy Junkies

EAT Maple syrup and smoked salmon - not together of course!

DRINK Canadian Club and coke, VO (Very Own) rye whiskey or try a cherry cider

TACK UP

Western saddle

HORSE EVENT

The Calgary Stampede is an annual rodeo, exhibition and festival held every July in Calgary, Alberta. The ten-day event attracts over one million visitors per year and features one of the world's largest rodeos and chuckwagon racing. Yee hah!

NATIONAL BREED

Canada's national breed is the Canadian horse and is a strong, well-muscled breed usually dark in color.



GLOBETROTTING THROUGH CANADA BRITISH COLUMBIA

Guests take a one-hour flight north from Canada's capital Vancouver to reach this exclusive, mountain lodge that sits beside the wild Chilko River that is the life force to this remote region of British Columbia. A family owned lodge, guests feel instantly at home with the sweet-as-maple-syrup hosts and guides, cosy log cabins, intelligent horses and scenic surrounds. With the 7-night lodge-riding package, no two days are the same; with thousands upon thousands of pristine Alpine forest to explore every day brings a new sense of adventure. Each season has its own X-factor from spring with the blossoming of the wild flowers that carpet the mountains

and river flats to autumn when the trees burn bright with amber and the wild salmon run. Throughout the riding week the rides get progressively longer to challenge riding guests and to fulfil their need for speed. Not only is the riding first class but when guests are out of the saddle they have the option to perch at the bar and sample some Canadian lager, kayak up the river on the look out for grizzly bears, wade in the hot tub on the deck or try their hand at fly fishing.

This is a sacred part of the world that must be put on your globetrotting bucket list.



TIME IN SADDLE

4 to 6 hours a day

BREED OF HORSES

The majority of the horses are Quarter, Arab, Appaloosa, Paint, Draft and Thoroughbred

PACE

Moderate to fast

RIDING ABILITY

Beginner to advanced

WEIGHT LIMIT

Maximum weight is 100kg

ACCOMMODATION

Lodge accommodation consists of cosy log cabins with ensuites and maid service daily, Packhorse trip tents & swags

GROUP SIZE

Minimum of 2 guests and a maximum of 9 guests

SEASONS

Open from June to September

RIDE PRICES*

7 night lodge ride starts from ***\$2795 USD**

7 night pack horse trip starts from ***\$2395 USD**

14 nights Lodge & Goat Camp Mountain trip combo starts from ***\$4690 USD**

** Price includes regional flight in and out of riding destination.*

** Price does not include international flights, travel insurance or transfers to and from the ride.*

** Prices may be subject to change*

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GLOBETROTTING THROUGH CHILE

Chile's Patagonia was explored, founded and traversed by horse. So it seems only fitting for a visitor to discover this unruly and dramatic country by horse and ride shoulder-to-shoulder with the true Patagonian cowboy – the baqueano (bac-e-ano).

These men have navigated their way through dense beech forests

in knee-deep mud, mustered cattle through glaciers, traversed steep, rocky mountain passes and crossed icy fast-flowing rivers for generations. The men have a spiritual connection to the land they work and the animals they care for. It makes this ride particularly special to connect with these men while riding through enchanted beech tree forests and wild flower prairies.

HIGHLIGHTS

AMBUSHING A HERD OF WILD HORSES IN THE MOUNTAINS AFTER TRACKING THEM FOR DAYS
LYING FACE UP IN A PRAIRIE OF WILD DAISIES WHILE LISTENING TO YOUR HORSE MUNCH
GAZING AT THE CONDORS JET FIGHTING IN THE THERMALS
DRINKING PISCO SOURS WITH THE BAQUEANOS AND FEELING THE SADDLE SORES MELT AWAY
WATCHING THE SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCE BETWEEN THE CLOUDS AND WIND AS THEY DANCE AROUND THE MOUNTAINS



GETTING UNDER THE SKIN

READ Poetry by Pablo Neruda and fiction and non-fiction books by Isabel Allende

WATCH *Machuca and El Chocotero Sentimental*

LISTEN to Los Jaivas (their El Pasillo Del Condor song you'll recognise as a Simon & Garfunkel song)

EAT Empanadas (a stuffed pastry parcel of goodness), humitas, curanto en olla, parrillada

DRINK Pisco Sour (brandy with lemon juice, powdered sugar and egg white), Chilean red wine

TACK UP

The traditional saddle, the recado, is composed of many layers of blankets, pieces

of leather, and sheepskins placed on the horse's back in a particular order. The last layer of sheepskin serves as a seat for the rider, making it very comfortable to ride. For the baqueano, this material had a double-purpose: saddle for work, comfortable bed for rest.

NATIONAL BREED

Criollo is one of the oldest registered horse breeds of South America and is known for their high threshold of discomfort, great immunity to disease and remarkable rate of recuperation.

HORSE SPEAK

vamos - faster, faster
tranquilo - slow down/stop
cavallo (ka-va-jo) - horse
baqueano - horseman



GLOBETROTTING THROUGH CHILE ESTANCIA ADELAIDA, PATAGONIA

As a guest you'll instantly feel at home on this enchanted estancia that stretches over 5000 acres, nestled in the Andean valley, surrounded by dramatic, snow capped mountains. Your hosts are the incredibly warm and accommodating Gorrone family who are passionate about their horses and providing guests with a true Chilean experience.

There are over sixty horses that roam this Patagonian estancia. The children (adults now) used to ride their horses to school and are all

accomplished equestrian riders. Each riding day will be an adventure exploring country that can only be accessed on horse. Guests will be able to choose between an array of breeds and will have the opportunity to ride alongside the mountain men that navigate this region, whether its mustering cattle, crossing icy rivers or scaling mountains. Globetrotting guests will be submerged in Chilean culture from the moment they arrive at the estancia. Did I mention this estancia also offered world-class fly-fishing?



“WE HAD A FANTASTIC TIME AT ESTANCIA ADELAIDA AND WERE BLESSED WITH WARM AND GENEROUS PATAGONIAN HOSPITALITY THROUGHOUT OUR STAY (NOT TO MENTION GREAT WEATHER). THE RANCH ENCOMPASSES SUCH A MICROCOSM OF LANDSCAPES THAT THE RIDING WAS ALWAYS VARIED AND AS CHALLENGING AS YOU WISHED TO MAKE IT – SPLASHING THROUGH RIVERS WITH TROUT DASHING BETWEEN YOUR HORSE’S FEET, JUMPING LOGS, GALLOPING DOWN THE OLD RUNWAY OR SIMPLY ADMIRING THE STUNNING VALLEY AND SNOW-CAPPED MOUNTAINS FROM ELEVATED VANTAGE POINTS. WE REALLY CAN’T THANK NATALIA AND HER FAMILY ENOUGH FOR THE SUPERB ACCOMMODATION, BEAUTIFUL MEALS AND FUN FILLED DAYS AND NIGHTS PROVIDED FOR US AND THE OTHER GUESTS WHO WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO VENTURE TO THIS BEAUTIFUL PART OF THE WORLD. ” Rob Allison



TIME IN SADDLE
3 to 6 hours depending on the itinerary

BREED OF HORSES
Criollo, Criollo x German Warmblood and Criollo x Arabian

PACE
Whatever your heart desires

RIDING ABILITY
Novice to Advanced

WEIGHT LIMIT
90kgs

GROUP SIZE
Minimum of six riding guests

ACCOMMODATION
Luxurious lodge accommodation and self-contained cottages

SEASONS
December to April

RIDE PRICES*
*\$2950 USD for 7 days, 6 nights

* Arrivals on Sundays at Balmaceda airport, departure on Saturdays during peak season (January to March).

* The price does not include international flights or travel insurance.

* Prices may be subject to change.

* Refer to www.globetrotting.com.au for current prices, departure dates, more images and footage and to request an itinerary.



GLOBETROTTING THROUGH CHILE

TORRES DEL PAINE

This ride leads you through Torres del Paine, Chile's most prized national park. Its 180,000 hectares of diverse scenery and wild landscape on the edge of the southern ice fields and is one of the largest sources of temperate-zone glaciers in the world.

The park was created in 1959 and was declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 1978. Before that, it was part of a huge sheep estancia.

You'll be mounted on the Criollo breed. They are extremely willing, stocky in shape and tough as old boots. The breed is one of the oldest registered horse breeds of South America and is known for their high threshold of discomfort, great immunity to disease and remarkable rate of recuperation. In short, direct one of these horses towards an impassable river crossing or a steep mountain climb and they will not hesitate, once the trust is earned they will become a loyal friend.



"OH MY GOODNESS! WE HAD THE BEST TIME EVER ON OUR HORSERIDING HOLIDAY! IT WAS ABSOLUTELY BRILLIANT FROM BEGINNING TO END. I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START, EXCEPT TO SAY THAT MY HUSBAND PETER (WHOM WASN'T KEEN TO GO IN THE FIRST PLACE) ON DAY TWO SAID, "THANKYOU SO MUCH FOR MAKING ME DO THIS WHEN ARE WE BOOKING THE NEXT ONE!" HE SAID IT IS THE BEST THING HE HAS EVER DONE AND I AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY.

WE RAN OUT OF ADJECTIVES BY THE SECOND DAY. THE SCENERY WAS SO BEAUTIFUL, EVERY TIME YOU ROUNDED A CORNER IT WAS WOW, I GOT TIRED OF HEARING MYSELF SAYING IT! THE HORSES WERE AMAZING, THE TERRAIN THEY NEGOTIATED WAS INCREDIBLE, AND THEY JUST WENT ANYWHERE." Hilary Ford



TIME IN SADDLE
4 to 7 hours a day

BREED OF HORSES
Criollo

PACE
Medium to fast

RIDING ABILITY
Suitable for intermediate to advanced riders. This is a fast paced ride with some very long riding days. Fitness and experience are important. This ride is not suitable for beginner riders

WEIGHT LIMIT
90 kgs

GROUP SIZE
Minimum of 2 adults, maximum of 12

ACCOMMODATION
Basic camping for the Glacier Ride and comfortable estancia accommodation for the Estancia Ride

SEASONS
November to april

RIDE PRICES*
Glacier Ride from ***\$5000 USD** per person for nine nights, ten days. **Single supplement is *\$450 USD.**
Estancia Ride from ***\$5500 USD** per person for ten nights, eleven days. **Single supplement is *\$900 USD**

** The prices includes accommodation, meals and riding.
* The price does not include international flights, travel insurance, transfers to and from Punta Arenas.
* Prices may be subject to change.*

** Refer to www.globetrotting.com.au for current prices, departure dates, more images and footage and to request an itinerary.*



GLOBETROTTING THROUGH JAPAN

So many wonderful, can't live without things originate from Japan, so it's no surprise that a visit to this country will appear on your travel radar. And strangely enough we've found a tiny pocket in rural Japan where you can submerge yourself in the fascinating culture

while getting your riding fix aswell. Be prepared for trains to run on time for Japanese hospitality to charm you and to slurp miso soup for breakfast.



HIGHLIGHTS

RIDING BENEATH A CANOPY OF FLOWERING, CHERRY BLOSSOMS **EATING YOUR ENTIRE BODY WEIGHT IN DELECTABLE JAPANESE FOOD** SNAKING THROUGH ALPINE FORESTS ON A FIT-AS-A-FIDDLE ENDURANCE HORSE **GETTING NUDE AND SOAKING FOR HOURS IN AN ONSEN HOT SPRING BATH** BEING PART OF A TRADITIONAL JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY



GETTING UNDER THE SKIN

READ *Inside Japan* by Peter Tasker, a fascinating foray into Japanese culture, society and the economy.

WATCH Kurosawa's *Seven Samurai*, a classic 1954 film set in 17th-century rural Japan, or get a taste for Japan with *Tampopo*, a witty and insightful film set in a ramen (noodle) shop

LISTEN to *Sukiyaki* by Kyu Sakamoto, a 1960s hit and classic Japanese tune, reminiscent of 1950s lounge music; or anything by Morning Musume, an all girl J-pop group of 13 members where singing talent is optional

EAT Ramen noodles or raw fish

DRINK Sake, Japan's signature drink, commonly known as rice wine and served hot or cold

HORSE EVENT

Soma Nomaoi in Fukushima

TACK UP

Kura is the generic name for the Japanese saddle. The word 'kura' is most commonly associated with the saddle used by the samurai class of feudal Japan, which was developed from Chinese saddles. Over time the Japanese added elements of their own until the Japanese saddle became an identifiable style, also known as the samurai saddle.

NATIONAL BREED

Chagu Chagu Umako Horse Festival, which occurs every year on the second Saturday in June. It was first organised 200 years ago as a reward for the horses, which had worked, so hard in rice planting.

HORSE SPEAK

hayaku - faster, faster
yukkuri (slow), tomare (stop) - slow down/stop
uma - horse
umanori - horseman



GLOBETROTTING THROUGH JAPAN KOBUCHIZAWA

This five day, four night horse riding trip is set in the rural village of Kobuchizawa a equine-loving hub north-west of Tokyo. Your guide and host, Tanaka san is passionate and knowledgeable about his country, is an accomplished endurance rider and has a stable of well-tuned Arabian endurance horses. Tanaka san is the perfect guide speaking fluent English and has a good understanding on what globetrotting guests seek in a top-notch horse-riding holiday.

Guests will instantly fall in love with Kobuchizawa a chocolate-box village with family-owned Soba noodle and sushi restaurants tucked

away in side streets and traditional Japanese arts and crafts. Don't be fooled that Japan is second best when it comes to spectacular and varied riding scenery.

The beauty of the landscape will surprise from the get-go. Within minutes of riding out from the stables guests trot through ancient forests along narrow riding paths that snake through the trees. This five-day riding itinerary has been tailored specifically to globetrotting guests who love riding and exploring different cultures on horseback paired with traditional Japanese food, accommodation and culture.



TIME IN SADDLE
4 to 5 hours a day

BREED OF HORSES
Arabian and Arabian Cross – endurance horses that have originated from Australia.

PACE
The pace can vary from a walk right through to a canter.

RIDING ABILITY
Suitable for beginner to experienced riders

WEIGHT LIMIT
Maximum weight is 90kg

GROUP SIZE
Minimum of 2 guests and a maximum of 5 guests

SEASONS
April is spring time in Japan and where you'll be mesmerised by the Cherry Blossoms. November is autumn time in Japan and guests ride through a portrait

of amber, blood reds and buttercup yellow.

ACCOMMODATION
Guests stay at Lodge Atelier which has both western-style and traditional-style rooms to choose between. Each western style room has its own bathroom and toilet. Guest who prefer to sleep in a Japanese style room use shared bathroom and toilet. Shared bathroom is Onsen hot spring spa.

RIDE PRICES*
***\$276,000 Japanese YEN** (approximately \$3000 AUD per person) all inclusive of meals from Tuesday lunch to Saturday lunch included, accommodation and riding, train tickets.

** Price does not include international flights, travel insurance, alcohol and accommodation on day five of the itinerary.*

** Prices may be subject to change.*

* Refer to www.globetrotting.com.au for current prices, departure dates, more images and footage and to request an itinerary.



GLOBETROTTING THROUGH KENYA

Kenya is a land of shiny, happy people that will have you smiling from the day you land to the day you leave. A country that wears its heart on its sleeve, that's rich with life, colour, adventure and culture. Kenya is full to the brim with wildlife and captivating, diverse landscapes. A country that can only be truly appreciated on a horse riding safari where the rider is at one with the wild, sharing the same sights, scents and sounds. Seeing the animal kingdom through the

eyes of your horse. You seriously need to ditch the 4x4 and jump on a horse to truly breathe Kenya's true colours.

We have two properties that we recommend for horse riding safaris in Kenya. Both properties the horses are experienced safari mounts, exceptionally fit and forward going. It is the terrain and landscapes at the properties that differ.

HIGHLIGHTS

CROSSING THE MARA RIVER WITH A POD OF SINGING HIPPOS UPSTREAM
FRINGED WITH ACACIAS BEING HYPNOTISED BY MAASAI WARRIORS DANCING AT SUNSET
CANTERING UP SANDY RIVER BEDS
WEAVING THROUGH A
HERD OF CURIOUS GIRAFFES INHALING THE HEADY SCENT OF DUST AND RAIN AS A STORM BREWS ON THE HORIZON



GETTING UNDER THE SKIN

READ Isak Dinesen's epic settler account, *Out of Africa*

WATCH Robert Redford (swoon) and Meryl Streep in the big-screen version of *Out of Africa* or the equally tear-jerking screen-translation of Kiki Guillman's *I Dreamed of Africa*

LISTEN to Benga, the contemporary dance music of Kenya, by Shirati Jazz, *Victoria Kings* and *Them Mushrooms*

EAT Nyama choma, literally 'roasted meat' of any shape or form, but usually goat

DRINK Tusker – the elephant beer, dawa, which translates to medicine in swahili and is a cocktail of sugar, lime, vodka and a dawa dipped in honey.

HORSE EVENT

Thanks to the Brits, polo is well and truly alive in Kenya so if you're in the country in polo season, why not stop into the Nairobi Polo club and watch a match while sipping on a chilled Pimms.

HORSE SPEAK

pole pole - slow down
farasi - horse
saisi - groom



GLOBETROTTING THROUGH KENYA EAST LAIKIPIA

This is a 35,000 acre property situated in the East Laikipia district of Kenya, north of the equator with views to Mount Kenya. The property has a range of landscapes to explore from rolling plains dotted with whistling thorn acacias with oodles of plains game to deep valleys and high mountain ranges that carry mystique and awesome vistas.

The eight-cottage lodge becomes very hard to leave when its time to go riding, nestled on a mountain slope it camouflages seamlessly into its surroundings with its swamp grass roofs and rendered

earth walls. The lodge overlooks a dam that regularly plays host to elephant pool parties.

There is a selection of horses from home bred to ex-polo ponies that didn't cut the mustard on the field who become exceptional safari horses and a handful of ex-racehorses and ex-equestrian horses. A favourite breed at this property are the Somali cross ponies that are energetic, quick off the mark and alert, these horses are for riders that appreciate a pocket rocket ride – so to speak. The stable has a range of horses to suit a variety of abilities.



“WE REALLY CAN'T EXPRESS HOW MOVED WE WERE TO BE ON HORSES RIDING THROUGH THE WILDERNESS AND BEING ABLE TO VENTURE SO CLOSE TO HERDS OF GIRAFFE, ZEBRA, ANTELOPE AND ELEPHANTS. IT WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCE. THE HORSES WERE SO FIT AND CALM AND EVERY RIDER WAS WELL MATCHED FOR THERE RIDING ABILITY. I FELL IN LOVE WITH MY HORSE ZORO.THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFFS WERE LOVELY, HELPFUL AND RELAXED TO ACCOMMODATE ELEVEN EXCITED AUSSIES. THE HUTS WERE RUSTIC AND BEAUTIFULLY BLENDED INTO THE LANDSCAPE. THE SERVICE AND THE FOOD WERE AMAZING. THE CAMPING WAS ALSO 5 STAR. IT WAS GREAT TO HAVE A HOT SHOWER AND A COMFORTABLE BED AFTER A LONG DAY IN THE SADDLE. NOT TO MENTION THE 3-COURSE MEAL UNDER THE NORTHERN STARS – VERY MEMORABLE.” Libby Hall



TIME IN SADDLE
4 to 6 hours a day

BREED OF HORSES
Polo ponies, Somali/Ethiopian ponies, TB crosses

PACE
Moderate to fast with lots of long canters up gentle, sloping hills

RIDING ABILITY
Caters for beginners to advanced riders

WEIGHT LIMIT
95kg (please contact to confirm that a suitable horse is available)

SEASONS*
Mid season is from January 3 to February 28 and June 1 to 30.
High season is July 1 to October 31, December 20 to January 2.
Green season is March 1 to May 31, December 1 to 19.

* The lodge is closed in November

ACCOMMODATION
Luxurious lodge accommodation and mobile safari camping

GROUP SIZE
For mobile safaris maximum of 8, unless previously organised

RIDE PRICES*

Mid season rates:
*\$650 USD per person per night (sharing)

High season rates:
*\$745 USD per person per night (sharing)

Green season rates:
*\$605 USD per person per night (sharing)

* The price includes all conservation fees, accommodation, meals, drinks, guided bush walks, riding, shared game drives, sundowners.

* The price does not include flights, transfers to and from the property (apart from local airstrip transfers) and travel insurance.

* Prices may be subject to change.

* Refer to www.globetrotting.com.au for current prices, departure dates, more images and footage and to request an itinerary.



GLOBETROTTING THROUGH KENYA MAASAI MARA

These 5, 7 and 10 night horse-riding safari explores some of Africa's best big game country from the rolling Loita Hills to the immense Maasai Mara. The panoramas are quintessential to Kenya where acacia trees mushroom from the ground, giraffes elegantly lope across the earth, young Maasai herders wrapped in bright, coloured shukas keep a watchful eye on their cattle and the horizon is dotted

with herds of wildebeest, zebra, topi and eland. It's a honey-pot for big game which amps the adrenalin up a notch. Riding across the Mara River is a true highlight of the ride.

Horses are well-schooled thoroughbred and thoroughbred cross. Many of the horses are home bred and have all tried polo. The horses are responsive, extremely fit and tough.

"I FOUND THE WHOLE EXPERIENCE SO MAGICAL AND THE CONCENTRATION OF GAME WAS JUST ABSOLUTELY UNREAL. IT WAS ALMOST AS IF WE WERE IN A GIANT OPEN RANGE ZOO BUT MUCH, MUCH BETTER. THE ONLY ANIMAL OF THE BIG FIVE THAT WE DIDN'T COME ACROSS WAS THE RHINO. MY PARTNER IN CRIME FOR THE WEEK WAS AGUA, A BEAUTIFUL, 6 YEAR OLD IRISH DRAUGHT X THOROUGHbred. HE WAS SO RESPONSIVE, SENSIBLE, QUICK ON HIS FEET AND BOY COULD HE JUMP! SUCH A PLEASURE TO RIDE. I WAS EXTREMELY IMPRESSED WITH THE QUALITY OF ALL OF THE HORSES AND I KNOW I WAS NOT ALONE IN WANTING TO FLY MY HORSE HOME, IT WAS TOUGH ONE SAYING GOODBYE. A HUGE THANK YOU TO YOU TOO KATE, YOU'VE BEEN INCREDIBLY HELPFUL AND INFORMATIVE RIGHT FROM MY VERY FIRST INQUIRY, ALL THE WAY THROUGH TO THE VERY END OF THIS EXHILARATING JOURNEY. " Bonnie Clark



TIME IN SADDLE

4 to 6 hours in the saddle. Picnic lunch carried in saddle bags on moving days with 1 to 2 hour lunch stops. Some walking on foot is necessary over the rough terrain.

BREED OF HORSES

TB and TB crosses

PACE

Moderate to fast

RIDING ABILITY

You should be comfortable at all paces and able to gallop out of trouble. You should be fit enough to ride between 4 to 6 hours a day.

WEIGHT LIMIT

95kg

ACCOMMODATION

Spacious 10ft x 9ft sleeping tents with camp bed. Loo tent for each double tent and showers always available.

GROUP SIZE

Minimum of 4 riders and maximum of 12 riders

SEASONS

There is no winter or summer

due to the proximity of the ride to the equator. There are two rainy seasons November and April/May. The hottest months are February/March, September/October.

RIDE PRICES*

10 nights Masai Mara safari: *\$9600 USD per person, **mid and high season:*\$10,560 USD**

7 nights Masai Mara safari: *\$6720 USD per person, **mid and high season: *\$7400 USD**

5 nights Masai Mara safari: *\$5200 USD per person, **mid and high season: *\$5720 USD**

** Price includes everything whilst on safari except for a certain amount of alcohol, staff tips and specific air charters. Internal flights and transfers on the first and last day of the safari are included.*

** The price also includes day trips to Nakuru and Bogoria whilst staying at Deloraine and all airport transfers if within the time frame of the safari.*

** There is a single supplement of *\$135 USD per day if unwilling to share.*

** Prices may be subject to change.*

* Refer to www.globetrotting.com.au for current prices, departure dates, more images and footage and to request an itinerary.



GLOBETROTTING THROUGH MONGOLIA

In the hoof prints of the most famed warrior of all time, Chinggis Khaann, Mongolia is awe-inspiring, vast and dramatic and is a globetrotters dream.

From sleeping in smoky gers in the middle of the steppe, to riding Mongol ponies with dreadlocked manes, to watching a local

Naadam festival; this country is mysterious, complicated and colourful. To complete a horse-riding holiday in Mongolia, riders need a good sense of humour, an appetite for adventure and spontaneity and an appreciation of the Mongolian culture and history.

HIGHLIGHTS

BEING INVITED INTO A MONGOLIAN HOME TO DRINK AYRAG (FERMENTED MARES MILK) AND EAT STEAMED MUTTON **GALLOPING ACROSS THE STEPPE IN TRUE CHINGGIS KHANN STYLE ON A WILD-EYED MONGOL PONY** WATCHING A SPINE-TINGLING SHAMANISTIC CEREMONY IN REMOTE NORTHERN MONGOLIAN **JUMPING INTO A BONE-CHILLING COLD, FRESH WATER CREEK TO COOL OFF AFTER A LONG DAY OF RIDING** PICKING AND EATING WILD BLUEBERRIES WHILE WEAVING THROUGH DENSE PINE FORESTS ON HORSEBACK

GETTING UNDER THE SKIN

READ *The Secret History of the Mongols*, recording the life and deeds of Genghis Khan, *The Horse Boy: A Father's Quest to Heal His Son* by Rupert Isaacson

WATCH *The Story of the Weeping Camel*, about a camel who abandons her calf and *The Horse Boy* movie

LISTEN to *Spirit of the Steppes: Throat Singing from Tuva & Mongolia*, featuring khoomi, the unique vocal artform with no analogue in the West.

EAT Mutton, mutton and more mutton

DRINK Airag, fermented mare's milk, vodka while toasting to the sky father

HORSE EVENT

Naadam translates to the three games of men. The games are Mongolian wrestling, horse racing

and archery and are held throughout the country during mid-summer. Women have started participating in the archery and girls in the horseracing games, but not in Mongolian wrestling.

TACK UP

The Mongolian saddle, with its often-elaborate fittings and ornaments, varies from tribe to tribe and signals the status and origin of the rider.

NATIONAL BREED

The Mongol horse is the native horse breed of Mongolia. The breed is largely unchanged since the time of Genghis Khan. Despite their small size, they are horses, not ponies.

HORSE SPEAK

chuu - faster, faster
mori - horse
aduuchin - horseman





GLOBETROTTING THROUGH MONGOLIA KHOVSGOL AND ARHANGAY

If you're an intrepid traveller and thrive on a good adventure than Mongolia is the destination for you. It's a country that's still finding its feet in terms of tourism where itineraries don't always go according to plan and spontaneity is the order of the day. That aside, horse enthusiasts will be swept up with the spirit of the wild-eyed Mongolian ponies, the far-reaching, infinite steppe and the thrill of roaming a country that is fence-free and horses are the main mode of transport.



"THE TRIP WAS WONDERFUL! I'VE ABSOLUTELY NO COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE FOOD (WHICH WAS MUCH BETTER THAN I EXPECTED - LOTS OF VEGGIES AND SALADS!) OR THE WRANGLER DAVAA WHO WAS TERRIFIC FUN AND VERY ENGAGING, NOR THE HORSES WHICH WERE WELL CARED FOR, WILLING AND WELL BEHAVED." Margaret Mooney

Prepare to drink a lot of vodka, shout 'Choo Choo' to your dread-locked pony, stay in cozy, traditional Gers with your own fireplace and be swept off your feet with the hospitality of the Mongolian people.

Both the Khovsgol and Arhangay rides coincide with local Naadam Festivals, which is a must-see to truly appreciate the mind-blowing culture of the Mongolians. It's a true highlight to watch child jockeys ride like centaurs across the steppe.



TIME IN SADDLE

4 -7 hours in the saddle a day (approximately 20 kilometres a day)

BREED OF HORSES

Local Mongolian working ponies between 13 to 14hh

PACE

The pace varies from a walk right through to a canter

RIDING ABILITY

Beginner to advanced. Beginner riders have to be fit and have a lot of trail riding hours under their belt

WEIGHT LIMIT

Maximum weight is 95kg

SEASONS

June to September

ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation varies throughout the trip from home stays, Ger camps, camping and hotels.

GROUP SIZE

Minimum of 3 guests and a maximum of 14 guests

RIDE PRICES*

Khovsgol 19 Day Horseback Trek from ***\$3380 USD** per person plus internal airfares approximately ***\$400 USD**.

Arhangay 13 Day Horseback Trek from ***\$2500 USD** per person.

** The price does not include flights, transfers to and from the ride and travel insurance.*

** Prices may be subject to change.*

* Refer to www.globetrotting.com.au for current prices, departure dates, more images and footage and to request an itinerary.



GLOBETROTTING THROUGH NAMIBIA

Namibia is an African country like no other and is fast-becoming the number one country to visit. It's not as chaotic as its African neighbors thanks to its German colonisers. From the tip of the country bordering Angola and at the bottom South Africa, Namibia's vast geography is its shining gem to travellers. A land of deserts,

seascapes, wildlife reserves, ancient rock art and space, endless space.

Hand on heart, signing up for a horse-riding safari to explore Namibia is the only mode of transport to roam this vast, sun-baked country.



HIGHLIGHTS

BOLTING BAREBACK ALONG THE BEACH OF THE SKELETON COAST **SLEEPING OUT UNDER THE STARS ON A CAMP STRETCHER** RIDING SOME OF THE BEST ENDURANCE HORSES IN THE WORLD **SUCKING DOWN A CHILLED CIDER AFTER A SEVEN HOUR DAY IN THE SADDLE** COMPLETING ONE OF THE HARDEST RIDING SAFARIS IN THE WORLD AND HAVING THE T-SHIRT TO SHOW FOR IT **TRAVERSING THE OLDEST DESERT IN THE WORLD**



GETTING UNDER THE SKIN

READ *The Sheltering Desert* by Henno Martin and *Born of the Sun*, the largely autobiographical first novel by local author Joseph Diescho

WATCH *Beautiful People* a hilarious documentary on the wildlife of the Namib Desert

LISTEN to Ele Motho, Shishani, Ernashimu

EAT Namibia's answer to a barbecue known as the Braai, also try a Potjie which is a stew cooked on the fire.

DRINK the light and refreshing Windhoek Lager, or try a traditional brew such as matakwa (watermelon wine)

HORSE EVENT

Walvis Bay Endurance Ride, 130 kilometres through the Namib Desert .



GLOBETROTTING THROUGH NAMIBIA NAMIB DESERT

Riding for twelve days across the Namib Desert in Namibia is not for the faint hearted and you must be fit and enjoy the challenge of an epic endurance ride – think Hidalgo the movie. But if you thrive on a challenge then this is the perfect ride for you. The ride covers a total of 400 kilometres across 12 days. Starting in the central highlands with an altitude of 2000 metres above sea level to the final day where you're serenaded by the wild Atlantic Ocean. A typical day for guests is seven hours in the saddle covering between 40 to 70 kilometres

a day in searing hot temperatures, scooting down mountain faces, galloping across desert plains and sighting oryx, springbok, mountain zebra, warthogs and ostriches along the way.

Our riding partner in Namibia not only offers the famous Namib Desert ride but other rides include the Great Fish River canyon and Damara Elephant ride.

Namibia offers a perfect platform for world-class horse riding safaris.



“THE NAMIBIA DESERT RIDE WAS THE MOST AWESOME AND MEMORABLE THING I HAVE EVER DONE IN MY LIFE. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO TRAVEL. SIX OR SEVEN FOOT IN THE AIR GIVES YOU SUCH A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE OF WHERE YOU ARE AND WHAT'S AROUND YOU. YOU GO PLACES VEHICLES CAN'T GO, YOU'RE OFF THE TOURIST TRACK AND BEING ESCORTED BY AND STAYING WITH LOCALS GIVES YOU SUCH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THAT COUNTRY'S CULTURE, LIFESTYLE, HUMOUR. IT'S AN ADRENALIN RUSH EVERY DAY.”

Desiree Charlesworth



TIME IN SADDLE

7 to 8 hours a day

BREED OF HORSES

Arab, Haflinger, Trakehner, Ranch horses

PACE

Medium to fast

RIDING ABILITY

Fitness, good health, experience in horse riding and handling horses are essential. You don't have to be an accomplished dressage rider or show jumper, but you must feel totally at ease on the back of a cantering horse. In addition you should be mentally strong and have a sense of humour

WEIGHT LIMIT

85kg – if you're heavier there is a 30% surcharge for an extra horse

GROUP SIZE

6 to 15 riders plus up to 2 to 3 riding guides

ACCOMMODATION

Large dome-shaped tents with camp beds and swags. Hot showers and long drop toilet

SEASONS

March to September

RIDE PRICES*

Namib Desert from ***GBP £3500** per person all inclusive for ten nights, **single supplement: *GBP £170**

Great Fish River Canyon from ***GBP £3850** per person all inclusive, **single supplement: *GBP £230**

Damara Elephant from ***GBP £3725** per person all inclusive, **single supplement: *GBP £170**

** Price includes transfers, meals, riding and accommodation and transfers to and from the ride.*

** The price does not include activities and meals in Swakopmund, international flights or travel insurance.*

** Prices may be subject to change.*

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GLOBETROTTING THROUGH NEW ZEALAND

The land of the long white cloud might be compact in size but what it lacks in size it makes up for in globetrotting goodness. NZ has everything going for it - the Maori culture that is loud and proud the moment your passport is stamped to the word-class sophistication of its regional produce and wine. Not to mention the diverse topography from vast pearly white beaches with crooning waves to bowling green hillsides dotted in sheep to translucent rivers and lakes worthy

of a plunge. As for horses some of the worlds best racehorse stock originate from this tiny island so it's safe to say the Kiwis know their equines.

It's a winning formula to produce a well-balanced, memorable riding holiday. At the moment we have one globetrotting ride in the north island and soon will be adding more to our portfolio.



HIGHLIGHTS

RIDING ALONGSIDE YOUR HOST SHARLEY BENEATH A SUN BLEACHED SKY AND LEARNING FIRST HAND ABOUT HER MAORI CULTURE AND THE HISTORY OF HER LAND **WADING YOUR SEA HORSE INTO THE TURQUOISE OCEAN WHILE A TEAM OF DOLPHINS SURF THE WAVES** RECEIVING A TRADITIONAL WELCOME BY THE MAORI ELDERS AND STAYING IN AN AUTHENTIC MARAE OVERNIGHT



GETTING UNDER THE SKIN

READ Witi Ihimaera's *The Whale Rider* - a moving insight into the spirituality, tradition, and culture of the Maori people.

WATCH Peter Jackson's *Lord of the Rings* trilogy - the stunning landscape dominates the films

LISTEN to Salmonella Dub's *Killer Version*, which displays influences quintessential to the new wave of New Zealand music.

EAT Whitebait - a seasonal delicacy

DRINK a 'boutique beer' - independent breweries are everywhere and are crafting some superb ales

HORSE EVENT

Horse of the Year held in March every year at Hawkes Bay

NATIONAL BREED

Unlike countries such as Australia and Canada, which have their own national horses (the Australian Stock Horse and the Canadian), New Zealand has not developed an official national breed.



GLOBETROTTING THROUGH NEW ZEALAND PAKIRI BEACH, NORTH ISLAND

This five day, four-night Warrior Trail is not your normal, run-of-the-mill beach ride. Firstly, your backdrop is the raw and unblemished Pakiri beach. Picture pearly white sand and calm, turquoise waters kissing the dunes. You have ample opportunity to canter the horses up the empty beaches and then cool your horse down in the briny sea. It's common to see pods of dolphins playing in the surf break and is one of the highlights of this riding itinerary.

We all know beach riding can get tiresome after a couple of hours, thankfully this ride has a wide range of landscapes that you'll explore. Each day differs from the next where you'll ride through

secluded dunes carpeted in wild flowers to pea-green countryside sprinkled in wooly sheep and beehives to crossing translucent rivers with sandy bottoms.

And finally what makes this ride truly special, is your host Sharley, and her Maori culture and heritage, which she shares openly throughout the riding holiday. She has a vast and passionate knowledge of the history and Maori culture that runs deep within this pristine landscape. Coupled with forward-moving, intelligent horses and sophisticated regional fare and wine there is no doubt you'll leave with a smile on your face.



TIME IN SADDLE

4 to 5 hours a day

BREED OF HORSES

An assortment of Arab, thoroughbred, Clyde cross, Percheron cross, Appaloosa and Quarter Horse

PACE

The pace can vary from a walk right through to a canter

RIDING ABILITY

Intermediate to advanced riders

WEIGHT LIMIT

95kgs * please contact us if you're above this weight

GROUP SIZE

Minimum of four guests and a maximum of eight guests

SEASONS

All year round

ACCOMMODATION

Guests have the choice to stay in cute, modest beach-side bach's or a upmarket beach house on your host, Sharley's, property. On the last night, if there are six or more guests, you'll stay at the Omaha Marae, which is a traditional Maori meeting house. If the group is smaller than six guests, you'll stay at a nearby boutique bed and breakfast.

RIDE PRICES*

prices ***\$3790 NZD** per person, **single supplement: ***\$170 NZD****

** Price does not include international flights, travel insurance or transfers to and from the ride.*

** Prices may be subject to change.*

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GLOBETROTTING'S FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

DO I PAY EXTRA IF I BOOK MY HORSE RIDING HOLIDAY THROUGH GLOBETROTTING?

No, you most certainly do not.

Globetrotting is a booking agency specialising in horse riding holidays and it is no more expensive to book through us as compared to going directly to the outfitter.

THEN WHY DO I NEED GLOBETROTTING SERVICES IF I CAN BOOK DIRECTLY THROUGH THE OUTFITTER OR ON THE INTERNET?

It's simple. We've road tested the rides extensively and continually to make sure that the standard of rides are second to none. We make sure the horses are well looked after and that the riding outfitter is legitimate and professional.

It gives our clients peace of mind that we've road tested their ride. Can you imagine flying half way across the world only to be bitterly disappointed when you reach a dodgy operator that has you riding donkeys rather than horses? It's our job to be unbiased and work for you, the client to

ensure it's a riding holiday of a lifetime. Also if you choose to book via the Internet, you are just a booking number and a credit card transaction, but to us you're a special riding guest.

We can give you personal service right down to the very last detail such as what type of camera you should take to a suggested clothing list designed specifically for each ride.

If you choose to book via the internet you don't really know if what you see on your screen is what you are really going to get. With our first hand experience of each and every horse riding holiday that we offer we can honestly assure you of the best possible memories you could ever hope to ask for.

WHY WOULD I CHOOSE A GLOBETROTTING GUIDED RIDE?

A lot of clients prefer the safety net of a group guided trip to ensure they are well looked after from when they arrive into their chosen country of choice to when they leave after the ride. It takes the guess work out of the travelling so that you can truly relax throughout your holiday.

Typically the day before the ride starts your guide will spend a day with you and the group visiting the tourist attractions of the capital. Also if you have any problems throughout the ride, it's the guides job to fix them. The guided component also includes a disc of professional images of your riding holiday, photographed by your guide, it proves to be difficult to take photos of yourself when on horseback! A globetrotting safari shirt (very stylish!) and edited video footage of your trip.

CAN I BRING MY OWN HORSE?

The answer is no (unless you have the cash flow to fly your horse to Kenya!) The portfolio of rides that globetrotting recommends to clients both within Australia and overseas involves riding the horses provided by the outfitter.

A lot of riders prefer to ride their own horses as they know them inside out, however we can assure you that you'll be truly satisfied with the type of horse that you'll ride on each and every ride that we recommend. Before you arrive the outfitter will have a globetrotting information sheet on your riding ability and the type of horse

that you prefer to ride. Horses will be matched according to your ability and there is always the option to swap horses if need be.

WHAT LEVEL OF RIDING EXPERIENCE DO I NEED?

This depends on the individual ride. We have rides suitable for experienced to beginner riders. On each ride page it will specify the level of experience required to participate on the ride. If you're still unsure if your level of experience is suited to that ride please don't hesitate to email or phone us.

There are also a variety of rides available that cater to both experienced and beginner riders. In the past we've had couples where one is an experienced rider and would enjoy a fast paced canter and one is a beginner rider who is more comfortable in a trot. We can recommend a range of rides that cater to both levels; email us to request these rides specifically or phone us direct on 043 885 1981.

I'M AN EXPERIENCED RIDER AND DON'T WANT TO BE HELD BACK BY BEGINNER RIDERS.

Not a problem, we specialise in catering to experienced riders. On each ride page it will specify the level of experience required to participate on the ride. If you're still unsure as to which are the rides specifically for experienced riders please don't hesitate to email us or phone us.

WHAT TYPE OF SADDLE WILL I BE RIDING IN?

The type of saddle is dependent on the outfitter and the saddle best suited to the individual horse and the terrain you'll be riding through. If you prefer a specific type of saddle a request can be made to the outfitter in advance.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING WITH ME?

Once you've secured your saddle seat on a globetrotting ride you'll be sent a clothing list specific to your riding destination and the climate.

You'll also receive a fact sheet on the country including vital information in terms of visas,

currency, medical shots required and what to read and watch in preparation for your trip.

CAN NON-RIDERS COME ON THE RIDING HOLIDAY?

Yes, we offer a variety of riding destinations that cater to both riders and non-riders. Please email us here to request these rides specifically or call us on 043 885 1981.

CAN I GO ON MY OWN?

Of course! We send a lot of globetrotting clients by themselves on their horse riding holiday of choice and they meet a variety of like-minded people from all corners of the globe. Keep in mind, the majority of our riders have a single supplement charge if you're unwilling to share.

IN THE PAST, I'VE BEEN ON A RIDING HOLIDAY WHERE THE HORSES ARE SLOW, OLD AND DULL?

We understand your concern. But rest assured we road test each and every ride on a regular basis to ensure that the horses have a mind of their own and are forward going and alert.

We believe that quality of horse is paramount to

a top-shelf riding holiday. Nine out of ten times if you're mounted on a horse that you enjoy riding then your riding holiday will be a success.

We make sure we ride a variety of the guest horses to ensure that the horses are well schooled, well mannered and a pleasure to ride. We can safely say that all of the rides that we promote have top class safari horses - so much so you'll want to take one home with you.

IS THE RIDING SAFE?

Yes. We road test each and every ride on a regular basis to ensure that rider safety is of the highest standard. Each ride has experienced guides and horse handlers and first aid kits are carried on every ride that we offer.

We recommend that globetrotting clients where a hard hat on the rides and they have adequate travel insurance which includes medical cover before participating on a ride. Depending on the group size, each ride will have two guides, a head guide who rides at the front of the riding group and a back up guide who rides at the tail of the group.

WHAT IS THE GROUP SIZE?

The group size depends on the individual ride and its popularity. The maximum group size with any ride that we recommend is 12 guests plus guides.

HOW DO I KNOW THAT THE HORSES ARE WELL LOOKED AFTER?

We wouldn't dream of recommending a ride that doesn't treat their horses well. As mentioned above, we road test each and every ride that we offer on a regular basis to ensure that horse welfare is of the highest standard. Horse culture differs between each country that we operate in but we believe that all horses should be treated with respect and are well cared for.

TRAVEL INSURANCE FOR HORSE RIDING HOLIDAYS

GLOBETROTTING'S

We recommend all of our globetrotter's sign up for travel insurance the moment they book their saddle seat. It's absolutely imperative when booking a horse riding holiday to be covered by travel insurance so that you have a safety net in case unexpected circumstances arise.

Travel insurance can cover you for financial losses caused by a wide range of events that can affect your trip, whether they occur before, during or even after your trip. These might include travel modification, cancellation or interruption, medical expenses, baggage damage or theft and more.

Travel insurance should be a priority in all travel arrangements, whether you travel regularly, occasionally or you are setting off on a once-in-a-lifetime trip.

For international journeys, the Australian Government advises that travel insurance is as important as a passport, regardless of your destination.

You should purchase a travel insurance policy as soon as you have paid for your trip. That

way you may be covered for unused travel and accommodation in the event that you must cancel your trip due to a covered event, such as illness or a natural disaster.

Now horse riding can be unpredictable at the best of times, so it's ESSENTIAL to have a travel insurance policy that specifically covers horse riding as an activity.

WHY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE IS SO IMPORTANT

Incidents that may be easily manageable in Australia can become expensive and difficult to negotiate when you are in another country.

Most international travel insurance policies cover overseas medical and dental expenses, lost or stolen luggage, liability cover, accidental death or disability, and expenses if you incur a financial loss due to delays, cancellations or rescheduled arrangements.

Some travel insurers offer additional services, such as 24-hour medical emergency translation, which can make a huge difference to the quality

of treatment you get while travelling.

Medical treatment in some countries can be exceptionally expensive and in some cases it can be difficult to be admitted to a hospital and receive treatment unless you are able to guarantee payment. When you travel overseas, you are personally liable for covering your medical costs. It's not uncommon for even a short stay in, for example, an American hospital to cost tens of thousands of dollars.

According to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), daily hospital costs in Southeast Asia regularly exceed \$800 and return of remains from Europe can cost in excess of \$10,000. The cost of medical evacuations from the United States regularly range from \$75,000 to \$95,000 and sometimes up to \$300,000. DFAT has also handled medical evacuations from Bali in which costs have exceeded \$60,000*.

Travellers who are not covered by insurance are personally liable for covering the medical and associated costs they incur overseas.

DFAT assists more than 20,000 Australian

travellers each year who find themselves in difficulty overseas, including more than 700 hospital admissions, 600 deaths and 100 evacuations of Australians to another location for medical purposes. However, the Australian Government does not pay any costs, such as legal fees, emergency flights or medical care.

The Smart Traveller website has up-to-date travel advice, news, guidance and important information for Australians travelling overseas.

TRAVEL INSURANCE THROUGH YOUR CREDIT CARD

First things first, if you have a credit card, I would suggest giving your bank a call or read through their Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) to see if a) your current credit card includes travel insurance and b) if that particular travel insurance policy includes horse riding and c) whether there are any requirements you need to meet to qualify for this cover.



TRAVEL INSURANCE AGENCIES THAT INCLUDE HORSE RIDING WITHIN THEIR POLICY

As at the time of writing here is a list of insurance companies that include horse riding (does NOT include professional riding such as hunting, polo, show jumping, eventing, horse racing) within their travel insurance policy –

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GLOBETROTTING'S TIPS AND TRICKS FOR GOPRO-ING ON HORSEBACK



GoPro's are the perfect filming device when riding a horse, as they are pocket size and have built-in stabilising facilities. Unlike a handheld camera where the footage becomes a 30-second tribute to the sky or ground, a GoPro can be fixed to a helmet, pole or chest harness to hold it steady and allow you to concentrate on riding. Kind of important!

There are oodles of GoPro accessories that you can buy. We've trialled and tested quite a few to find the best angle when riding. This is the equipment that works for us:

The camera body that we're using on our rides is the **GOPRO HERO4** we've also got older versions, but the Hero4 is a vast improvement with the vibrance of colour and the breadth of ISO for recording in low light conditions. I'm not going to go into the technical attributes as you can find this online. It does come with the waterproof housing and also the WIFI remote so that you can steer the GoPro from the remote (we have the wrist band), this is especially handy when the GoPro is already fixed to your helmet. Keep in mind, the majority of our rides there is no WIFI so the remote doesn't work or cuts in and out.

GOPRO HELMET FRONT MOUNT – this is an easy and no-fuss way to record when riding. You need to make sure it's titled so it has your horse's head and neck in the foreground to give perspective when filming. In saying that, it gets quite boring watching this one frame, unless you're jumping or playing polo, which is fast-paced and action driven. If you're going for a leisurely trail ride through the bush, you'll need to switch it up.

I would suggest recording when your guide tells you you're about to go for a canter or trot or approaching wildlife. Don't record for hours at a time as you'll not only chew through your battery you'll waste valuable card space. With the wide view, wildlife looks miniature in size unless you're eyeballing them, so if you want your riding friends in the frame at a decent size get up, close and personal.

GOPRO CHEST HARNESS MOUNT – we don't have the chest harness, but I've seen footage using the chest harness when riding a horse. It's not a great angle to view your ride from unless you are really tall the entire frame is of your horse's neck. And also when you ride, you're moving your head to take in scenery not your chest, so it will be a

completely static view the entire time. Also, it's not the most comfortable harness to ride in for long periods at a time. And for women, it looks weird with your boobs, a valid concern!

GOPRO HEAD STRAP MOUNT – similar to the helmet front mount, if you don't ride in a helmet (we recommend you ride in a helmet!), then the head strap mount can fit over a cap, akubra with adjustable straps. Keep in mind, it's not as stable at the helmet front mount so your footage may not be as stable.

GOPRO SUCTION CUP – clearly this won't stick to your horses rump or neck (unfortunately), but we do take our suction cup on trips with us. The reason being, we stick it to cars when we're travelling to the location. When editing our videos it's great to fast forward the drive into a property for the first time to see the landscape, culture and accommodation as a introduction to the ride video.

GOPRO WRIST HOUSING – This is an okay mount for a different angle when riding. Obviously the GoPro needs to be facing out but it's a super angle to interlace with other footage and it doesn't

obscure your riding. It's best when riding with groups and again when you're having a canter or gallop, you can approach fellow riders and angle the GoPro to capture them cantering beside you. Make sure the wrist strap is tight and secure before recording.

GOPOLE BOBBER – this is a hand grip pole which was released for water filming as it floats. We always take the bobber on our trips as it's handy if you want to film under water when horses are swimming. It's also small enough to attach to your GoPro and throw it in your saddle bag or pocket in between riding. If you're comfortable at riding one handed, I love this mount. One of my favourites.

GOPOLE EXTENSION POLE – Last but certainly not least, we find this is the best mount for riding after a recent trip to Canada. It's not for everyone, as you have to ride one handed the entire time, so if you have a horse above your skills, it might not be wise. Steven and I take it in turn riding with the extension pole, but you'll see that it's transparent plastic so it doesn't obstruct your frame when filming and it floats. It gives you a range of angles, where you can film

an aerial shot of yourself riding along and your fellow riders.

BATTERY & MEMORY CARDS

A lot of our remote rides in Kenya, Botswana, Namibia don't have access to power throughout the trip so battery conservation is paramount. Depending on your budget, I would make sure you have at least three batteries in your kit bag. We've been known to chew up a battery in one day. A good option is to take a auto charger so you can charge flat batteries from a vehicle. A lot of the safaris have support vehicles, so you'll be able to charge your batteries when you get stuck. This is what we've done in the past and it works well.

I would prefer to have 2 x 32GB memory cards in my kit rather than one 62GB card where it becomes the mothership of all your video files. What if you were to lose it? What if the card errors? You probably won't use an entire 32GB card throughout the trip, but it's good to change them throughout the trip just in case.

Once home, it's the moment of truth where you download your video files from your trip and relive your ride. No doubt you'll have a library of

video files of your trip, some will be great and others not so much. Friends and family don't want to see your unedited video footage unless someone is being gnawed by a lion or fall into a icy, fast-flowing river. If you do want to show friends and family, and if you have the skills, you should compile the highlights of your video footage and put it together into a video montage. So five minutes maximum of your trip with one of your favourite songs as backing music. Short and sweet is the trick here.

It's a lot of work but worth it in the end and then you have a polished keepsake of your trip that is in a bite-sized format that you can share on Facebook, vimeo or via email. The software that we've used is iMovie (sorry we only work on Macs, I don't know the PC software equivalent) and have recently up skilled to Final Cut Pro. There are a plethora of youtube videos out there educating you in the finer skills of video editing that can hold your hand through the process.

GLOBETROTTING'S WHAT MAKES THE PERFECT SAFARI HORSE

It's a huge undertaking to jump on a new horse and build a relationship in such a short amount of time – equine speed dating – so to speak. And that's what you do when you sign up for one of globetrotting's horse riding safaris or holidays. So, I can understand that one of the most common questions I get asked at trade shows is 'can I bring my own horse?' As everyone believes their horse is the ducks nut as they know them inside out and can trust them. But even so: you wouldn't want to take your eventer or Sunday-riding horse to Africa and show them a herd of giraffe for the first time. The safari horses found on our riding destinations are born and bred into the environment and therefore are familiar with the sights, sounds, smells and terrain.

It's a common concern for globetrotters to be nervous about riding different horses but think of it this way: it's a great chance to improve your riding skills by familiarising yourself with a different horse and its quirks. Have you heard the saying 'you're only as good a rider as the number of horses you've ridden?'

More often than not you'll fall in love with your safari horse and want to take them home with you! Trust me, I've ridden some of the best horses of my lifetime on a globetrotting safari.

For me an ideal safari horse has the following traits:

- } Respectful on the ground. Not pushy, ties up well, feet can be picked up easily. Not girth shy, leads well.
- } A fast paced walker. Some riding itineraries that we offer (think Namib Desert ride) there are oodles of hours in the saddle and the majority at a walk. There is nothing worse when you're constantly reminding your mount to walk faster. It's exhausting to say the least. A good safari horse has a lovely fast paced walk.
- } With horses and their herd mentality it's a lot to ask a horse to walk away from their mates. But for me it's paramount. I want to be able to stop, take a photo without the horse jig-jogging on the spot. If I drop something,

I want to be able to stop pick it up (without alerting the entire group), and mount by myself without the horse spinning around in circles, eager to join the rest of the herd.

- } Some horses are natural leaders; I love a safari horse that is happy to walk out in front without spooking at suspicious looking rocks! In saying that, you want your safari horse to be able to hang at the back of the riding group without prancing and dancing as if he's going to be left behind.
- } A soft mouth. This is hard; you've got to take your hat off to the safari horse and their trainers. They have A LOT of new riders on their back throughout their safari season and can easily pick up bad habits. Ideally your safari horse is in a snaffle and can canter on a loose rein. Again, some of the rides require long hours in the saddle and a lot cantering. You don't want to be fighting your horse to slow down at every canter.

- } Vain as it may sound, you want to feel good astride your horse. And that happens when your horse holds himself well, ears pricked, forward moving, alert but not skittish, confident.
- } I love a safari horse that can jump well. I LOVE to cross-country jump and on some of our rides (Maasai Mara, Estancia Adelaida) you have plenty opportunities to leap over fallen logs – if you want! There is nothing better when your horse and you can share a love for jumping and you're confident that your mount will not only jump but jump well.
- } This is a personal like; I love a pocket rocket safari horse. Nothing bigger than 15.2hh and has a bit of spark about it. Turns on a dime, cracking speed and well mannered.



These are the traits that I look for in the safari horses that are offered to my guests. When I road test a new ride I'll ask to ride a range of horses earmarked for beginners to advanced riders to make sure they fit our bucket list.

And with all of the rides that we offer there is always an introductory ride, where you'll be teamed with your mount according to your ability. The ride is generally a morning or afternoon ride and if you're not happy with your horse, whether it's too much for you or too dull, you have the option to change. Keep in mind, it's hard to base your judgment on one ride, and depending if the ride is camp based, there are only a certain amount of horses available to change.

GLOBAL TROTTER'S HOW TO CHOOSE THE PERFECT RIDING HOLIDAY FOR YOU



I've put together a list of considerations for first time globetrotters who are looking at dipping their toe into the addictive world of horse travel. In this day and age time is precious and holidays are like gold dust. Especially if you only have a couple of weeks a year away from your desk you want to choose the very best holiday to spend your time and money on. It's a no brainer for me, if you love to ride, you'll love to explore different regions, cultures, faraway lands from the back of a horse.

We have a portfolio of twenty rides and this list continues to grow. Our riding holidays are road tested first hand to make sure they tick every box in terms of quality. I can understand when viewing our rides, you may get overwhelmed at the number of choices and what best ride would suit your ability, budget and expectations so I've put together this post to help make your decision.

RIDING EXPERIENCE

First things first, your riding ability will dictate what rides are available to you and those that aren't. If you're an intermediate to experienced

rider, (confident at all gaits – walk, trot, canter – have ridden as a child or for a number of years and ridden a range of different horses in your riding career) all of our rides are available to you, from Kenya through to Tasmania, Chile through to Mongolia – to name a few.

If you're a beginner rider, (you've got limited riding experience, aren't confident in a trot or a canter), then the rides I would consider are our Australian-based rides, Mongolia, Argentina and Canada.

** For experienced riders reading this, you might be thinking I would prefer not to have beginner riders on the same ride as me, as I would like to trot and canter. Rest assured, our guides will split the ride, if more experienced riders are wishing to canter or trot.

BUDGET

You need to ask yourself how much you want to spend on the ride itself and remember our rides don't include travel insurance, flights or tips at the end of the ride. BUT what they do

include is absolutely everything while on your horse riding holiday from unlimited riding, food, accommodation and a bloody good time.

Kenya and Botswana are our premium, blue chip riding destinations and deservedly so. They offer the X-factor that no other destination offers – up, close and personal encounters with wild game – while being enveloped in white glove safari luxury.

Mongolia on the other spectrum is extremely cost effective, and if you have a good sense of adventure, happy to erect your own tent, eat hearty, camp food and appreciate that itineraries don't always go according to plan, this is a winner as well.

Our Aussie rides fall around the \$3000 mark for six days, all-inclusive, which is very good value for the level of riding, accommodation and horses. Canada and South America is also a very cost effective ride for most of our globetrotters.

HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU HAVE?

If you've only got a week including travelling time and you're based in Australia, our native

rides are great for an equine mini-break. If you've got more than 14 days up your sleeve – consider an overseas riding destination. Riding holidays in Africa, South America, Japan, Canada, Mongolia, you're spending a bit of cash on flights, so make sure you block out two weeks plus to squeeze in a 7 or 10 day ride and travelling time either side. Try and give yourself one or two nights in the country before the ride begins so you have time to re-cover from jet lag before starting your riding holiday.

WHAT TIME OF YEAR ARE YOU LOOKING AT TRAVELLING?

This is a big factor. Some of our rides are only available six months of the year and depends if you're choosing to travel in the northern or southern hemisphere.

Here is a breakdown of the rides available throughout the year:

ALL YEAR ROUND RIDES: Sunshine Coast, Botswana, Namibia, Kenya

OCTOBER THROUGH TO APRIL: Tasmania, Snowy

River ride, Japan, South America (Argentina, Brazil & Chile)

JUNE THROUGH TO OCTOBER: Mongolia, Canada

RUSTIC VERSUS GLAMPING?

If you're the kind of rider that loves a gin & tonic handed to you while your horse is whisked away to be unsaddled you'll prefer our 'glamping' style rides. These riding holidays you do not lift a finger from start to finish. I'm not kidding – your boots will be polished for you, washing done, three course meals, wine – all the bells and whistles.

Or if you're comfortable with a swag underneath a canopy of stars, or wrangling with tent assembling at the end of ride, then you won't mind our rustic rides.

Whatever tickles your fancy, we have both. Personally, I like both!



THE ULTIMATE PACKING LIST FOR A HORSE RIDING HOLIDAY

Over the years we've honed our packing to a fine art. A lot of our globetrotting clients ask for our advice on what to pack. Even though each client is given a detailed packing list here is a general packing list. Obviously it depends on the country and the climate you'll be riding in but this list is a great starting point.

LUGGAGE

Firstly, pack in a soft, canvas bag. Suitcases with wheels are great when you're travelling to Tokyo or LA but are hopeless when you're on safari. And with most rides your transfers are either via small plane or safari vehicles so the more malleable the bag the better. Leave your suitcase with wheels in the cupboard for city-breaks. You can get soft bags with wheels if you're a single female traveller and don't have the muscles to lift your bag.

CLOTHING LIST

Cotton scarf – love these – perfect to ride with especially when it's dusty they prevent dirt

moustaches! Don't laugh we've seen plenty in our time. When worn with a singlet or a long sleeved shirt you can protect your face from dust clouds if you happen to get stuck behind the group at the canter. The scarf also comes in handy at night when the temperature drops. Or at lunchtime when it's tobasco hot you can dip the scarf into a river and cool yourself down.

RIDING PANTS We ride in Argentine bombachas in khaki or stone colour and they are the ducks nuts! Made from durable cotton fabric they're resistant to the pesky hook thorns that can be found in Africa. For hot climates they are incredibly cool and can also be worn as dress pants. Pack 3 x riding pants. We get so many comments on these pants and could sell them twice over to fellow riders.

LONG SLEEVED COTTON SHIRTS, CLOSED FRONT If you're in a sticky environment (think Africa, Brazil, Australia) these shirts are awesome for sun protection. And for colder climates you can wear a vest over the top or thermals underneath. My favourite Australian companies are Dust n Boots and RB Sellars. If your

horse-riding holiday is in Africa be sure to get subdued colours stay away from red or hot pink. We're suckers for the blues, khaki or green.

HATS We strongly recommend riding in a helmet. We ride in polo helmets but it doesn't offer much breathability in hot weather. There are some great lightweight endurance helmets. You can't go wrong with an Australian Akubra. Make sure it fits well especially if you're choosing to ride in it. You know that if you lose your hat on a ride whether it's at a canter or a trot you have to shout a carton of beer to your fellow riders for the inconvenience!

BOOTS A couple of options here. We used to ride in ankle boots with Ariat half chaps. This is a good option as your inner leg is protected from rubbing when you're notching up long hours in an unknown saddle. However I've recently swapped over to knee-high Ariat boots.

HEAD TORCH An essential item if you're on a pack trip or safari in Africa. I'm an avid reader at night, it helps settle my busy mind, head torches are perfect for this. Or if you need to pee during the night and you're in the middle of

the bush, with your trusty head torch you can shine a light in a lion's eye – great deterrent.

WATER BOTTLE Save using plastic bottles, take your own. My favourite are the Camelbak, which hold 2L. Also it doesn't have a lid, you don't want to be on horseback and screwing a lid on and off to take a drink of water.

SUNGLASSES WITH A STRAP Dorky or not you won't lose your sunglasses when you're on horseback and need to take them off. Sunglasses also help to prevent against dust when you're cantering at the back of the pack.



WASH BAG ESSENTIALS

ROLL-ON SUNSCREEN Easier to apply while riding along.

LIP-BALM Make sure it has sun protection and again no screw lids for quick application on horseback.

SKIN COLOURED ZINC SUNSCREEN My all time favourite is the Dermalogica 20+ tinted moisturiser and this acts as my foundation, day moisturiser and sunscreen.

WET WIPES Especially for the horse riding holidays that don't offer camp showers every day. These wet wipes are godsend in making you feel clean and refreshed until your next shower.

IBRUPROFEN If you suffer from any muscle soreness from riding, these will help. Take two tablets an hour before you ride if you're suffering from aches and pains.

PANADOL Self-explanatory.

GASTRO-STOP Make sure you have plenty of these; you never know if food doesn't agree with you. Keep them in your top pocket for swallowing if the need arises.




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