

# Symbols Used in this Book

## Riding Experience

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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



**Game Viewing / Horseback Safari.**



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



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



**Instruction Available.**



**Working Ranch.**



**Exploratory Ride.** A new ride accompanied by an In The Saddle tour manager.



**Ideal for Non riders.**



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



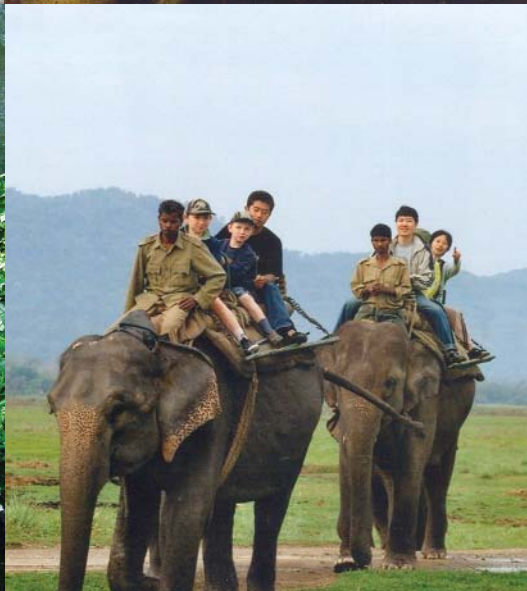
Comfortable accommodation, maybe twin, triple or quad sometimes with shared bathrooms. Single rooms may not be available.



Comfortable accommodation. Rooms have private bathrooms.



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



Ride on the banks of the Brahmaputra amid the lush tea gardens of Assam.

## India - Brahmaputra Ride



**Open November to April**  
**Set departures & private groups**  
**9 nights / 6 days riding**  
**2 - 4 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £1,010**

### The Riding

You should be a competent and confident rider on a forward going horse. Riding through the tea gardens is at a walk; however there are opportunities for trot and canter when you explore the countryside.

Your base is a beautifully renovated former tea manager's bungalow set in the midst of the tea gardens. From your veranda and over morning tea, you will hear the jingle of bicycle bells and the chatter of the tea workers as they walk or cycle to work.

Each day the rides explore the surrounding area of river banks, forests and tea gardens.

During the week you take a break from riding for two days and journey west to Kaziranga National Park. The park is world famous for its population of one-horned rhinoceros. Sightings are relatively common and you should be able to see these amazing animals from vehicle and also from the back of an elephant.

Northeast India has a fascinating mix of tribal groups who have retained intact their traditional culture. We can arrange extra days after the ride to allow you to experience their traditional way of life. See page 265.

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





A ride through Rajasthan combined with sightseeing in the famous golden triangle, Delhi-Jaipur-Agra.

## India - Fairs and Festivals



**Runs in October/November**  
**Set departures & private groups**  
**15 nights / 7 days riding**  
**4 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £2,340**

### The Riding

The Marwari horses are spirited and forward going. You should be a competent rider, confident on a horse in the open at all paces. There are some long stretches of canter and you need to be able to keep your distance.

The Fairs and Festivals itinerary includes seven days riding through Rajasthan followed by visits to Jaipur, the bird sanctuary at Bharatpur, one of the largest horse fairs at Bateshwar and the glorious Taj Mahal at Agra.

Travelling by horseback is surely the best way to experience rural Rajasthan. Whilst riding through the ancient kingdoms of Shekhawati you experience the complete spectrum of life from subsistence farmers who maintain a very simple existence to the privileged life of the maharajas. During the day you pass through small villages and farmland and are greeted enthusiastically by local families. Between villages the terrain opens out allowing for plenty of faster riding.

Combine your riding trip with a visit to one of the national parks where you can see tigers in their natural habitat. See page 265.

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A ride through the Great Indian Desert and on to the enormous Nagaur Camel Fair.

## India - Nagaur Fair



**Runs in January/February**  
**Set departures & private groups**  
**14 nights / 7 days riding**  
**4 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £2,750**

### The Riding

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Few tourists visit the Nagaur Fair in northwest Rajasthan and it is mainly for local people and those who travel hundreds of miles to visit and trade. You travel from Delhi to Bikaner by overnight sleeper train and then ride for seven days through the spectacular desert landscape of the Great Indian Desert. The terrain is open so there are good opportunities for long canters. You camp in the desert near to villages for several nights as well as staying in some really interesting hotels in the cities.

Following the ride you visit the great cities of Jaisalmer and Jodhpur with their magnificent forts and palaces.

If this is your first trip to India, don't miss out on the magical Taj Mahal. We can make the additional arrangements for you, please see page 265.

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A ride centered around India's most famous horse, camel and cattle fair.

## India - Pushkar Fair



**Runs in November**  
**Set departures & private groups**  
**10 nights / 5 days riding**  
**4 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £2,395**

### **The Riding**

The Marwari horses are spirited and forward going. You should be a competent rider, confident on a horse in the open at all paces. There are some long stretches of canter and you need to be able to keep your distance.

The Pushkar Fair in Rajasthan is one of the world's largest camel fairs. This ride is run in two halves with the Pushkar Fair in the middle. You can choose to do just one half or both.

The first half - the Pushkar Shekhawati Ride is through the ancient kingdom of Shekhawati, a desert area interspersed with small villages. The Marwari horses used on this part of the ride come from the stables at Dundlod Castle, home to Kanwar Raghuvendra Singh, known to everyone as Bonnie.

The second half - the Kumbhalgarh Ride moves west of Pushkar and south of Jodhpur. The terrain changes to more fertile ground with more mountainous scenery. The days can be longer and the pace slower due to the terrain.

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Tailor made rides through colourful Rajasthan on striking Marwari horses.

## India - Shekhawati Rides



**Runs October to February**  
**Set departures & private groups**  
**4 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £1,552 (11 nights)**

### The Riding

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The Indian state of Rajasthan was once known as Registan, "land of desert". You can ride over a wide variety of terrain, including not only desert but farmland, rocky gorges, acacia forests, jungle scrub and the fertile Aravali hills. Historically this is one of India's richest regions littered with magnificent forts and palaces that were once home, and in many cases still are, to royal princes. Some of these are now hotels where you stay during the ride.

On pages 211 - 215 you will find the rides scheduled to coincide with specific festivals. Other rides take place during the winter months so please ask for details or we can tailor make an itinerary for groups of two or more.

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





A trail ride through the Wadi Rum on Arabian horses  
with nights camping under a clear star-filled sky.

## Jordan - Footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia



**Runs all year**  
**Set departures & private groups**  
**Arrive Friday**  
**9 nights / 6 days riding**  
**4 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £1,190**

### The Riding

The horses are all Arabians. They are active, forward-going and fun to ride so you need to be a confident rider, able to control a horse at all paces in wide open spaces. There are some long trots and canters so riders also need to be fit.

This is three holidays rolled into one - visiting some of the great sights of Jordan, riding in the Wadi Rum and relaxing at the Dead Sea.

You begin in Madaba, near to Amman and continue south to Petra to explore the fascinating ruins of the "rose red city". The next morning drive to Wadi Rum to meet your horses. The pink sands of this unique landscape stretch as far as the eye can see, broken only by bizarre rock formations rising up vertically from the desert floor and sculpted by the wind over millions of years.

After the ride continue onto the Dead Sea for its therapeutic salt and mud treatments.

For the three nights in hotels, you can choose to stay in three, four or five star hotels. You camp in the desert for six nights in a simple tented camp.

Extensions can be arranged for you to stay longer at Madaba or the Dead Sea, or to visit other parts of Jordan such as the Red Sea.

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





A long trail ride across the mountains and valleys of central Kyrgyzstan staying in camps and yurts.

## Kyrgyzstan - The Great Trek



**20 July - 6 August 2010**  
**17 nights / 15 days riding**  
**5 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £1,609**

### The Riding

The horses are Kyrgyz mountain horses ranging from 14.2hh to 15.2hh. They are strong, stocky and used to living in a herd.

You must be a confident rider and in control at all paces. You should also be fit enough to cope with the number of hours and days in the saddle. The pace is dictated by the terrain and includes canters in open flat country.

This adventurous trail ride follows part of the ancient silk route and takes you through a real contrast of landscapes. There are deep fertile valleys and arid canyons separated by high mountain passes. Reaching the high grasslands, home to nomadic families in summer, the route takes you over open pastures with a stunning backdrop of snow capped mountains.

Welcoming travellers is central to Kyrgyz culture and the opportunity to spend some time with the herders who live their life on horseback is a once in a lifetime experience.

You stay in a combination of guest houses, yurts and simple dome tents with a backup crew transporting the camp luggage by vehicle.

You are accompanied throughout by someone from In The Saddle.

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





Ride in Mongolia and experience the nomadic life  
without having to stay in a small tent.

## Mongolia - Big Skies Horse Trail



**Runs June to September**  
**Set departures & private groups**  
**10 nights / 7 days riding**  
**4 - 7 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £2,218**

### The Riding

You should be a fit and competent rider capable of riding forward going horses over varying terrain for up to seven hours a day. The riding includes long trots and canters. There is a rider weight limit of 90kg.

This trail ride takes place in the Khan Khentii Special Protected Area, north-east of Ulaanbaatar. On this ride, accommodation is in made up beds in spacious gers rather than the more basic two man tents of the Mongol Horse Trail; a comfortable adventure!

Supported by yak carts, this horse trail takes you to the southern fringes of the scenic interior of Gorkhi Terej National Park and is ideal for those who prefer their simple comforts and a stove for warmth on cold nights!

On the trail you will experience the freedom of riding over wide open spaces and meeting the nomadic people who live here.

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





A ride across the Bogdkhan mountains and sand dunes to the giant rock formations of Zorgol Hairhan Uul.

## Mongolia - Gobi Steppe Ride



**Runs June to September**  
**Set departures**  
**11 nights / 8 days riding**  
**4 - 7 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £1,237**  
**Shorter rides available**

The vast, treeless steppes of Mongolia were the homeland of the largest herds of horses the world has ever seen. In the early days of mankind, somewhere in these steppes, nomads invented riding and opened up vast new horizons.

### The Riding

You should be a fit and competent rider capable of riding spirited, forward going horses over varying terrain for up to seven hours a day. The riding includes long trots and canters. There is a rider weight limit of 90kg.

The Gobi Steppe ride takes you south of the capital Ulaanbaatar beyond the Bogdkhan Mountains, through grassland steppes, sand dune areas and the giant rock formations of Zorgol Hairhan Uul. There are no rivers or forests in these semi-arid areas, although you may be lucky enough to see a variety of birdlife and animals. This is the area of the best horse trainers in Mongolia.

The simple camp is moved on each day by camel carts.

The main Naadam Festival is held in Ulaanbaatar in July and we can arrange for you to visit this before or after your ride.



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



A trail ride through the treeless steppes and into the Gorkhi-Terelj National Park.

## Mongolia - Mongol Horse Trail



**Runs June to September**  
**Set departures**  
**11 nights / 8 days riding**  
**4 - 7 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £1,237**

### The Riding

You should be a fit and competent rider capable of riding spirited, forward going horses over varying terrain for up to seven hours a day. The riding includes long trots and canters. There is a rider weight limit of 90kg.

Joining a Mongolian ride means choosing to experience the life of the nomad and glimpsing a way of life so different from our own. The Mongolian people are famous for their hospitality and to spend some time with them is a privilege.

You ride through the homelands of your horse guides, where there are no fences, no tracks and no telegraph poles. The only signs of life are the nomadic herders you meet along the way.

This trail ride takes you through the Khan Khentii Special Protected Area, north-east of Ulaanbaatar towards the northern wilderness. You experience two strikingly different areas as you ride through the treeless steppes and into the Gorkhi-Terelj National Park, which is mountain taiga forest.

The simple camp is moved on each day by horse or yak carts.



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



A camping based ride with no vehicle backup through the high summer pastures of eastern Tibet.

## Tibet - High Plateau Ride



**26 June - 10 July 2010**  
**14 nights / 7 days riding**  
**4 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £1,970**

### The Riding

Pace will be dictated by the terrain. At the beginning of the ride it will be at a walk. As the ride progresses there will be long trots and canters. The horses are local Tibetan mountain horses: small (12.3hh – 14.3hh), sturdy and surefooted. These are working horses, used on the open grassland for herding. There is a rider weight limit of 85kgs.

Experience the untouched nomadic culture of eastern Tibet and visit some of the remote Buddhist monasteries on this authentic wilderness experience. Equipment is carried by pack horses or yaks and during the ride there is no vehicle support.

Tibet became part of China in the late 1950s and the route takes you through the upland grasslands of what is now Sichuan Province. The rolling hills of the high plateau are framed by the snow capped peaks of the Min Shan and Anye Machin mountains.

The ride is timed to coincide with local religious festivals which take place during the summer months.

You are accompanied throughout by someone from In The Saddle.

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



# India | Extensions



## Ranthambore & Bandhavgarh National Parks

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



## Taj Mahal

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



## Tribes of northeast India

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

# Useful Information

## ACCOMMODATION

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

## BOOKING YOUR HOLIDAY

See page 13 of this book for details of how to book your holiday. Our booking conditions are on [www.inthesaddle.com](http://www.inthesaddle.com) or we will post or email these to you. The useful information on pages 266 - 270 of this book form part of our booking conditions.

## CHILD RATES AND FAMILY GROUPS

The ranch holidays generally offer the most variety for children and many have discounted child rates. These rates are shown on [www.inthesaddle.com](http://www.inthesaddle.com). Usually it is assumed that the family will wish to ride and enjoy their holiday together and so if you would like a child minding service for part or all of a day, this needs to be specially arranged.

Where a child rate is offered, then it is presumed that the child will be sharing the same accommodation as the parents. If there is no child rate offered, then we may be able to offer a group discount for your family.

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

## DATA PROTECTION

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

## FLIGHTS

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

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

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

## FOREIGN OFFICE TRAVEL ADVICE

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

## GROUPS

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

## MEDICAL PROBLEMS/DISABILITY

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

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

## PASSPORTS

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

## PHOTOGRAPHS

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

## RANCH HOLIDAYS

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

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

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

### **RIDING EXPERIENCE**

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

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

### **SAFETY WHEN RIDING**

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

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

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

### **SINGLE ACCOMMODATION**

On some holidays single accommodation is not available and you will be expected to share. On others paying a single supplement will guarantee you a single room and in some cases, if you are willing to share then no single supplement is charged.

### **SPECIAL REQUESTS**

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

### **TIPPING**

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

### **TRANSFERS**

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

### **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

Travel insurance is obligatory for all clients and you must confirm to us in writing that you have cover for the riding activities to be undertaken. In The Saddle reserves the right to cancel the booking if you have not taken out appropriate insurance.

### **VACCINATIONS**

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

Full information about health requirements for travellers is available from 'MASTA' (Medical Advisory Service for Travellers Abroad) at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Tel: 0906 822 4100 or [www.masta-travel-health.com](http://www.masta-travel-health.com).

## VISAS AND PERMITS

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

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

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

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

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

## WEIGHT LIMITS

On most rides there is a weight limit of 15 stone (approx. 100kgs) and on some rides it is less than this. Furthermore, there may only be one or two horses suitable for this weight but since it does depend on your experience and riding ability you must check with us before booking. Please inform us if your weight changes significantly prior to your holiday since this may affect horse allocation.

## YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

# The Riding Holiday Show

This unique event takes place in London on Saturday 6 November 2010.

Guides from all over the world will be there to tell you about their riding holidays. Alongside this there is a programme of talks from interesting speakers and experts on subjects such as "How to get fit for a riding holiday" and "Taking photographs from horseback". There will also be a series of presentations on individual rides.

The 2009 event was a great success with more than 30 riding guides from the Americas, Asia, Africa and across Europe. For tickets please contact us at [rides@inthesaddle.com](mailto:rides@inthesaddle.com) or phone on 01299 272 997.

If you are unable to come to London in November we hope to see you on our tradestand at one of the other equestrian events we plan to attend throughout the year:

Badminton Horse Trials, Gloucestershire  
Cleobury Mortimer Horse Trials, Shropshire  
Bramham Horse Trials, West Yorkshire  
The CLA Game Fair  
Gatcombe Horse Trials, Gloucestershire



Dublin Horse Show, Ireland  
Burgley Horse Trials, Lincolnshire  
Blenheim Horse Trials, Oxfordshire  
Horse of the Year Show, NEC, Birmingham  
Show Jumping, Olympia, London

# Ten Reasons to Book with In The Saddle

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**8** We reward you for loyalty. For every holiday you book with us you earn hoof miles which can be used to discount future holidays. When you have been on three or more holidays you get additional benefits like airport lounges. For more information on our Privilege Card and to see the range of discounts we have negotiated for you please visit our website at [www.inthesaddle.com](http://www.inthesaddle.com).

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

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



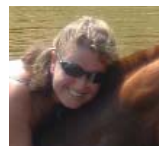
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