

# STATELY RIDES

ENGLAND ON HORSEBACK

THREE DAY COTSWOLD RIDE

This ride begins near the historic picturesque market town of Stow-on-the-Wold and takes you northwards and to the Vale of Evesham returning through the estates of Stanway and Sudeley.

Arrive at Banks Fee Farm near Stow in time for drinks and dinner with your hosts Christopher and Annie Cox.



## Day One - Banks Fee Farm To Sudeley Lodge

The morning ride takes you through the North Cotswold hunting country past Hinchwick Manor and through glorious old beech woods along drovers tracks and up hidden valleys. The early part of the ride takes you up what is known as 'Happy Valley' a place of beauty, much loved by the hunting field due to its open pasture and open rails.

Lunch will be cooked and prepared by Fleur Sladen in her Cotswold home overlooking the Vale of Evesham. A well known local chef Fleur will serve lunch either in her house or, if the weather is good and warm by the idyllic lake at the bottom of her garden.



After lunch the ride takes you northwards to Sudeley Lodge the home of Jim and Susie Wilson. Once the shooting lodge for Sudeley Castle, this important Georgian house, once stayed in by George 3<sup>rd</sup>, has magnificent views over Winchcombe and the surrounding countryside.



## **Day Two - Sudeley Lodge to Manor Farm Childswickham**

The morning ride takes you up through Sudeley woods and along the ancient drovers route to Stumps Cross and Cromwell's Seat. You will stop

off for lunch at the Mount Inn perched on the hillside in Stanton village.

After lunch the ride takes you up the steep hill to Shenberrow and winds down through Buckland and on to Childswickham where you will stay with Christopher and Marion Houghton at Manor Farm. Nearby is the famous classic Cotswold town of Broadway.



### **Day Three - Childswickham to Longborough**

This day's ride takes you towards the lavender fields at Snowhill where you will stop for lunch at the Snowhill Arms. The afternoon will take you past SpringHill House and through the woods of the

Bourton Hill Estate. Finally you join the Roman road to Condicote village and soon after arrive back at Banks Fee at around 4.30 to 5.00pm in time for tea.



*We will of course drive you to the station at Moreton-in-Marsh if you have arrived by train.*