

STATELY RIDES

ENGLAND ON HORSEBACK

FIVE DAY THREE COUNTIES RIDE

A 70 mile journey through Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire with a day off in the middle to rest or to explore the countryside.

The first night will be spent at Admington Hall, Warwickshire, an imposing Jacobean house owned by Mark and Antonia Davis. You will have dinner cooked by Antonia's chef in the dining room.



Day one – Admington to Norton Hall

After breakfast your ride will take you over the Admington farm estate, south through the beautiful grounds of Foxcote House, Ebrington village and on to Chipping Campden, one of the most historic and arguably the most beautiful of the Cotswold market towns. Lunch will be at the Lygon Arms Hotel in the High Street where the horses are rested in the cobbled courtyard.



In the afternoon the journey continues out of Campden, past the merchant arches of the Woolstaplers Hall which dates from 1340 and on up Dovers Hill with spectacular vantage points of the three counties and beyond. The ride takes you past Hidcote Boyce and on to Norton Hall where you will spend the night. The imposing property of Norton

Hall has been the home of the Pollen family for three generations. It is now lived in by Marcus and his wife Cass who will be your hosts for dinner.



Day Two – Norton Hall to Admington

This day takes you on a different route heading east and up Coleman's Hill passing Kiftsgate Court home to the Kiftsgate Rose developed amidst its spectacular gardens.

Then on through Hidcote Manor, a National Trust property, and eventually to the village of Ilmington for lunch at the locally renowned Howard Arms.

After lunch the ride winds upwards through the oak strewn pastures of Warwickshire's Meon Hill before heading west and down to Admington Hall visible in the distance.

Day Three – A day of ‘rest’ and exploration

This is a day to explore the surrounding area in any way you wish. We are happy to organise trips to historic local houses and to accompany you. Late afternoon we will drive you to Banks Fee Farm, Gloucestershire where you will have dinner and spend the night with Annie and Christopher Cox.



Day Four – Longborough to Childswickham

This is North Cotswold hunt country. Along the way you pass Hinchwick Manor and many other romantic Cotswold manor houses. You will ride through beautiful old beech woods and along valleys. This is exceptionally beautiful countryside much of which is owned by the Stanway estate.



Lunch will be at Fleur Sladen's lovely home in Snowhill. Fleur is an accomplished cook and will serve lunch either in the house or by the lake in the grounds.

After lunch you will continue on towards Stanway and then Childswickham to the home of Marion and Christopher Houghton who live in a lovely house on the edge of the village. The fields where the horses are turned out are documented in the Domesday Book.



Day Five – Childswickham to Longborough

The morning ride takes you through country belonging to the Stanway Estate. Much of it is ancient pasture and there is still evidence of ridge and furrow and medieval burial mounds.

Lunch at The Mount at Stanton. Perched on the hillside the pub has incredible views looking right over towards Worcestershire, the Malvern Hills and even Wales.

The afternoon ride takes you back along the lower valley of the North Cotswolds. At around 4pm you will arrive back at Banks Fee in time for tea.



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