

STATELY RIDES

ENGLAND ON HORSEBACK

A FOUR DAY COTSWOLD RIDE

This is a four day ride that takes you on a 65 mile circular journey through historic and unspoilt parts of the Cotswolds.

The first evening will be spent at Banks Fee Farm a lovely private house just outside Stow-on-the Wold. You will arrive in time for dinner with your hosts Christopher and Annie Cox.



Day One – Longborough to Childswickham

The first days ride takes you from Banks Fee Farm through traditional North Cotswold Hunt country

towards Snowhill. This is the hunt country known as Happy Valley. Old beech woods and ancient pasture are a feature of this area.

After lunch at a private house in Snowhill, served either by the garden lake or in the house, weather depending, the ride takes you north towards the hamlet of Buckland and the classic Cotswold village of Broadway. You will spend the night at Manor Farm in Childswickham with Christopher and Marion Houghton. Manor Farm is a traditional English hunting home. The Houghton family have been involved as secretaries and masters for generations. Their son, Jeremy Houghton is a renowned rural and royal artist. Marion is a great cook and dinner will be enjoyed with them in their warm and hospitable home.





Day Two – Childswickham to Sudeley Lodge

After breakfast you will head south up the Cotswold escarpment through the Stanway Estate, stopping for a pub lunch at the Mount Inn, Stanton, which has wonderful views over the rooftops and towards Cheltenham in the distance. In the afternoon you will ride south towards Winchcombe where you will spend the night with Jim and Susie Wilson. Sudeley Lodge is an outstanding Georgian manor house with spectacular views overlooking Sudeley Castle. Originally the shooting lodge

for the castle, King George 3rd spent the night there. You will either have dinner at the house prepared by your hostess, or be driven to the historic local town of Winchcombe where we will dine in a top Michelin star restaurant The Wesley Inn.

Day Three – Sudeley Lodge to Cold Aston

Today takes you southwards through the iron age site and hamlet of Hawling and then east. You will ride though the beautiful private farming estates of Salperton and Notgrove, and then on to Cold Aston village and the home of Lucy Morris whose family own the great local Estates of Notgrove Manor, Sezincote House and Eyford Hall.



Day Four - Cold Aston to Longborough

This day's ride takes you along the Windrush Valley and through the exceptionally pretty riverside villages of Lower and Upper Slaughter. Lunch is at Washbourne Court a luxurious hotel, well known for its fine food. After lunch you will ride on though the Eyford Estate, home of Lucy's aunt and her family the Heber Percys'. Around 4.30pm you will arrive back at Banks Fee where Annie Cox will have prepared tea.



If you need a lift to Moreton in the Marsh station we will be happy to drive you and see you on your way.