

STATELY RIDES 2010

4 day circular house to house ride though the Cotswolds

ITINERARY

The first evening will be spent at Banks Fee Farm a lovely private house just outside the Cotswold town of Stow in the Wold. If you take the train we will pick you up from Moreton in the Marsh. Alternatively if you wish to drive we will send you directions. Your car can be left safely at Banks Fee for the duration of the ride. All your belongings will be transported by us. We will expect you to arrive from about 5pm onwards.

DAY 1



The first days ride takes you from Banks Fee Farm through the unspoilt 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 the pub in Snowhill, 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. Dinner that night will either be at the house served by Marion or in a delicious restaurant in the nearby town of Broadway.

DAY 2

After breakfast you will head south up the Cotswold escarpment through the Stanway Estate. We will stop for a picnic lunch in a barn. In the afternoon you will ride south towards Winchcombe where you will spend the night at Westward House home to Jim and Suzie Wilson. Westward House is an outstanding Georgian manor house with spectacular views overlooking Sudeley Castle. Originally the shooting lodge for the castle, King George III 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 organize dinner in one of the top restaurants.



DAY 3

Today takes you southwards through Hawling and then east. You will ride through the great private estates of Salperton and Notgrove, home to the Acland family and then on to Cold Aston. From Cold Aston you will travel through the rolling Heythrop hunt countryside and on to Farmington where you will spend the night and have dinner with the Barrow's in their romantic family home, Camp Farm.

DAY 4

This day's ride takes you along the Windrush Valley towards the Slaughters. Lunch will be at Washbourne Court in Lower Slaughter. A luxurious hotel which is well known for its exceptionally fine food. After lunch you will ride on through the Eyford Estate, home of the Heber Percy family. Around 4pm 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.

Rides vary from around 15 to 18 miles a day with approximately six hours a day spent in the saddle. The pace is leisurely but you must be comfortable at walk, trot and canter.



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