



RIDE WORLD WIDE

Turkey 2015

Riding Trip Information Sheet

Cappadocia was formed between 2 and 10 million years ago by volcanic eruptions on the Anatolian plateau. While cooling, the warm ashes turned into layers of 'tuff' of varied colours and density. Water, wind and man have eroded and carved the soft rock, giving birth to a wonderland of deep canyons and fantastically shaped rock formations. The history of this area is also fascinating, with the first major civilisation, the Hittites, appearing around 2000 BC. This was followed by numerous invasions, Lydians, Persians, the Greeks under Alexander the Great, Romans, Byzantines, Selcuk Turks, then the Mongols and the Ottomans. Each has left its own mark on the area and this, combined with traffic along the Silk Road, has created a wonderful mix of culture. Cappadocia means 'the land of beautiful horses', a name given by the Persians who saw the wild mountain ponies of the region which still live on the slopes of the Erciyes Volcano. The dramatic rock formations in wonderful shades of yellow and red have made the area famous and there are many churches, houses and dovecots carved into these. The rides are based from a small ranch just outside the town of Ortahisar and are run by Nicolas Guillo, who is French and has been living in Cappadocia for many years.

Dates 7 night trips are run from set dates between April and October, with other dates available on request. There are four different itineraries, the progressive Cappadocia Adventure and Camping Rides, the double based Pasha Ride and Family Rides. Please see overleaf for departure dates and contact Ride World Wide to check availability.



The Horses The horses used for these rides are mixed breeds, locally bred, mainly Arab and Arab crosses. They are generally between 14.2 and 15.2hh, are forward going but also adaptable and well suited to the terrain. Maclellan saddles are used, similar to a western style saddle and comfortable for long hours, and these are fitted with cruppers and breastplates. Saddle bags are provided on each saddle. If you wish to use a seat saver (there are some provided) a gel pad is recommended rather than a fitted saver. The horses are all ridden in hackamores and are used to light contact. There is a strict weight limit when fully clothed, of 90kg / 14st 2lbs. Please note that you may be weighed on arrival and if above this weight you will not be allowed to ride.

Riding All itineraries start with an hour or so at the ranch to try the horses, get used to the tack etc. To help you become confident with your horses there is a short trail to complete, with different obstacles that you might encounter during the week. All itineraries include 5 full days and 1 half day riding and there are generally between 5 and 6 hours in the saddle on the full days, with breaks to rest and for lunch, although riding time does vary. There will be some walking, leading the horses - you will generally lead the horses for 10 minutes or so to warm them up in the morning before starting the ride and again to cool them off after riding at the end of the day. You will also be asked to get off to lead up (you might even be asked to hold the tail of the horse in front to help pull you up!) - or down any steep hills, so you do need to be comfortable walking on uneven ground and on a gradient - and of course mount your horse unaided. You may also be asked to dismount in villages out of politeness to the inhabitants. You are encouraged to spread out where possible, taking your own line, rather than single file, though when riding through narrow gorges and tracks through the rock formations this will not be possible. Luggage and camping equipment is transported for you by back up vehicle. Groups are limited to a maximum of 10 guests on the Camping Ride, 8 on the Cappadocia Adventure and Pasha Rides. You are expected to groom, tack-up / un-tack and generally look after your horse yourself. Your guide is on hand if you need any help and your saddle is always checked before you set off.

Pace The rides are at a slow to moderate pace overall due to the terrain but there are some lovely canters along valley floors between towering rock formations, and along paths between wheat fields. There are some quite steep mountain tracks, which dictates a slow pace, and there is also a bit of road work through towns and villages. Traffic can be quite busy in some of the more touristy villages but the horses are used to this and are sensible on the road.

Riding Experience Most programs are aimed at reasonably experienced, confident riders. To join them you must feel relaxed, comfortable and secure in the saddle on well schooled horses at a walk, trot and fast canter. The Cappadocia Adventure is the most demanding, with around 6 hours riding a day, and requires a higher level of ability - strong intermediate and experienced riders only. You should also be used to riding for reasonably long hours, outside in an open environment and on sometimes challenging terrain. The horses are sensible, but they have a generally lively temperament so they suit confident, relaxed riders. You need to be able to tack up a horse and also mount and dismount several times each day without assistance. The Family Ride program is suitable for pretty much any level and is tailored to suit the group.



Fitness As with all our rides, you will enjoy your trip much more if you are fit - both riding fit and with a good level of general fitness - and this is particularly necessary for the Cappadocia Adventure and also the Camping Ride. There are places each day where riders need to dismount to walk over rough ground - both uphill and down - and you need to be quite physically fit. There is less walking on the Ottoman and Pasha Rides. If you do not ride regularly at home, and are not in good physical shape, then we recommend some concentrated training in the months before you go to get used to the hours you will spend in the saddle and also the time spent leading the horses up and down hillsides.

Terrain Cappadocia is well known for its dramatic scenery and is visited by many tourists. The rides take you off the beaten track to areas which are seldom seen by many of its visitors though you will ride short distances on tarmac and through villages which can be quite busy. Much of the riding is through the rock formations for which the area is famous, but you also ride up onto the high plateaux and through fields and fruit orchards. Overall the area is lovely for riding with varied scenery, many wonderful views and some chances to move on each day.

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Terrain cont. In April there is blossom on the fruit trees, in May and June there are many wild flowers (wild irises, dog rose, thyme, poppies, vetch, yellow sage and cornflowers to name a few). July and August are hot and sunny with little chance of rain and the melons are being harvested. In September grapes and other fruit are ripe in the orchards. October rides have all the colour of turning leaves. Eagles, buzzards and Egyptian Vultures can be seen soaring above the rocky ridges and there are other beautiful birds including golden orioles, hoopoes and black headed siskins. Small marmots, foxes and hares are common and there are wolves in the hills which can sometimes be heard at night. There is always also plenty of cultural interest including churches carved into the rock, shepherds tending their flocks high in the hills and the typical towns of Cappadocia.



Accommodation There are different levels of accommodation available, either in boutique hotels (Pasha Ride) guesthouses (Cappadocia Adventure Ride), or in a combination of guesthouses and camps (Camping Ride). On the progressive ride guesthouses are traditional and family run, generally equivalent to international 2* hotels. Rooms have private bathrooms. The Family Ride is a two base ride (Ortahisar and Uchisar) in guesthouse accommodation. On the Pasha Ride you stay in carefully selected boutique hotels. Rooms have their own bathroom and are nicely renovated and furnished. Ride rates are based on twin / double occupancy and if you want a single room then these can be arranged subject to availability for a supplement. Camping is basic but you should be reasonably comfortable. Sleeping tents are large, white canvas 'tipi' shaped tents, the same design as those used by the local nomads, tall enough to stand up in the middle of the tent, with a waterproof groundsheets, rugs and 2" thick mattresses supplied. You are expected to put up / take down your tent and stow it all away in the back up trailer each morning. There is a central 'mess' tent which is again in traditional nomadic style with kilims and rugs on the floor and low Turkish 'chai' tables. A 'shower' tent, which has a large basin and jugs for pouring hot water, is set up for the group - there is not always time for everyone to have a shower every night. Loos when camping are open air!



Meals Turkey has an excellent reputation for delicious food, there are some superb restaurants in Istanbul, and on the rides you will have the chance to sample some of the traditional Turkish dishes. Meals on the Camping Ride are eaten Turkish style, sitting on a carpet around a round tray or 'chai' table. Breakfast is eaten in camp or at your guesthouse and is generally fresh bread, butter and jam or honey with eggs, cheese, tomatoes and olives and tea or coffee to drink. (Tea and coffee are usually drunk black in Turkey, in small glasses - there is sometimes milk powder available but not often fresh milk). On the Camping Ride lunch is generally a picnic, carried in your saddle bags, which might be a salad with herbs, stuffed peppers or sausages cooked on the fire, or pancakes stuffed with meat or cheese (gozleme) served with a salted yoghurt drink as well as tomatoes, cheese and fresh bread with perhaps some fruit for pudding.

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Meals cont. On the other rides lunch is mostly in village restaurants, though there may be picnics on some days, perhaps cooked over a wood fire in the traditional manner. In the evening meals are either cooked in camp or are served at the guesthouse/hotel. At guesthouses they will often be 3 courses, perhaps rice, yoghurt and mint soup to start, followed by lamb and bean stew with couscous, and apricots in syrup to finish. In camp dinner is usually just one fairly simple dish - grilled chicken, or pasta - followed by fruit. Typical dishes include stuffed vine leaves, peppers and aubergines etc. Main dishes are usually of chicken or lamb, with specialities such as 'bostan kebab' (aubergines, lamb and cheese cooked in a clay pot). Vegetarians can, of course, be catered for, but please let us know in advance by filling in the dietary requirements on the booking form. Wine is produced locally and different Cappadocian wines are readily available for purchase. They are quite young and not as cheap as one might expect (around 10 euros per bottle in camp, 15 to 25 euros in guesthouses depending on quality). Beer is about 3 Euros a bottle, also brewed locally and again easily bought at restaurants, bars or general stores.

Weather The rides are run from set dates between April and October when the weather in the area is best. During winter months Cappadocia can be cold and desolate. In the mid summer temperatures can be high but there is usually a breeze and as you are at some altitude (approx 1000m) the heat is dry and it is still pleasant to ride in. Average daytime temperatures between April and October are roughly as follows - April 13°C; May 19°C; June 25°C; July 30°C; August 30°C; September 25°C; October 17°C - though it may be about 5 degrees hotter at midday and about 5 degrees colder at nightfall. Cappadocia is semi desert and rainfall is minimal but it is possible at any time of year so you need to be prepared for this. Most precipitation falls between November and May.

What to bring We will send you a list of things to bring when you make your booking.



Before the ride We thoroughly recommend a night (or two) in Istanbul before the ride - this is an amazing city, once the capital of the western world. The Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace, and the famed covered bazaar are all well worth a visit and Istanbul has some excellent restaurants. We are happy to recommend / book hotels.

Cappadocia Adventure Ride This is the most demanding of the itineraries and requires a good level of physical fitness and also intermediate or above riding ability.

Day 1 - Arrive Kayseri and transfer will be arranged by shuttle to a guesthouse in Ortahisar, within the Cappadocia National Park, about an hours drive. Dinner and night at the guesthouse. (D)

Day 2 - After breakfast you are driven to the ranch to meet your horse, and get acquainted with the riding equipment. The first hour of riding follows a stream through lush vegetation in the Uzengi canyon. Lunch is cooked for you on a woodfire, at the foot of steep rock walls into which dovecotes have been carved. You first long canter takes you up towards Avlak mountain, with magnificent views of Cappadocia (if it is raining the mountain will be avoided). If the afternoon continue on across the open hills surrounding Lake Damsa (if the weather is good you can swim in the lake with your horse). Trots and canters take you along tracks of soft red clay to the village of Mustafapasa and the ancient Greek mansion which is your base for the next two nights. The horses will spend the night in the nearby garden. Time before dinner to stroll among Mustafapasa's old stone houses, its Ottoman madrasa and its painted church. Dinner and the night in the guesthouse. (B,L,D)

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Day 3 - Ride from the guesthouse up the valley of St Nicholas towards the far south of Cappadocia. The route is well off the beaten track through extraordinary rock formations, vineyards and orchards, surrounded by table-mountains. After a canter you visit the underground village of Gologli, then climb a scenic plateau, with more good chances to move on. Arrive at the village of Ayvali through a hidden canyon, and stop for lunch at a restaurant nestled in the rock. In the afternoon, the riding is varied, narrow tracks, small canyons, farmed land, and the wide-open spaces of Bahceli, where shepherds lead their flocks. You sneak your way along the lush, narrow canyon of Sorkumlu, before the chance for some fast riding on broad sandy tracks. Time to visit another underground village, and in the evening the route leads you back to the guesthouse in Mustafapasa for dinner and the night. (B,L,D)



Day 4 - A good breakfast then a 3 ½ hour ride in the morning with the afternoon free to explore the interesting towns of Urchisar and Goreme. The morning ride takes you at a good pace through vineyards, orchards and over rolling hills of white 'tuff' to reach Ibrahimpasa. From this picturesque village, you start ascending the 'twin hills' of Cappadocia to reach a viewpoint taking in northern Cappadocia and the towering rock fortress of Uchisar. The ride to the village where you will spend the next two nights reveals the multicoloured rock formations of the famous Pigeon Valley, and Uchisar's picturesque fairy chimneys. Ride to your panoramic guesthouse where lunch on the terrace awaits. You may spend the rest of the day exploring Uchisar or hiking to the churches of Göreme's Open Air Museum through the Pigeon Valley. An excursion to the underground cities can also be organised on request. (B,L,D)

Day 5 - Optional hot-air balloon flight in the early morning. Today you sneak your way through the rock tunnels, arches and small woods of the spectacular, 4 km-long canyon called the Green Valley. You make a detour through the famous Love Valley and its gigantic phallic rock formations, then onto the Sword Valley and Red Valley. With its citadels of red, pink and ochre rock, and its beautiful troglodytic churches, this is Cappadocia's most spectacular ensemble of geological formations. Lunch is at cave café located in an ancient monastery. In the afternoon, you continue through the Red and Rose Valleys, then ride out into the fields, surrounded by the rocky hills of north Cappadocia. The winding paths of the Shepherd's Valley take you back to Uchisar, in time for a drink on the terrace at sunset. Dinner and the night at the guesthouse. (B,L,D)



Day 6 - Another opportunity for a hot-air balloon flight at dawn. Riding from the guesthouse you enter the beautiful White Valley riding through stone labyrinths and lush vegetation, and pass the impressive fairy chimneys of yet another Love Valley. Crossing the picturesque village of Çavuşin, you follow a path carved in the red rock to reach the famous formations of Paşabağı, and then onto Zelve, an ancient troglodytic settlement which you can visit during the lunch break at a family restaurant. In the afternoon, there are opportunities to canter across the plain of Avanos to viewpoints overlooking Devrent valley. The chance for long canters through the maze of woody, sandy paths of the valley of Urgup to Ortahisar. Dinner and night at a guesthouse in the village's ancient quarters located above a canyon where the horses will spend the night. (B,L,D)

Day 7 - The route today leads through the valley of Pancarlik with its multicoloured rock formations, gardens and orchards, then canter on the large tracks leading to the natural rock circus of Taslik. Stop for a picnic lunch in a shady canyon (or perhaps at a restaurant) and in the afternoon ride on past the rock towers of the Gumuslu valley and through the narrow corridors and arches of the Tahtali canyon. Arrive back at the ranch by early afternoon. Depending on the season, there will be time for those who wish to participate in some 'western games' including cattle drive, sorting & cutting. After a farewell tea on the terrace, you are driven back to the pension in Ortahisar. Those who wish can visit a 'hamam' (Turkish baths and massage) in the nearby town of Urgüp. Drive back to the guesthouse for a farewell dinner and overnight at the pension in Ortahisar. (B,L,D)

Day 8 - Breakfast and transfer to Kayseri for your flight to Istanbul. (B)

Camping Ride

Day 1 - Arrive Kayseri and transfer will be arranged by shuttle to a guesthouse in Ortahisar, within the Cappadocia National Park, about an hours drive. Dinner and night at the guesthouse. (D)

Day 2 - You will be driven to the stables in the early morning to meet the horses, and get acquainted with the riding equipment. Set off leading the horses for the first few minutes, then mount up and after a short time begin climbing a narrow path along a ridge which overlooks the valley of Uzengi, where abrupt rock walls shelter stone citadels of dovecotes. After lunch at the natural rock circus of Taslik you take a path carved into the rock down to the ancient Greek village of Mustafapasa / Sinasos. The route then takes you through the valley of Cemece, an expanse of land resembling the Mongolian steppes, past Lake Damsa, where, if it is hot, you will be able to swim with your horse, and on into camp in an old orchard. Dinner and the night in camp. (B,L,D)

Day 3 - After tacking up and leading the horses for a short while, you mount up and head toward the plateau of Avlak immediately above camp. Dismount for a steep climb of about 15 minutes to the plateau. From here there are wonderful views of Cappadocia and in the background the majestic Mt Erciyes, an extinct volcano. After a canter on the plateau's larger tracks, you arrive at the picnic spot overlooking Karlik valley, passing tombs carved out of the mountain by the Romans as you go to water the horses. A barbecue lunch with views of Mount Hodul, Mt Erciyes and the renowned Taurus Mountain chain. After trots and canters on the plateau, you ride down to Damsa valley passing through orchards and vineyards for tea in the camp near the village of Cemilkoy. Dinner and the night in camp. (B,L,D)



Day 4 - Following a track worn by generations of muleteers, you ride along the flank of the mountain to reach a vast rocky plateau overlooking the south of Cappadocia. The cliff-top view is breathtaking. You descend into a lush valley planted with trees, where you stop for a short break. Ride on through the green countryside, crossing narrow streams, winding your way through gardens and small woods. Stop at the village of Ayvali where lunch is waiting for you beside a swimming pool. A siesta and time to relax beside the pool before riding on, reaching open grassland where shepherds herd their flocks, helped by their impressive Turkish Kangal dogs. After a last canter across the steppe, you arrive at camp, dinner is cooked over a wood fire. (B,L,D)

Day 5 - Breakfast and set off from the valley of Sorkumlu; some parts of the valley are so narrow that they form a deep canyon with many hidden treasures. There will be time to visit the underground village of Kirkule, then canter on a long sandy path lined with orchards and gardens, still cultivated by the locals using horses or mules. You will stop in a green field, surrounded by walls of soft colourful rock, where the horses can rest and graze. After a picnic and a siesta at the foot of a pear tree, you saddle up again and continue over rolling hills of white 'tuff' that leads you to a rock pinnacle before you start winding your way through the rocky labyrinths, tunnels and arches of the splendid Green Valley. Ride on past the fancy fairy chimneys of the aptly named 'Love valley' before reaching the guesthouse in Goreme (hot showers, dormitory rooms - single rooms possible on request) Dinner and night Goreme. (B,L,D)



Day 6 - Again a sunrise balloon flight is possible (conditions have to be perfect but hopefully one of the two days will be possible). Set off riding crossing Urchisar and Pigeon Valley. Your small, agile horses are able to pick their way up the valley and on into the White Valley through a narrow path carved in the rock. Climbing to the plateau again there will be a long canter before stopping for lunch at the ancient village of Cavusin. After lunch a scenic path carved in the red rock of Mount Boztepe leads you to the famous rock formations of Pasabag. After a long canter across the plain of Avanos, you ride along ridges overlooking the forest of fairy chimneys in the Devrent Valley. Dismount to ascend the Boz Tepe mountain in order to reach the mausoleum of local saint Alil Dede. From his resting place, you have a 360° view over Cappadocia. Descend through the maze of tracks and paths up the crests and down the canyons of the Red Valley. With its rock castles of red, pink and ochre rock, this is Cappadocia's most spectacular valley. Enjoy the sunset over this valley from troglodyte caves where the night is spent. (B,L,D)

Day 7 - Breakfast in camp and set off riding, leaving the tortuous paths behind you to take advantage of wider tracks for a long gallop. Cross the Valley of Pancarlik and its multicoloured rock formations and canter on past gardens and orchards to the natural rock circus of Taslik. Stop for a picnic lunch in a shady canyon (or perhaps at a restaurant) and in the afternoon ride on past the rock towers of the Gumuslu valley and through the narrow corridors and arches of the Tahtali canyon. Arrive back at the ranch by early afternoon. Depending on the season, there will be time for those who wish to participate in some 'western games' including cattle drive, sorting & cutting. After a farewell tea on the terrace, you are driven back to the pension in Ortahisar. Those who wish can visit a 'hamam' (Turkish baths and massage) in the nearby town of Urgüp. Drive back to the guesthouse for a farewell dinner and overnight at the pension in Ortahisar. (B,L,D)

Day 8 - Breakfast and transfer to Kayseri for your flight to Istanbul. (B)

Pasha Ride This program can be tailored to suit and is designed for couples or small private groups of up to 4 riders. Accommodation is in boutique hotels, some nights may be in an ancient Greek-Ottoman mansion in the town of Urgüp with vaulted and caved rooms which have been beautifully refurbished and furnished in Anatolian style and with its own hamam (traditional Turkish steam bath). Other nights might be spent in the village of Uchisar in a cosy troglodytic villa overlooking the famous Pigeon Valley. On one morning a hot air balloon trip will be arranged. The following is an example of the programme.

Day 1 - Arrive Kayseri and transfer will be arranged by shuttle to the town of Urgüp within the Cappadocia National Park, about an hours drive. Dinner and night at a hotel in Urgüp. (D)



Day 2 - Breakfast and a short transfer to the ranch. After getting acquainted with your horse and riding equipment, you set off riding to explore the scenic green valleys of Yatak and Pancarlik. Your sure-footed horse takes you safely along the rocky paths carved by generations of muleteers, passing ancient troglodytic churches which are well off the beaten track. Follow the stream towards the village of Ortahisar where you stop for lunch at a traditional guesthouse overlooking the canyons, or in the summer, at a hotel with a swimming pool. In the afternoon, you launch into a long canter on a sandy track leading you to the churches of Gomeda. Continue along a spectacular cliff, stopping en route to admire the panorama over south Cappadocia, and then on back to the stables. A short transfer back to your hotel in Urgüp for dinner and the night. (B,L,D)

Day 3 - After breakfast transfer back to the ranch. The day begins riding through the lush canyon of Uzengi, where abrupt rock walls shelter troglodytic citadels of dovecotes. You ride through the fairy chimneys of the Gümüslü valley and then canter towards the valley of Tartali. Pass through the valley's natural rock arches and narrow rock corridors to reach the village of Mustafapasa for lunch. Time to stroll among the village's old Greek mansions, or relax by the restaurant's swimming pool. In the afternoon, the landscape changes radically as you ride across Avlak mountain. Here, large expanses of bare lands resemble the Mongolian steppes. Back to the ranch in the evening light, through small woods and green gardens. A short transfer back to your hotel in Urgüp for dinner and the night. (B,L,D)

Day 4 - The ride today takes you to the beautiful valleys of north Cappadocia, and to the village of Uchisar. You trot and canter through vineyards and orchards and over rolling hills of white tuff to reach Ibrahimpassa. From this picturesque village, you start ascending the 'twin hills' of Cappadocia. A nice canter at the top takes you to a panoramic viewpoint encompassing northern Cappadocia and the towering rock fortress of Uchisar. As you ride towards the village, you can admire the multicoloured rock formations of the famous Pigeon Valley, and Uchisar's picturesque fairy chimneys. Arrive at the villa where the night is spent and enjoy a late lunch on the terrace. The horses will stay in one of the terraced gardens below the villa. You may spend the rest of the day exploring the village, resting by the swimming pool of a nearby hotel, or walking through the Pigeon Valley to visit the churches of Göreme's Open Air Museum. Dinner and night at a boutique hotel in Uchisar. (B,L,D)

Day 5 - Breakfast and ride out from the villa, sneaking your way through the rock tunnels, arches and coves of the beautiful Green Valley. Later, the landscape opens up with a magnificent panorama over the Bozdaga mountain. After this you ride through the famous Love Valley and its gigantic phallic rock formations, before entering the village of Göreme, where you stop for lunch by the swimming pool. In the afternoon, you set off riding along the top of a ridge, with trots and canters on tracks of white tuff, surrounded by the rocky hills of north Cappadocia. The winding paths of the Shepherd's valley take you back to your villa in Uchisar, in time to admire central Cappadocia at sunset. Dinner and night at the hotel in Uchisar. (B,L,D)



Day 6 - Leaving the villa in Uchisar, set off riding along another beautiful canyon called the White Valley. The route takes you through rock arches and lush vegetation and onto the majestic Red Valley, also called the Valley of the Roses. This has some of Cappadocia's most spectacular formations of red, pink and ochre rock. Stop to visit the cave churches carved into the rock walls, and then for lunch at an ancient troglodytic monastery. After a siesta on the restaurant's comfortable terrace, you leave the tortuous paths behind to enjoy a long gallop on a sandy track lined with trees. Cross the Valley of Pancarlik and its multicoloured fairy chimneys and you arrive at the ranch in the late afternoon. A short transfer back to the hotel in Urgüp for dinner and the night. (B,L,D)

Day 7 - Breakfast and set off riding to the remote villages of Ayvali and Bahceli, in the far south of Cappadocia. Here, ancient traditions are still alive and people still tend their gardens with horses and donkeys. You ride through the wide-open, steppe-like landscape surrounding lake Damsa, enjoying canters on tracks of soft red clay, surrounded by the table-mountains of south Cappadocia. Ride into the village of Ayvali through a hidden canyon, and stop for lunch at a restaurant nestled in the rock. In the afternoon, the canyon takes you further down to the ancient troglodytic quarters of Bahceli. Ride through a maze of paths lined with orchards and vineyards, then a last long canter along dusty tracks takes you back to the ranch. A short transfer back to your hotel in Urgüp for dinner and the night. (B,L,D)

Day 8 - Breakfast and transfer to Kayseri for your flight to Istanbul. (B)

Family Ride - New for 2015, this program is designed for families or groups of friends who would like a more varied itinerary, with riding, walking, an introduction to natural horsemanship, cattle penning, and getting involved with activities on the farm. It is particularly aimed at younger children (aged over 5) who may enjoy the life on the farm, looking after the horses, milking the goats, making cheese and also riding donkeys as well as horses. The itinerary is flexible but generally there are half day rides each day and there will be walks or other activities for the remaining half of each day.



Dates 2015

Cappadocia Adventure

5th to 12th April
 12th to 19th April
 26th April to 3rd May
 3rd to 10th May
 17th to 24th May
 24th to 31st May
 6th to 13th September
 13th to 20th September
 27th September to 4th October
 4th to 11th October
 18th to 25th October
 25th October to 1st November

Camping Ride

7th to 14th June
 21st to 28th June
 9th to 16th August
 23rd to 30th August

Pasha Rides

19th to 26th April
 10th to 17th May
 31st May to 7th June
 14th to 21st June
 16th to 23rd August
 30th August to 6th September
 20th to 27th September
 11th to 18th October

Family Ride

19th to 26th April
 2nd to 9th August
 16th to 23rd August

Rates 2015

Please note that due to constantly fluctuating exchange rates, ride rates are now quoted in euros. The sterling price will be the equivalent sterling rate using the euro/sterling exchange rate in force when you book/pay.

Cappadocia Adventure - Euros 1375 per person (single supplement 175 Euros)

Camping Ride - Euros 1200 per person (single supplement 75 Euros)

Pasha Ride - Euros 2480 per person (single supplement 350 Euros)

Family Ride - Euros 790 per person

Rates assume a minimum of 2 people for Cappadocia Adventure, Pasha Ride, with a maximum of 8.

The minimum for the Camping ride is 4, maximum 10 riders

NB. If less than 4 people, the Camping Ride will be run as the Cappadocia Adventure Ride and supplement of Euros 100 per person

Rates include - 7 nights twin accommodation, all riding, guiding and equipment, transfers from / to Kayseri within set times and all meals. Rates assume twin bedded rooms in hotels / tents, please see below for information about the single supplement.

Rates do NOT include - International flights / travel to Kayseri, any visa fees, personal medical / travel insurance (which you must have), your bar bill, airport transfers outside set times, optional activities (balloon flight, Open Air museum etc. except on the Pasha Ride), and any tips you may wish to leave.

Single travellers - On the Cappadocia Adventure & Camping Rides single rooms / tents can be booked (subject to availability), but solo travellers need not pay the supplement if they are happy to share if required.

On the Pasha Rides the supplement will apply if you are travelling alone unless you are prepared to share a room AND we have a sharer for you (if we do not have a sharer, the supplement is charged).

Hot Air Balloon flight - An hours balloon flight over Cappadocia is highly recommended. This can be booked in advance at an extra cost of 160 Euros (except on Pasha Ride when it is already included).



Travel arrangements - For these rides you need to fly to Kayseri via Istanbul. Transfers between Kayseri and the first nights accommodation / start point of the ride will be arranged by airline shuttle service. Arrival can be anytime on the first day, though we suggest in the afternoon, ideally before 19.00 - shuttles do not operate after 22.00.

Both Turkish Airways and British Airways currently have direct flights from London to Istanbul daily. Turkish Airways then have onward flights to Kayseri (or it is possible to go by bus, a journey of about 12 hours). On the return you are driven back to Kayseri in time for a morning flight to Istanbul. Flights range from around £400 to £500 economy return plus taxes depending on time of year, the airline used and availability. If you plan to connect straight through to Kayseri then please allow plenty of time between flights - particularly if you are using different carriers (eg British Airways in conjunction with Turkish Airways). There are often long queues for visas and immigration and it can all be quite time consuming. If you would like further advice on flights, a quote for a flight inclusive holiday or to book flights, please call us (our ATOL number for flight bookings is ATOL 6213).

General visa and health information - further information will be sent to you if you make a confirmed booking)

Visas Visas for Turkey must now be obtained in advance online at: <https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/>
The visa fee is USD \$20, payable by credit card.

Health No inoculations are legally required to enter Turkey if travelling from Europe but Polio and Tetanus are recommended - you should consult a health professional for further and more detailed advice in any case.

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