



A week on horseback in the shoes of a 'Gardian'

7-day programme:

arrival Sunday, departure Sunday

Sunday: Arrival in the afternoon, hotel check-in.

Monday: Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, familiarisation with the horses and Camargue riding style + 3.5h ride along the beach to the Vaccarès national park, followed by a Camargue-style aperitif at 1pm. In the afternoon, a 2.5h ride to the lagoons and marshlands of the Vaccarès national park. Arrival at the Mas de Bardouine at sunset, where the horses will spend the night. Aperitif before returning to the hotel.

Tuesday: Breakfast at the Mas de Bardouine. After saddling the horses we set off for a day on horseback, riding through the grounds of the Mas de Bardouine to reach the banks of the Petit Rhône near the Château d'Avignon. Our ride takes us alongside the river for a few kilometres before we stop off for lunch at La Régie. In the afternoon we arrive at the Mas de la Pinède in the village of Pin Fourcat. The horses spend the night at the Mas, and the riders are taken back to the hotel in an off-road vehicle.

Wednesday: breakfast at the hotel before returning to the Mas de la Pinède to saddle up the horses and visit the Mas on horseback. The property stretches across some 800 hectares and is home to a herd of Camargue bulls that are bred here and live as if in the wild. While helping the Gardians to gather the herd, we can observe the skill of the Camargue horses at work amongst the livestock. Aperitif and lunch at the Mas. In the afternoon, we head off to the pine forest and beaches of the Grand Radeau to the west of Les Saintes Maries de la Mer, before taking a ferry across the Petit Rhône to arrive back at the riding centre in the evening.





Thursday: Free day.

Friday: Full-day ride (6h) to Beauduc lighthouse with lunch on the beaches of Beauduc, arriving back at the riding centre in the late afternoon.

Saturday: Free time in the morning. In the afternoon, sunset ride along the beaches to the east of Les Saintes Maries de la Mer. Aperitif and dinner on the beach, arriving back at the riding centre in the late evening.

Sunday: Breakfast at the hotel. End of the programme.

The programme includes:

Monday: familiarisation with the horses and Camargue riding style, 3.5h ride, Camargue-style aperitif (morning); 2.5h sunset ride + aperitif (evening)

Tuesday: breakfast at the Mas de Bardouine, full-day ride, lunch

Wednesday: visit of the Mas, herding the bulls on horseback, aperitif, lunch, afternoon ride

Friday: full-day ride, lunch on the beach

Saturday: 4h sunset ride + aperitif and dinner on the beach

Transfers from the Mas to the hotel and vice versa by off-road vehicle

Drinks with meals, accompanying guide, support vehicle

This programme is not suitable for beginners due to the length of the rides