



SUMMER OF EQUESTRIAN EVENTS

ENGLAND AND IRELAND

The summer in England and Ireland is a fabulous time for watching horse racing, competition riding, international polo tournaments or just horse riding in London or the countryside. Some of these events are high society occasions with the opportunity to see and be seen, to have a champagne reception, a gastronomic lunch and afternoon tea, scones, strawberries and cream provide a perfect accompaniment to the equestrian event. If some exercise is required try some horse riding.

We will organize your holiday to include some of these events; ensure you have luxurious accommodation, chauffeured transport to the events. If you are looking for some other activity we can arrange golf, sailing, fishing, sightseeing, cookery courses, single malt whisky tour, gourmet tour.

1. Royal Ascot. June

Ascot Racecourse was founded in 1711. Royal Ascot is an internationally renowned sporting and social occasion. Pageantry style and tradition are in abundance. Top class thoroughbreds and famous jockeys compete for the best in horse racing. This is Europe's most popular race meeting; about 300,000 people attend. Royal Family arrive each day in open horse-drawn carriages. 'Ladies Day' on the third day of the show, women wear outfits and hats with a fantastic display of styles and fashion. Different dress codes apply for each enclosure.



Royal Ascot



Cartier International Polo

2. Glorious Goodwood - July

Established in 1802 Goodwood is acclaimed as one of the most beautiful racecourses in the world. Set on top of the Sussex Downs with views across the sea you will see some of the finest flat racing in a relaxed and chic environment. One of the highlights of the social summer season. King Edward V11 said 'a garden party with racing tacked on'. The place to be and be seen. Different dress codes apply for each enclosure/stand.



3. The Derby - June

Since 1779 one of horseracing's great spectacles over a mile and a half on Epsom Downs. A carnival atmosphere considered as one of the most prestigious flat thoroughbred horse races in the world. Ladies Day is a stylish day out. Different dress codes apply for each enclosure/stand.

4. Polo 'The sport of Kings' - July

- Cartier International Day.

A polo tournament where English Society rubs shoulders with royalty, Hollywood stars of stage and screen, musicians and celebrities from round the world. Located in London at the Hurlingham Club, a private members club with 42 acres of gardens and grounds.

- Spend a day learning to play polo with a group of friends. Coached by the English team coach. No prior experience required.

5. Royal Windsor Horse Show - May

A celebration of all things equestrian. Top sporting and competition at a spectacular venue, the private gardens and parkland of Windsor Castle. Carriage driving, show jumping, dressage, showing and polo.

6. Horse Riding in the Centre of London

Rotten Row famous for 300 years as the place to ride in the middle of London. Five miles of bridleways. Hats and Boots provided free.



Horse Riding in the Centre of London

7. Horse Riding in the Cotswolds

Take a day out or longer trekking across the beautiful Cotswolds, stop at a pub for lunch.



8. Horse Riding in Ireland

The wide open spaces, quiet roads, rugged scenery, riding on the beaches – some of the best horse riding in the world.



Rossbeigh Sound, Ireland



Horse Riding, Ireland

9. Irish Derby Festival - June

Since 1741 horse racing has taken place at the Carragh Racecourse in Kildare, Ireland. Irish Derby day is one of Ireland's most exciting sporting and social events of the year with fun, glamour and glitz.



The Curragh

10. Dublin Horse Show, Ireland - August

The Horse Show is one of Ireland's largest events welcoming tens of thousands of people from around the world. It celebrates Ireland's affinity with the horse. About 1500 horses/ponies compete in about 120 events. This is a society event with fashion, fine hospitality and much fun. Dine at the Grand Stand on Ladies Day or the Aga Khan day.



11. Laytown Races

Racing on the strand/beach at Laytown Ireland. Annual event since 1900. The last remaining beach race under Jockey Club rules. A spectacular event amidst beautiful scenery.



Laytown Races

11. The English Hunt Season

Contact us to find out how to ride with the hunts, enjoy hunt balls and dine with a Master of the Hounds.