

Tombstone Monument Ranch

Weight limit: 110kg
Nearest airport: Tucson, Arizona
8 days / 7 nights / 6 days riding



Take a step back in time at this working cattle guest ranch amid the rugged mountains and deserts of Arizona. This destination offers a true western experience; the ranch is set up like an 1800s frontier town and caters for riders of all levels with a variety of horses and trails. Children are welcome and evening entertainment is provided every night. The ideal trip for those who want to experience the western cowboy lifestyle as seen in the films! Riders can even ride into the local town of Tombstone and hitch up their horse to the local saloon.

The Riding

The varied trail riding suits all riders, the ranch is surrounded by historic mines, hand dug wells, old railroad trestles and ancient Indian Petroglyphs. There are slow, scenic rides and faster rides with trotting and loping (canter). Specialty rides include half day rides to the town of Tombstone, Beer and Cheetos rides, a tequila tasting ride, and a popular history ride for those who want to know more about the surrounding area, cowboys, miners and Apaches and the All Day Ride to the ghost town, Fairbank. Cattle work such as team penning is also available for guests to participate in and riding lessons are offered (extra charge).

Riders can choose which rides they want to join each day and how much they want to ride.

Guides & Group sizes

Each ride is guided by the ranch's experienced wranglers. All of them are experienced riders with extensive knowledge of the region and its history. All riders wanting to join the faster rides will have their riding experience assessed by a wrangler before departing on the ride. Group size can be between 2 and 8 riders.



Horses and Tack

Riding horses available at the ranch are mostly American Quarter Horses, which have been selected for their calm temperaments, intelligence and turn of speed when required. These horses are true all rounders able to adapt to the trail or to working cattle. There are a small number of heavier draft type horses and crosses available for heavier riders.

All the riding at the ranch is Western style. Saddles have a broad seat which makes them very comfortable to ride in and bridles are made up of a simple leather headstall with either western snaffle or shank bits, depending on the horse.

Accommodation & Dining

The ranch itself is built in the image of an old western town. Guest rooms are designed to represent the storefronts of Tombstone town of the 1800's and all rooms are within easy walking distance of the lodge, pool, hot tub, parking, and corral. A traditional Saloon completes the ranch experience and evening entertainment with live music is held here. Learn how to play 5 card draw, Texas Hold 'em or Faro.

Standard rooms have a street view and can sleep up to four. Each room has two queen size beds and a private bath. Plus bath amenities, satellite TV, ac/heat, coffee maker and free wifi. Deluxe rooms offer guests breathtaking views of the Dragoon Mountains and a private terrace overlooking the ranch arena. Each room has its own unique old west décor with one king size or two queen size beds, and a private bathroom. Satellite TV, ac/heat, coffee maker, and free wifi. All meals are included on this holiday and are served at the ranch's on-site restaurant. There are three delicious meals daily, all with a home-cooked, hearty western style influenced by favourite family recipes. Special dietary needs or restrictions can be accommodated with advance notice. Breakfast and lunch offer a variety of options to suit all tastes.



Itinerary

Day 1

Arrive at the ranch (complimentary transfers from Tucson Airport) and check in to your room. Spend the rest of the day relaxing by the pool or in the hot tub or take a walk to explore the local area before dinner. Please note there is no riding on arrival or departure days.

Days 2 to 7

The itinerary at this ranch is flexible and includes as much or as little riding as you like. There are many different rides offered each day which you can sign up for. Beginners or novices can join slow rides, whilst more experienced riders can join fast rides, which include trots and lopes (steady canters). Some of the rides available include:

Outlaw Trail: ride up Outlaw Road for a scenic ride with a great view of Tombstone town - there is some up and down hill riding but it's an easy trail

Beer and Doritos: slow ride to the back of Schefflin monument with amazing views of the old railroad trestle, petroglyph rocks and Dragoon mountains, with cold beer and Doritos as your reward.

Tombstone ride: Ride to town like the gunslingers of the past, through old ranches and down washes. Step off your horses in an old bull riding arena and head to Allen street for a beer at Big Nose Kate's or to witness a gun fight. Return to the ranch down Schieffelin Monument Road and the old railroad grade.

When not riding you can choose from other activities on site such as Team Penning, Archery, ATV tours (extra charge).



International flights & Airport transfers

Do not book flights until you have received the Booking confirmation email from saddletravel.com.

There are no direct flights to Tucson from the UK but there are many options via various airports in the USA. Return airport transfers from Tucson to the ranch are included.

Check in at the ranch is from 2pm and check out is at 11am.

What to bring

- Jeans
- Shorts/ Skirts
- T-shirts/Sleeveless tops/Comfortable shirts
- Long sleeve shirts for riding
- Hat
- Riding gloves
- Lightweight jacket
- Walking/Hiking boots
- Riding boots – Not compulsory for riding, but boots with a low heel are the safest if you do not have riding boots
- Sandals/Flip flops
- Swimwear
- Suncream
- Plug adaptor

Climate

The Tucson area of Arizona has a dry desert climate, it's warm and sunny year round and rain is very unlikely. It can be cold at night during the winter but in the summer the nights are warm. The ranch itself is slightly colder than Tucson as it lies at an altitude of 4,500 ft.

Health

For health and vaccine recommendations, please consult your healthcare provider at least 8 weeks before your trip.

Country specific information can also be found at National Travel Health Network and Centre website: <https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/countries>.



Travel documents

For entry requirements to the USA for UK citizens, please visit the Foreign Travel Advice website:

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/usa>

For any other nationalities, please contact your local embassy to check entry requirements. Having the correct travel documents is entirely your responsibility.

Currency & Tipping

The local currency is US dollars and we recommend taking some spending money with you for drinks and souvenirs. A 15% service charge is included in the price of this holiday.

Cancellation policy

Payment & Cancellation Terms

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Holidays are confirmed with a 20% non-refundable deposit. The full balance is due 56 days before the start date.

If you cancel your booking less than 56 days before the start date of your trail we are entitled to receive full payment, less refunds as follows:

42 days or more before booking date - 50%

30 days or more - 30%

less than 30 days - nil

Insurance

All saddletravel.com customers are required to take out appropriate travel insurance that covers horse riding and holiday cancellation. Proof of insurance details will be required during the booking process.



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