

RIDE

DARTMOOR with

MARY KING MBE

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# Highlights of Ride Dartmoor with Mary King MBE

- ▶ An opportunity to stay with and ride for two days with one of Britain's best-loved and most iconic Olympic eventers. Mary is also a proud Devonian!
- ▶ Ideal experience for strong riders travelling alone or with one or two friends.
- ▶ Stay for three nights in one of Dartmoor's top hotels.
- ▶ Enjoy two full days of guided riding, on your horse or ours, taking in numerous fast canters. Lunch is served daily on the moors.
- ▶ Option to bring your own horse! We've always loved welcoming riders who bring their own horses, but recommend you bring your own usual hard feeds and supplements with you.
- ▶ We can supply advice from a local vet on how to get your horse nicely fit for this sort of adventure, plus a suggested packing list which is very useful we find. We will guide you to your yard if you bring your own horse once you approach Dartmoor.



# Itinerary

*PLEASE NOTE: some details of the trip outlined below may vary; we amend our routes to make the most of weather conditions and energy levels etc.*

## Day one:

Arrive at Bovey Castle from around 4pm (or come earlier to settle your horse at our private yard, if bringing your own), and enjoy tea on arrival in the library. Once you've freshened up, meet Mary and your fellow guests over pre-dinner drinks on the terrace, soaking up fabulous views, before supper in the hotel's Smith's Brasserie.

## Day two:

After a splendid Devonshire breakfast, a Liberty Trails representative will take you to your ride starting point. Mount up for a fabulous 5-hour ride covering some 15 miles or so, with a stop for a sit down lunch. Enjoy long, contour-hugging canters alongside Mary's famously elegant figure, and chat with her as you go about her love of Devon, Badminton wins and more! Your guide will be able to tell you much about the National Park's wildlife, legends, ponies and more as you ride. Your ground support crew can carry (and relieve you of) spare clothes, besides providing regular refreshments and taking great photos of you on the hoof.

Returning back to the hotel, it's impossible to resist tea in one of Bovey's gorgeous panelled public rooms, and no one bats an eyelid at breeches at Bovey Castle. There should be time for a swim or spa treatment before for pre-dinner drinks and supper in a private dining room.



### Day three:

As for day two, a fun, fast day in the saddle in company with Mary, your guide and ground support crew after a cooked breakfast. Depending on the route taken, it's not uncommon for Mary to marshal everyone over the odd small jump (if we find a good spot to do so) and photo opportunities abound.

Once again, your ride will take in tors, standing stones, native pony herds, and more. It's common to see disused tin mines, circling buzzards and to cross the occasional river. Toast the ride's end with tea and cake (and a tot of port!). At this point, we bid farewell to Mary, and a final dinner awaits guests at Bovey, usually served in the Great Western Restaurant.

### Day four:

After a relaxing final breakfast, guests depart.



# Accommodation and meals

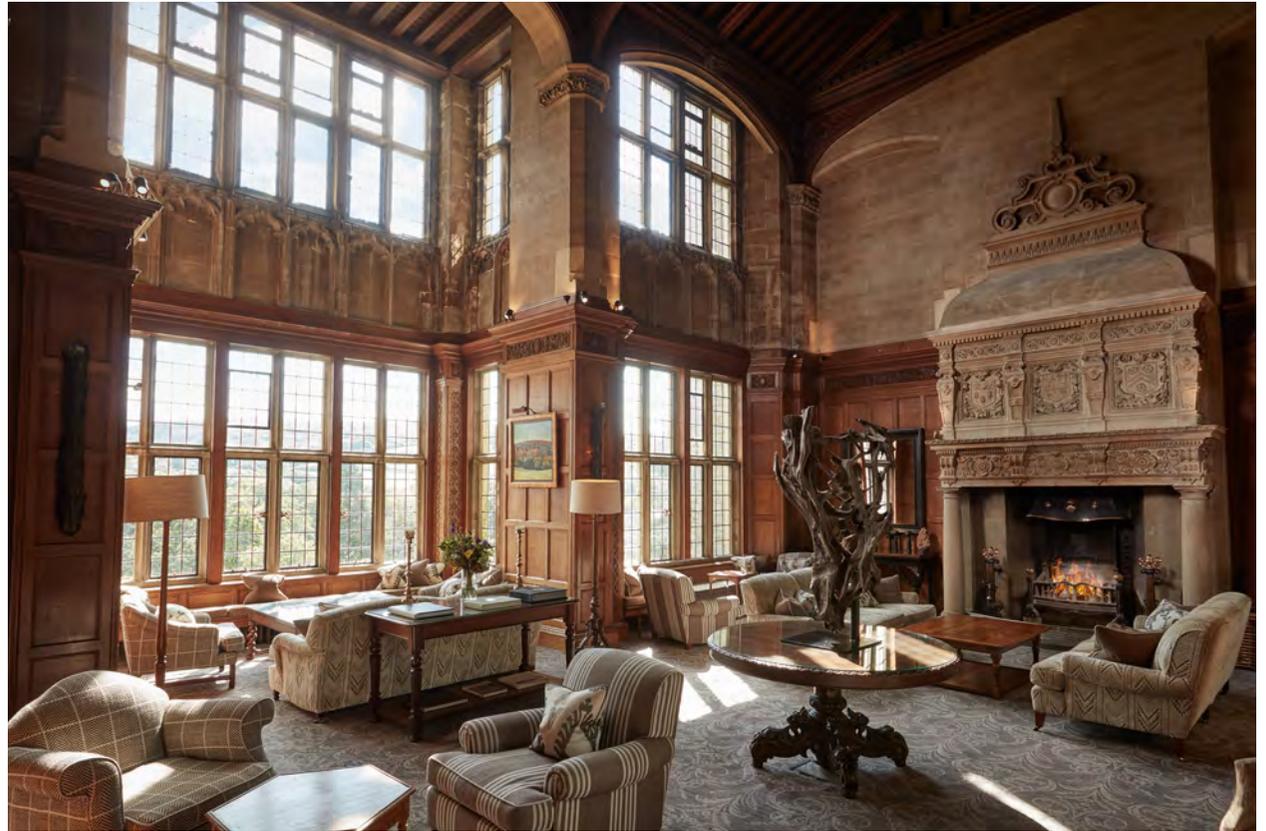
This premium trip is based from Bovey Castle hotel, a five-rosette hotel on Dartmoor with stupendous dining, drawing room and other public areas complete with oak panelling and Jacobean style staircase, but modern, luxury bedrooms and a first-rate indoor pool and spa.

Guests will stay in Castle rooms and take supper one night in Smith's Brasserie (the less formal of the hotel's two in-house dining rooms), another night in a private dining room with the Liberty Trails party, and a final night in the hotel's acclaimed Great Western Restaurant.

A sit down lunch is served daily by your ground crew in a local beauty spot on the moors, though we have a range of wet weather plans if necessary, usually in the form of a barn-based picnic. Lunch may be hot or cold (depending on the forecast) with tea and coffee served afterwards, and at a mid morning coffee break.

## Single/Shared occupancy:

Single or shared occupancy rooms are available.



# What previous Ride Dartmoor with Mary King MBE guests have said:

*'There are no words; it has been a trip of a lifetime.. Dartmoor is a very special place. The rides have been fabulous, new friends, fantastic memories, amazing food and a stunning hotel. The efforts you and your team have gone to have been second to none, you thought of everything, with some really special touches throughout the few days. Thank you Mary King for being you, it has been so much fun.'*

*'Thank you, thank you, thank you! We haven't seen Ellie look so happy and relaxed for about three years. To be able to ride alongside her childhood idol was an amazing experience for her. The photos were wonderful really made us feel part of the experience so thank you for that also.'*

*'What a fantastic experience. The team at Liberty Trails were wonderful in their planning and organisation and Bovey Castle Hotel was an utter treat. To be able to ride along side and dine with Mary King was incredibly special.'*



## The package includes:

- ▶ Horse hire (where needed) or livery for your own horse on a trusted private yard.
- ▶ Guiding, ground support.
- ▶ Lunch.
- ▶ All accommodation.
- ▶ Transfers to/ from your horse each day.
- ▶ All breakfasts and dinners, including pre-dinner drinks and a half bottle of wine per head at dinner. Further drinks may be purchased as required.
- ▶ Photos taken by our ground crew will be shared with anyone who would like them.
- ▶ Any transfers needed to/ from Exeter St David's train station.

## Next Steps:

Please email us at [enquiries@libertytrails.com](mailto:enquiries@libertytrails.com) stating your preference for single occupancy or shared occupancy room, with hired horse or livery for your own horse.

We will confirm pricing and availability and send you a Rider Information Form. To reserve your place, we ask each rider to complete and return the Rider Information Form along with a 30% deposit.

If your trip has to be re-arranged due to changes in Covid regulations it will be transferred to an identical or similar

experience (in consultation with you) on another agreed date, with no rearrangement fees. We are proud to have achieved 100% customer satisfaction with how we've handled this so far and intend to keep it that way.

## Have a question?

Contact us **HERE** or send a WhatsApp message to 07967 823674 requesting call back to discuss The Mary King MBE Dartmoor Experience.

## Booking Conditions

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