

THE
TOR to TOR 50
EXPERIENCE

CREATED BY LIBERTY TRAILS



Highlights of The Tor to Tor 50

- ▶ A 50-mile, internationally acclaimed adventure ride derived from our Dartmoor Derby, which involves four nights and three days in the saddle, covering large swathes of the moors, with lunch served daily en route.
- ▶ An annual event of up to 18 guests from around the world, riding in teams of no more than eight (with two mounted guides accompanying each one).
- ▶ Enjoy evenings in a private luxury country house in the heart of the moors, with visiting dinner speakers.
- ▶ Gourmet cooking from top chefs using many locally sourced ingredients.
- ▶ Spacious ensuite double and twin rooms, many with superb views over the moors, plus a hot tub and infrared sauna.
- ▶ Meet some of the farmers and hunt followers whose families have lived and worked on Dartmoor for generations.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Trip extensions (additional nights, warm up rides, autumn hunting, mounted falconry etc) easily arranged.

This event has evolved from our world-renowned Dartmoor Derby, which has always been the jewel in Liberty Trails' crown, attracting participants from all around the world. Subtly modified over the years to reach the ideal formula, the Tor to Tor 50 will reach parts of the moor we don't usually visit, taking you right into the heart of Dartmoor, to areas rarely reached by walkers and riders alike.



Itinerary

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

Day one:

Arrive on Thursday night at the Prince Hall country house, to settle into your rooms and meet your team mates and guides for drinks and a fabulous dinner cooked by our private chef.

Day two:

After a first rate breakfast prepared by your host, your ground crew arrive to drive you and your team mates to your ride start point. You will then mount up for a fabulous five to six hour ride covering some 15+ miles, with a good dismounted stop for lunch laid out for you in a local beauty spot.

The Tor to Tor 50 being our biggest ride, we make the most of getting deep into the moors and showing you some splendidly varied, remote and stunning country. Climb to the top of tors giving you stupendous views, enjoy long contour-hugging canters, cross rivers and wind through disused tin mines. There are plenty of long, fast canters but this is not a race and there is ample time for photographs and to learn from your guide about the National Park's wildlife, legends, ponies and more. 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. On return, your ground crew will deliver you back to the house to have tea and cake and freshen up before dinner.



Weather permitting pre-dinner drinks will be served outdoor or in the lounge by a roaring fire, with a guest speaker visiting after supper.

Day three:

As for day two, a fun, fast day in the saddle covering another 18+ miles on horseback, after a super breakfast prepared by your lodge host. You will start roughly where you finished yesterday's ride, enabling you to make a full traverse of the moors. Once again, your ride will take in tors, standing stones, native pony herds, skylarks and buzzards.

Then it's back to the house for a bath or dip in the hot tub before your ground crew take you out for dinner this evening to a favourite Dartmoor gastropub that specialises in organic, grass-fed meats whilst offering vegetarian options as well.

Day Four:

Your ground crew drive you to your start point again to complete your 50 miles across Dartmoor, after a super breakfast prepared by your host. You will continue to learn more about the ponies, folklore, history and botany of these incredible moors as you go. As you dismount, there is invariably port and bubbly served by your ground crew to celebrate your completed ride - you will have earned it!

Day Five:

After a relaxing final breakfast at the house, guests depart. Many guests opt to extend their stay further, with a rest day, then some falconry or a morning's autumn hunting with a local pack and staying in a top local hotel. Please enquire if you'd like to do this.





Accommodation and meals

Accommodation is a Georgian period country house in the heart of the moors with generous-sized ensuite bedrooms, stunning views and a wonderful lounge and dining area. Weather permitting we may be able to cook one night over an open fire and make full use of the terrace with its superb views. Your Liberty Trails host cooks your breakfast, ensures you are ready for your ground crew transfers and takes care of your every need. Catering for this event is delivered by a chef team who use local ingredients wherever possible, from Brixham scallops to Dartmoor-reared lamb, creating simply outstanding meals.

Single/Shared occupancy:

Since guest country houses and lodges tend to be small on Dartmoor, we ask guests to share a twin room with another guest of the same sex, where not already booking to share with a fellow traveller.



What previous guests have said:

'Thus is a truly an amazing experience. The horses are the best, the guides are enthusiastic and extremely knowledgeable, and the food and scenery is spectacular. This was an adventure I will never forget.'

'I've ridden in Africa, France, Ireland, Italy and through many places in the US but this without question is the best organised... If I could have only one lifetime riding experience in beautiful country, with exceptional food and accommodations, I would choose this.'

'Beautiful and challenging, wonderful people and incredible food. The Tor to Tor 50 pulls you into Dartmoor and holds a bit of it in your soul when you leave.'

'One of the best weekends of my life. I couldn't recommend it more.'

'Just brilliant. A riding safari experience for the UK.'



The package includes:

- ▶ Horse hire **OR** livery for four nights for one guest horse with hay and bedding included.
- ▶ Mounted Dartmoor guides.
- ▶ Ground support crew.
- ▶ Lunches.
- ▶ All accommodation.
- ▶ Transfers to/from your horse each day.
- ▶ All breakfasts and dinners, including pre-dinner drinks.
- ▶ Photos taken by our ground crew will be shared with anyone who would like them.
- ▶ Transfers needed to/from Exeter St David's train station or Exeter airport.

Next Steps:

Please email us at 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 unforeseen circumstances 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 Dartmoor Derby.

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