



Are you a horse lover looking for an exciting summer camp?

**INTERNATIONAL HORSE CAMP
FOR CHILDREN IN THE HILLS OF
NORTHERN ITALY**



EQUITURISMO PASSERANO



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INTERNATIONAL HORSE CAMP IN NORTH ITALY



GRAITESCA RIDING CLUB organizes horse riding summer camps in the summer of 2011, for children in the age of 8 to 16 years old. The summer camp will take place on the ranch of the Equiturismo Passerano in the little village of Passerano Marmorito, in the hills of Piedmont, Asti area, in the north of Italy.

One or two weeks where it is all about horses and adventure! The summer camp offers a lot of activities like horse riding lessons, horse riding tours and sportive tournaments. Also we will provide educational activities to learn more about taking care of horses and horse anatomy. Furthermore it is possible to take English or Italian language lessons. It makes no difference if you are beginner or advanced, we will consider your level.

This summer camp wants to stimulate children to enjoy the contact with animals and with nature. Leaving the TV and computer at home and spend some time outside. Wonderful riding tours in the spectacular Monferrato area.

Exciting activities in the forests. Being around your favorite animals all day, together with other horse lovers and making new friends!

So are you between 8 and 16 years old? Are you a horse lover? Would you like to set off to an exciting horse camp in Italy? Do you like to meet new friends, just as crazy about horses like you? Then this summer camp is just perfect for you!

The summer camp is organized by the equestrian centre GRAITESCA RIDING CLUB, associated with F.I.S.E (Italian Federation for Equestrian Sports). The Graitesca Riding Club, based in Cambiano-Turin, offers horse riding lessons for children and adults, pony club, training for all Olympic horse sports, horse training, breeding and horse and pony retirement. In collaboration with the French trade school Maison Familiale Rurale, the Graitesca Riding Club offers also internships for students.

EQUESTRIAN SPORTS



The summer camp activity program is based on sports, and stimulates children to challenge themselves and each other. Of course, the most important activity is horse riding! Two hours a day there will be horse riding lessons, given by professional instructors. The children will be divided into small groups based on their level. In that way, beginners will have the chance to learn the bases of horse riding step by step, and advanced riders can improve their skills.

The program provides also other “horse activities”. Like horse riding games, for improving the rider’s self esteem and agility. Or riding tours in the beautiful nature, of course always accompanied by professional guides, because having fun is important, but one must never forget the children’s safety.

Then there is also the educational part of the activity program. Because practicing a sport like horse riding, it is not only the technical part that counts, it is also very important to know how to take care of a horse properly, treat them with all respect and get to know them. That is why the children are involved in taking care of the horses. They will learn how to treat them, clean them and saddle them. Also they will study their anatomy, behavior and alimentary. This summer camp is the perfect way to experience a very special summer...a summer in the saddle!

OTHER ACTIVITIES



The activity program offers also other exciting and educational activities that help to increase team spirit. For example:

- ☀ Tournaments and outdoor games
- ☀ Treasure hunt
- ☀ Orienteering (also on horse)
- ☀ Bow shooting
- ☀ Survival games
- ☀ Adventure trails in the forest
- ☀ Evening program for all ages (bingo, film, crafts etc.)

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We will provide also lessons in English or Italian, so that children improve their knowledge of a foreign language without effort and have fun at the same time!

This how a camp day could be like:

8.00 Getting up, having a healthy breakfast and doing a bit of morning gymnastics!
9.00 Hippology lessons. Preparing the horses for the horse riding lessons
10.30 Tournament and outside games
12.00 Feeding the horses and preparing ourselves for lunch. After lunch there is time for a nap or free playing.
15.00 Hippology / farriery / orienteering / bow shooting. Helping in the stables.
16.30 We deserve a nice snack!
17.00 Having fun during a horse riding tour, horse riding lessons or games.
18.00 Cleaning up the stables and preparing the horses for the night. And afterwards...we all need a good shower!
20.00 Dinner
21.00 Around the campfire we tell each other about what we did today, till it is bedtime. Because tomorrow will be another day full of exciting activities!

N.B. The final activity program will be communicated.

COSTS AND RESERVATIONS



These are the costs per week for 2012. We have place for 20 children per week, so do not wait to long to make your reservation! For organizational reasons, we would like to receive reservations before 1 May 2012.

	Date	Cost
Camp week 1	17/06-23/06	€380,00
Camp week 2	24/06-30/06	€380,00
Camp week 3	01/06-07/07	€380,00
Camp week 4	08/07-14/07	€380,00
Camp week 5	15/07-21/07	€380,00
Camp week 6	22/07-28/07	€380,00
Camp week 7	29/07-04/08	€380,00
Camp week 8	05/08-11/08	€380,00

The amount includes: 6 overnights, breakfast, lunch and dinner, horse riding lessons, participation to the activity program, professional instructors. During the camp week there are no extra costs, but you can give your child some pocket money (about 25 Euro).

Special offers: book two weeks and get a 10% reduction. If you book for two brothers/sisters, also for different camp weeks, you also get the 10% reduction on the total price.

Would you like to book a place? Then contact us and we will send you the reservation form and our bank details. To book a place we ask a deposit of 50% of the total amount, the rest has to be paid on arrival. Once we received your payment, we will send you a confirmation notice by e-mail.

Cancellations will have to be communicated within 20 days before arrival. For cancellations that are not communicated to us within this term we cannot refund the deposit.

CHECK IN TIMES



The summer camp weeks will begin on Sunday between 5.30 P.M. and 7.00 P.M. and will end at Saturday between 11.00 A.M. and 12.00 A.M. For organizational reasons, it is not possible to check in or pick up the children on other times.

WHAT TO PACK?



We strongly recommend packing strong and comfortable clothes that are potential to get wet or dirty. Tip: Make sure that all clothing and towels are labeled with first and last name. Don't leave home without:

- ☀ Sneakers**
- ☀ Sleeping bag, sheets, pillow case**
- ☀ Rubber boots or horse riding boots**
- ☀ Underwear and sport socks**
- ☀ Jeans or jogging trousers**
- ☀ Cotton t-shirts**
- ☀ Warm sweater**
- ☀ Wind breaker jacket/rain coat**
- ☀ Sunny hat or cap**
- ☀ Sunglasses**
- ☀ Rucksack**
- ☀ Sleep wear**
- ☀ Towels or bathing wrap, slippers**
- ☀ Tooth brush, tooth paste, soap, shampoo etc. in a toiletry bag**

☀ Horse riding stuff if you have them, if not, you can borrow them from us.

N.B. Use of a cap is obligatory!

WHERE CAN I FIND THE RANCH “EQUITURISMO PASSERANO”?



The ranch of Equiturismo Passerano is situated in the small village of Passerano Marmorito, in the Monferrato area of Piedmont, about 29 km from the city of Asti, on the border of the province of Turin. This area consists in wide hills and deep valleys and is like a observation gallery for the much higher mountain chain of the Alps. The ranch lies on the foot of the Passerano Castle and offers a fantastic panorama over a very special and beautiful landscape.

The building has a great yard and a large dining room/kitchen. On the first floor there are 3 large dormitories with castle beds. On the first floor there is also a playing room in the former hayloft, an ideal place for recreation and group activities. There is place for 20 children per week. In the middle of nature and close to the horses: this place is perfect to spend a fantastic holiday that you will never forget!

Your child on horse riding summer camp and you on holidays in the neighborhood? During the summer camp, parents can always drop by and visit their children. The Monferrato area is not touristic, which makes it perfect to peacefully enjoy its wonderful nature. Furthermore, this area is known for its delicious wines. Cities nearby the Equiturismo Passerano are Asti and Turin, capital of the region of Piedmont. The distance from Passerano to Milan is about 150 km. Touristic areas like the Riviera of Flowers (Liguria) and the Lake Maggiore are at a distance of about 200 km from Passerano. For more information about tourism in Piedmont and the Monferrato area in particular, you can have a look at the following websites. You can also contact us to make your reservation.

Official website of the Monferrato area:
<http://www.monferrato.org/site/>

Official website of the Alto Monferrato:
www.altomonferrato.info

Official website of Passerano Marmorito:
<http://www.comune.passeranomarmorito.at.it/>

Official website of the Piedmont region:
<http://www.piemonteitalia.eu/en/vedere.html>

Piedmont vacations:
<http://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g187851-Piedmont-Vacations.html>

TRAVEL INSURANCE



When you decide to make a reservation for your child for our summer camp, make sure that your child is well insured. Your child will have medical insurance through the Graitesca Riding Club, still, it is wise to bring a European Health Insurance Card, to avoid any problems. Furthermore, it is highly recommended for your child to have a travel insurance. This will cover additional medical costs that are not covered by your medical insurance.

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