



IRELAND EQUESTRIAN TOURS

Horses & Hounds

- A 4 NIGHT DRAG HUNT HOLIDAY -

County Galway



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ABOUT THIS ITINERARY

At a controlled and safe pace, follow hounds over stone walls and natural jumps on seasoned hunters through forests, rivers, and the Irish countryside! This 4-night itinerary combines cross country jumping with drag hunting on some of Ireland's best horses. No animals are hunted, the hounds follow an artificial scent as you ride and jump along with them - the scent is pre-laid over a course of inviting fences such as stone walls, logs and solid XC fences (there are no ditches on the hunt routes!). A caretaker rider from the stables will accompany you on all drag hunts. Expect lots of Irish hospitality & plenty of craic! (Craic = Good Times!) This holiday includes all the thrill & excitement that makes riding in Ireland famous.

Your host is Mr. Oliver Walsh, owner of Flowerhill Equestrian Centre, one of Ireland's top equestrian facilities. Oliver accompanies the ride outs and provides words of encouragement and loads of fun along the way!



ABOUT FLOWERHILL EQUESTRIAN

Located on 250- acres in the beautiful east Galway countryside, Flowerhill Equestrian Centre offers the best cross-country riding terrain and environment in the region: green fields, woodlands, the Kilcrow River and wonderful wildlife. Gallop across open fields, swim through the lakes and splash in the rivers! The cross-country jumps at Flowerhill include a mixture of natural logs, stone walls, ditches and a wide variety of man-made obstacles. Most of the 150 obstacles include 2 or more jumping options.



FLOWERHILL HUNTERS

Flowerhill offers over 45 active working horses; a cross between the solid and sensible Irish Draught and the Irish Thoroughbred. The result? A sport horse with great jumping ability, common sense and courage! All of the horses are cross-country veterans that take great care of their riders. The staff at Flowerhill takes particular care to matching rider with the horse, ensuring everyone feels safe and comfortable while having a great time during time at Flowerhill.



RIDING EXPERIENCE

Riders must be able to ride comfortably at all three paces, spending several hours in the saddle each day.
No Beginners.

🔗 SCHEDULE 🔗

*This itinerary starts every Thursday from
5 October 2023 - 14 March 2024.*

THURSDAY - DAY ONE

Arrive Flowerhill

Morning XC Session + Afternoon XC Session/Hound Exercise

Evening on Own

Overnight: Guesthouse B&B Co. Galway

FRIDAY - DAY TWO

Breakfast

Practice Day

Morning XC Session + Afternoon XC Session/Hound Exercise

Evening on Own

Overnight: Guesthouse B&B Co. Galway

SATURDAY - DAY THREE

Breakfast

(Optional: Pre-Hunt Jump Practice)

Drag Hunting

Overnight: Guesthouse B&B Co. Galway

SUNDAY - DAY FOUR

Breakfast

(Optional: Pre-Hunt Jump Practice)

Drag Hunting

Overnight: Guesthouse B&B Co. Galway

MONDAY - DAY FIVE

Depart after Breakfast





Rachel Howard





4 NIGHT RIDER RATE

\$2,100 PER RIDER



Rider Rate Includes:

4 Nights Guesthouse B&B Accommodation (sharing) + Daily Full Irish Breakfast x 4 + Pack Lunch x 3
+ 2 Days Cross Country Jumping Sessions + 2 Days Drag Hunt + Guide/Instructor + Ride Out
Caretaker on Drag Hunt + Hunt Cap Fees

NON RIDER RATE

\$530

Non Rider Rate Includes:

4 Nights Guesthouse B&B Accommodation (sharing) + Daily Full Irish Breakfast x 4

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$140

DEPOSIT

\$600 PER RIDER
\$250 PER NON RIDER





3 NIGHT RIDER RATE

\$1,750 PER RIDER



Rider Rate Includes:

3 Nights Guesthouse B&B Accommodation (sharing) + Daily Full Irish Breakfast x 3 + Pack Lunch x 2 + 1 Day Cross Country Jumping Session + 2 Days Drag Hunt (*With Optional Pre Hunt XC Practice*)
+ Guide/Instructor + Ride Out Caretaker on Drag Hunt + Hunt Cap Fees

***Optional:** 2 Day XC Jumping + 1 Day Drag Hunt

NON RIDER RATE

\$395

Non Rider Rate Includes:

3 Nights Guesthouse B&B Accommodation (sharing) + Daily Full Irish Breakfast x 3

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$120

DEPOSIT

\$500 PER RIDER
\$150 PER NON RIDER



- FAQs -

Q: How does Horses & Hounds differ from live hunting?

A: With Horses & Hounds, a pack of hounds follows an artificial scent laid by a human rather than pursuing a live animal. The scent line is laid over a pre-determined route to take advantage of the best jumping opportunities.

Q: So Mr. Fox (and other animals) be safe from injury or death.

A: No animals will be harmed or hunted.

Q: Will the riding be as fun?

A: Yes! Expect big gallops and plenty of jumping.

Q: Will this include hounds?

A: Yes, of course! And they are super friendly!

Q: What are the jumps like?

Q: Most of the jumps are 2'6" - 3" - a combination of stone walls and purposefully build cross country jumps. There are little to no ditches.

Q: How many jumps will we jump on the outing?

A: Approximately 30 - 40 jumps.

Q: Do we have to jump them all?

A: No. you will have the option to go around those you do not want to jump.

Q: When does the outing start? How long is the outing?

A: Outings typically start at noon and last 3+ hours with refreshments afterwards.

Q: What do I wear?

A: Dress code is traditional. A black coat and stock tie with tan, buff, or canary breeches are correct at any time during the season. You can also wear brown tweed. If you would like to wear a safety vest, please bring with you.
(See Attire Sheet)

Q: Will I be riding out by myself?

A: No. A caretaker will ride out with you to assist with jumping, answer questions, etc.

Q: Do I need special insurance?

A: You will need travel insurance that includes medical coverage & medical evacuation.

Q: Are there other hunt clubs we can ride with?

A: Yes! We can arrange outings with the Grallagh Harriers or East Galway and their own hounds!

SUPPLEMENTS & ADD ONS

Hotel Accommodations - Priced on Request

Extra Night B&B Guesthouse - \$90 Per Night (sharing)/\$120 Single

Extra Hunt Outing Days - Priced on Request
(Grallagh Harries & East Galway - Both have their own hounds.)

Extra Nights Dublin City or Galway City - Priced on Request

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

We can arrange private airport transfers to/from Dublin Airport - Individual or Group

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

Airport Transfers

Evening Meals

Travel Insurance

Activities Not Listed on Itinerary

Domestic or International Airfare

Discretionary Tips

