



THE ULTIMATE TRAVEL COMPANY

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HORSE TRIALS SUPPORT GROUP

Tours for

The HSBC-FEI European Championships 22nd to 28th September 2009

In 2009 the FEI European Championships are being held in France's 'capital of the horse' - Fontainebleau. In association with the Horse Trials Support Group, though you do not need to be a member of HTSG to participate, we offer tours for followers of Three-Day Event. Many of you have joined us in the past, and we hope that you will be with us again at what promises to be an exciting event in beautiful surroundings



The Event: The competition takes place at Le Parc Equestre du Grand Parquet, which lies just outside Fontainebleau on the edge of the magnificent Forêt de Fontainebleau.

Tour Leaders: To ensure that everything runs smoothly during your visit to France, you will be accompanied by a minimum of two of our regular tour leaders, including former champion jockey Richard Dunwoody.

Accommodation: We have selected two comfortable hotels within easy reach of Le Grand Parquet.

Hôtel Napoléon is situated in the heart of Fontainebleau just two minutes from the Château and five minutes from Le Grand Parquet. It offers comfortable en-suite bedrooms, elegant public areas including a cosy bar and an excellent restaurant, and a delightful courtyard garden. Whilst some of the décor is perhaps a little tired, we feel the location, the warm atmosphere and the friendly staff outweigh this.

Hostellerie de la Dague is housed in a charming former manor house in the pretty village of Barbizon, which is just 12 minutes from Le Grand Parquet and Fontainebleau and was home to the Barbizon School of artists in the mid-19th century. The hotel offers simple but comfortable en-suite bedrooms, and has a good restaurant, which serves delicious regional cuisine and has a shady terrace during the summer months.

The International Hospitality Pavilion: We are delighted that Rosemary Barlow is organising a Hospitality Pavilion at the event, and further details will be available shortly.

Tour Itinerary

- Tuesday 22nd September:** Depart London Heathrow Airport on a mid-morning British Airways or Air France flight to Paris Charles de Gaulle. On arrival, transfer by coach (approx. 90mins) to Fontainebleau or Barbizon and your chosen hotel.
- Wednesday, 23rd September:** Morning walking tour of the Château de Fontainebleau. Afternoon visit to Le Grand Parquet for the first veterinary inspection.
- Thursday, 24th September:** Dressage (1st part) at Le Grand Parquet.
- Friday, 25th September:** Dressage (2nd part) at Le Grand Parquet.
- Saturday, 26th September:** Cross Country at Le Grand Parquet. NB: We will be arranging a course walk, details of which will be available nearer the time.
- Sunday, 27th September:** Show Jumping followed by medal ceremony at Le Grand Parquet.
- Monday, 28th September:** After breakfast, transfer by coach (approx. 90mins) to Paris Charles de Gaulle for a lunchtime British Airways or Air France flight back to London, arriving Heathrow Airport early afternoon.

Tour prices: Hôtel Napoléon, Fontainebleau
£1295 per person / Single occupancy supplement: £375

Hostellerie de la Dague, Barbizon
£935 per person / Single occupancy supplement: £150

Your tour cost includes: Economy class scheduled flights; 6 nights accommodation in chosen hotel; 'French' buffet breakfast daily; all transportation as detailed in the itinerary; English speaking guide and entrance fee at Château de Fontainebleau; best available tickets for the Three-Day Event competition (24th-27th September 2009); portorage at your chosen hotel; the services of your tour leader throughout.

Your tour cost does NOT include: Air Passenger Duty, Passenger Service Charge, Airline Security Charges, Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges where applicable (approx. £82.50); travel insurance; lunch daily; dinner daily; membership of The International Hospitality Pavilion; items of personal expenditure (e.g. telephone calls / laundry etc.); gratuities to guide/s, driver/s or hotel staff; portorage at airports; Government levies or taxes introduced after costing and publication of this programme on 03/03/09. **(For details of our pricing / surcharge policy, please see the booking conditions accompanying the enclosed booking form)**

Independent travel: Some passengers may wish to make their own travel arrangements to Fontainebleau - there are a number of airlines serving Paris (Charles de Gaulle and Orly) from London and regional airports in the United Kingdom. In this instance, £65 may be deducted from the relevant tour price.

Tour extensions: You may wish to extend your stay in France, either in Fontainebleau itself or elsewhere. Please contact us for further information and/or suggestions.

Reservations: In view of the enormous interest shown in these tours, we recommend you telephone Flora Phillips or Richard Appleby-Brown first on **020 7386 4646** to check availability and/or take an option. Thereafter, please return your completed booking form accompanied by a deposit of **£250** per person.

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