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Estonia's Coral Island

5 Days / 4 nights / 3 riding

Best Airport Kuressaare

Max weight 100kg



Overview

Escape to the serene landscapes of Muhu Island, Estonia, where tranquility and adventure await. This 5-day horseback riding retreat invites you to ride, relax, and reconnect with nature while experiencing the charm of Estonian Native Horses and authentic local hospitality. Your retreat includes a sauna with massage, comfortable countryside accommodation, full board meals and expert guides.

Muhu Island is a 430 million year old coral island, nestled in the Baltic Sea, is Estonia's fourth largest island and a hidden gem that offers a unique blend of natural beauty and rich cultural heritage. Known for its breathtaking landscapes, Muhu is characterised by charming villages, lush forests, and scenic coastlines dotted with traditional wooden houses. As you explore the island, you'll encounter the warm hospitality of its locals and experience authentic Estonian traditions.

Muhu is also home to stunning natural reserves and diverse wildlife, making it a paradise for nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts. With its peaceful atmosphere and unspoiled beauty, Muhu Island is the perfect destination for those seeking tranquility and a genuine connection with nature.

The Riding

This ride will take you through breathtaking landscapes, including lush forests, open fields, and uneven surfaces, which require a rider to be confident and adept in handling their horse in a variety of situations. Advanced riders will have the opportunity to experience the thrill of galloping across open spaces while also mastering the more intricate movements required on winding forest trails and uneven ground.

Level & Fitness

The full-day 5-hour rides with picnics are designed exclusively for advanced riders who possess a high level of skill and experience in horseback riding. Participants should be proficient at controlling their horse at all gaits—walking, trotting, and galloping—ensuring they can navigate the diverse terrains that Muhu Island has to offer.

Weight limit is 100 kg

Group size and guides

All rides are led by experienced local guides, who know the Estonian Native Horse and the island's landscape well. The guides speak Estonian and English, and always prioritise safety and a positive connection between horse and rider.

Minimum 2 and maximum 11 riders

The Horses

Estonian Native Horses, a remarkable breed that perfectly embodies the spirit of Estonia's natural landscape. These small but sturdy horses are renowned for their sure-footedness and calm temperament, making them the ideal companions for trail riding adventures across the varied terrains of Muhu Island.

Bred over centuries in the Baltic region, they are well-suited to navigate the unique challenges posed by the island's diverse landscapes, including dense forests, rolling hills, open fields, and uneven surfaces. Their sure-footedness gives riders confidence when traversing rugged paths or crossing natural obstacles, allowing for a smooth and enjoyable riding experience.

Accommodation and Dining

Experience comfort and convenience in beautifully appointed accommodations at **Tihuse** perfect for your stay.

Option 1: Modern Retreat (Built in 2010)

- Capacity: 10 beds
 - Rooms:
 - 2 Twin rooms
 - 2 Triple rooms
 - Each room features:
 - Private shower and WC
 - Air conditioning
 - Wi-Fi
 - Located on the first floor, guests can enjoy easy access to the Ancient Culture Café and the sauna with an electric heater, both situated on the ground floor.
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Option 2: Charming Historic Stay (Built in 1934)

- Capacity: 10 beds
- Rooms:
 - 1 Triple room
 - 3 Twin rooms
 - 1 Single room
- Each room features:
 - Private shower and WC
 - Air conditioning

- Wi-Fi
- All rooms are located on the first floor, offering a cozy and inviting atmosphere that reflects the charm of the era.

Both accommodation options provide a perfect blend of comfort and amenities, ensuring a comfortable retreat during your stay. Choose the one that best fits your needs **subject to availability**.

All the meals are available by prior arrangement and follow traditional Estonian farmhouse cooking, often featuring local ingredients. The standard menu usually includes meat (pork or chicken), dairy, eggs, reflecting the region's typical rural cuisine.

A typical breakfast at Tihuse includes:

Bread and sandwich ingredients such as rye bread, butter, ham, cheese, fresh vegetables, porridge, pancakes, and muesli.

The Ride

Day 1

Arrival and check-in between 16:00–17:00

Settle into your comfortable countryside accommodation.

Introduction to the farm and horses upon arrival – a short guided tour of the farm to get acquainted with the surroundings, the horses, and daily life at the stable.

18:00: Welcome dinner with local flavors

Day 2

08:30: Countryside breakfast

10:00–12:00: 2-hour introductory trail ride with friendly Estonian Native Horses

The trail takes you through the beautiful nature of Muhu Island, passing nearby villages, open fields, and enchanting forest paths.

Perfect for anyone looking to experience the rhythm of local nature from horseback.

13:00: Lunch

15:00–17:00: 2-hour trail ride through beautiful Muhu landscapes

This route takes you through charming villages, peaceful forests, and open fields, leading all the way to the seaside where you can admire the stunning views of the Suur Väin Strait.

A perfect way to connect with nature and experience the beauty of Muhu Island on horseback.

18:00: Dinner

Day 3

08:30: Breakfast

10:00–17:00: Full-day trail ride (5 hours in saddle)

Midway break (13:00–15:00) for picnic lunch in a scenic location

The route passes through local villages rich in heritage, featuring traditional stone fences, ancient cultural landmarks, and authentic Muhu island architecture and landscapes.

A selection of different long trail rides to various destinations across Muhu Island – for example, the historic Koguva museum village, the elegant Pädaste Manor, or the unique Estonian horse herd on Võilaid islet.

The final route for each full-day ride is decided the evening before, based on weather conditions and coordination with other groups heading out for long rides.

18:00: Dinner

After dinner: Soothing massage session and sauna

Day 4

08:30: Breakfast

10:00–17:00: Another unforgettable full-day ride (approx. 5 hours)

13:00–15:00: Picnic lunch in a picturesque spot

The route will be the one decided upon the evening before.

18:00: Dinner

After dinner: Final relaxing massage session and sauna.

Day 5

08:30: Breakfast.

Check-out after breakfast

On the day of departure, you are welcome to leave your luggage while you continue to explore Saaremaa for a later transfer time towards the airport of Kuressaare.

Whether it's visiting local attractions or enjoying a leisurely afternoon in Kuressaare.

Flights & airport transfers

Do NOT book flights until you have received the 'Booking Confirmation Email' from saddletravel.com

Please book flights that arrive in Kuressaare (this usually involves changing in Tallin with **Flynix**). You may arrive at any time. However, please note that check into the room is between 4-5pm. On the last day check-out is after breakfast 8:30 however, you are welcome to leave your luggage if you choose to continue to explore (before your flight) or extend your trip.

Transfer from Kuressaare to Tihuse Ranch 135€ (price 2025) one way (70km)

Price includes

- 4 nights accommodation
- 2 evening massage sessions and sauna for relaxation
- Full Board
- Picnics on days 3 and 4
- 4 guided horseback rides (14 hours total)
- English speaking guides

Price Excludes

- Flights
- Bicycle rental
- Bus tickets/taxi to Saaremaa, Kuressaare or Tallin
- Single supplement

Packing list- Please take into consideration the time of year you are travelling

- ☐ Comfortable riding clothes (long pants, layered clothing depending on weather)
- ☐ Sturdy riding boots or outdoor shoes
- ☐ Rain jacket or waterproof outerwear

- ☐ Reusable water bottle
- ☐ Sunscreen and insect repellent (especially in summer)
- ☐ Any necessary personal medication
- ☐ Riding helmet – available to borrow if needed
- ☐ Swimming costume for the massage and sauna

Climate

In Muhu, during the months of July and August you can expect comfortable weather, with average temperatures ranging from 21°C to 22°C.

The warmest weather in Muhu arrives in July, when temperatures climb to 22°C. In contrast, February sees the mercury drop to daytime highs of 0°C.

The colder weather is most prominent in the months of January, February, March, April, November and December.

Precipitation in Muhu shows some seasonal variation. You'll find the most rain in August (78 mm), while May tends to be drier (36 mm).

June is the sunniest period, with ideal conditions for exploring the region and all it has to offer.

Health- travel information

Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/estonia/health> for more travel information.

Cancellation policy

Payment & Cancellation Terms

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Holidays are confirmed with a 20% non-refundable deposit. The full balance is due 56 days before the start date.

If you cancel your booking less than 56 days before the start date of your trail we are entitled to receive full payment, less refunds as follows:

42 days or more before booking date - 50%

30 days or more - 30%

less than 30 days - nil

Book with confidence – Covid Guarantee:

If the ride operator is closed or you are unable to travel due to lockdown:

1/ The deposit is reissued as a rebooking voucher to rebook anytime.

2/ Any balance payment will be refunded to you in full within 1 week of departure date.

Insurance

All saddletravel.com customers are required to take out appropriate travel insurance that covers horse riding and holiday cancellation. Proof of insurance details will be required during the booking process.

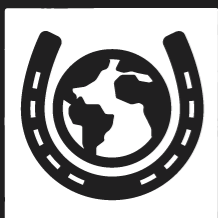
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